

**St John the Baptist Church, Preston Bissett**  
**Guide to Finances**

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Dear Villagers,

At the Parochial Church Council Meeting in March the Council approved the accounts for 2018. The attached two schedules set out the Income and Expenditure of St John the Baptist Church Preston Bissett based on these accounts.

As pointed out previously, it is worth reminding the reader of 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.

Expenditure in 2018 was significantly increased over 2017 due to the cost of installation of the roof alarm system. The Church Council are actively seeking grant aid to help defray some of this cost and it is planned to hold an "Auction of Promises" event in the Autumn to start to restore our finances. However, the total financial resource of the Church now stands at £9,830 which is a reduction of almost £5,000 against 2017. This makes the Church more vulnerable in the event of any significant maintenance bills to building or boundary walls etc and will be the intent to work toward restoring the finances to previous historical levels.

The Parochial Church Council  
St John the Baptist Church, Preston Bissett  
August 2019

**St John the Baptist Church Preston Bissett  
Income 2018**

	<b>2018 £</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Church Activities</b>	<b>4,702</b>	<b>Collections at Services, Weddings and Funerals, Clergy and Bell Ringing Fees etc. Regular Pledged Giving.</b>
<b>Donations</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>Private Donations.</b>
<b>Trust Income</b>	<b>1,374</b>	<b>The Church Benefits from a Trust set up in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. Due to the phasing of payments the actual amount each year varies slightly.</b>
<b>Gift Aid Reclaim</b>	<b>836</b>	<b>From collections and some donations the Church can claim 25p in the £ from HMRC.</b>
<b>Fund Raising</b>	<b>6,032</b>	<b>Quiz, Fete, Summer Safari, Harvest Auction, Safari Supper etc. Not all funds go to the Church as noted under Expenditure.</b>
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	<b>279</b>	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>13,763</b>	<b>The figure for 2017 was £14,070</b>

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Expenditure 2018**

	<b>2017</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Electricity, Insurance</b>	<b>2,538</b>		<b>The insurance premium continues to insure the building at 100% of value to ensure that, whatever the catastrophe, the church will always be restored to original condition.</b>
<b>Parish Share</b>	<b>6,547</b>		<b>More than 90% of this amount contributes to the cost of clergy to conduct services and to provide pastoral care in the village.</b>
<b>Charitable Giving</b>	<b>1,640</b>		<b>This figure includes sums donated to charities at the request of bereaved families together with charities supported by the Church which include Cancer Research UK, Buckingham Hospital, Royal British Legion and Bicester food bank.</b>
<b>Fund Raising Costs</b>	<b>551</b>		<b>Everything from printing tickets to buying burgers.</b>
<b>Maintenance and Repairs</b>	<b>6,862</b>		<b>This figure includes £6,054 for the installation of the camera roof alarm system the requirement for which has been explained elsewhere.</b>
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	<b>429</b>		
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>18,567</b>		<b>The figure for 2017 was £11,848</b>