

Treasurers Report for St. John the Baptist Church, Wickhamford. For year ended 31st December 2023

Receipts

Planned giving which is the amount we received from Bank Standing Orders, regular giving and the envelope system is much the same as 2022. Church collections are slightly up. On a Church collection of £10 or more, I can reclaim Income Tax on whether they come from a tax payer or not.

Income Tax recovered is much the same.

Donations were down, but this is because all donations we have received have been specified "Roof Appeal" so the £12 was just a sundry donation.

Other events were:-

Coffee mornings and Coronation Tea	£1146
Harvest Supper	580
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	£1726

Which is down, but of course other fund raising was for the roof, which is a separate account.

Quiz Night	380
Skittles	285
Clean Teas	1261
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	£1926

Although no extra funds have been invested in C.B.F. (Central Board of Finance of The Church of England) the interest rate has gone up considerably, which is reflected in the higher figure.

PCC fees were down

Making total receipts of £6922

On the payment side

The £55 was the Remembrance Sunday collection which was donated to the Poppy Appeal.

Activities relating to the work of the Church much the same. Made up as follows:

We paid our Parish share of £2000. In the accounts in 2022 it was shown as £1803, but that was because the Diocese gave us a donation toward the electricity, and this brought the Parish share to the £2000

The Parish share is the amount we have to pay to the Diocese from St. Johns towards the running of the Diocesan Office, housing and stipends. All Parish shares should be paid by their congregations, but sadly our congregation is small and mostly retired, and with the cost of living, they give very generously what they can, so fund raising is very important, and it does bring people together, and creates fellowship and goodwill

Church running expenses are much the same as follows

Church Insurance	£1705
electricity	314
Rent	1
Church mowing	320
Bank charges	100
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	£2440

The peppercorn rent of £1 is given to Mr James for allowing the Church to display a Notice Board on his property

The Parish Council gave £300 towards the mowing of the Churchyard.

Bank charges the same

Clergy Charges slightly down

The £100 was the organist's fee for playing the organ at a funeral, but this was reimbursed by the family in PCC fees.

Fire extinguisher service slightly up
making total payments of £6176.

Leaving excess of receipts over expenses of £746.
together with the funds we have in HSBC + CBF
making total assets of £11,319.

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This is the statement of assets and liabilities and
explains exactly where the assets are banked, which
is self explanatory.

On the organ fund £80 was withdrawn for a
new disc player, which was purchased, as
unfortunately we had to replace a disc player
of The Reverend J. Williamson which we burnt
out with a faulty plug.

The total amount in the Roof Appeal is £6354

Our Parish share this year will be £2000 plus an increase
of 5%. Fund raising will be important again this year to
help fund this amount, plus also ongoing Roof Appeal
Fund. Church congregation stays pretty stable with no
new regular contributions, but the village do support the
church in many other ways and social events are
always attended well.

I am indebted to Mr Derek Harwood for examining the
books and drawing up these accounts in accordance with
Church Regulations. On behalf of the PCC I have
written expressing our grateful thanks

Carole Collis

HON Treasurer Wickhamford PCC