

St John the Baptist Church, Preston Bissett
Guide to Finances

The attached schedules show Preston Bissett Church Income and expenditure based upon the accounts filed for the year ending December 31st, 2017.

As reported at the Church Annual General Meeting, Church funds are currently sound but continue to be very dependent on fund raising. The goodwill and support of the villagers in the fund raising events is hugely important and it is not overly dramatic to say that without this support the longer term existence of the church in the village would be in doubt.

A couple of general points about the information:

The funds described are the total picture. There are no other accounts or sources on which the Church may draw.

In the event of financial difficulty, the Church does not have any recourse to a Church of England or indeed "Government" help fund. They do not exist.

We hope the attached information is self explanatory but should anyone have a question please contact the Church Treasurer, Ron Aspinall.

The Parochial Church Council
St John the Baptist Church, Preston Bissett
October 2018

**St John the Baptist Church Preston Bissett
Income 2017**

	2017	£	Notes
Church Activities	5,016		Collections at Services, Weddings and Funerals, Clergy and Bell Ringing Fees etc. Regular Pledged Giving.
Donations	573		Private Donations plus £100 received from the Parish Council for grounds maintenance.
Trust Income	1,640		The Church Benefits from a Trust set up in the 19th Century. Due to the phasing of payments an extra payment was made in 2017. The usual amount is approx. £1,100.
Gift Aid Reclaim	745		From collections and some donations the Church can claim 25p in the £ from HMRC.
Miscellaneous	226		
Sub Total Church Generated funds	8,200		
Fund Raising	5,870		Quiz, Fete, Summer Safari, Harvest Auction, Safari Supper etc. Not all funds go to the church as noted under expenditure.
Total Income	14,070		The figure for 2016 was £12,819

**St John the Baptist Church Preston Bissett
Expenditure 2017**

	2017 £	Notes
Electricity, Insurance	2,508	Historically to save cost the Church was insured for 50% of value. In the event of catastrophic damage this would be enough to make the building safe but would potentially leave an eyesore in the centre of the village. The Church Council considered this unacceptable and the Church now pays the full premium to restore the building to its present condition.
Parish Share	6,247	More than 90% of this amount contributes to the cost of clergy to conduct services and to provide pastoral care in the village including visits to the sick, elderly, bereaved and anyone in need.
Charitable Giving	1,299	This figure includes sums donated to charities at the request of bereaved families together with charities supported by the Church which historically include Cancer Research UK, Buckingham Hospital and various Children's and African Charities.
Fund Raising Costs	824	Everything from printing tickets to buying burgers.
Maintenance and Repairs	520	Happily in 2017 this cost is purely for maintenance since there were no repairs. This cost can obviously change dramatically.
Miscellaneous	450	
Total Expenditure	11,848	The figure for 2016 was £11,721