

St John the Evangelist Church Carterton



**Annual Meeting of Parishioners
18 May 2025**

Agenda

- Introduction
- Election of Churchwardens
- Meeting Close



Candidates Standing for Election as Churchwardens

- Alison Brown
- Allister Holt

Your approval please



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**Annual Parochial Church Meeting
18 May 2025**

Agenda

- Welcome
- Reports - Electoral Roll, Finance, Youth & Community Ministry, Fabric
- Appointment of Independent Examiner
- Election of Parochial Church Council Members
- Discussion time
- Meeting Close



Annual Report for 2024

- We present our Annual Report for the calendar year January to December 2024
- Please take time to download and view it on our website
- Or see the copy displayed on the “red” noticeboard
- A copy can also be requested from the office



Specific reports have been prepared for the following activities

Ministry and Outreach

Eco Church

Electoral Roll

Fabric & Facilities

Financial Accounts 2024 & Overview Narrative

Kintsugi Hope

Men's Ministry

Pastoral Care

Technology





Electoral Roll Report for 2025

Electoral Roll Report

- The Electoral Roll opened after the APCM in May 2024 with a membership of **69**
- After the complete refresh of the Roll this year
 - **14** new members joined the new Roll
 - **29** on the previous Roll did not submit forms and were removed.
- Electoral Roll membership has decreased from last year to **56** people

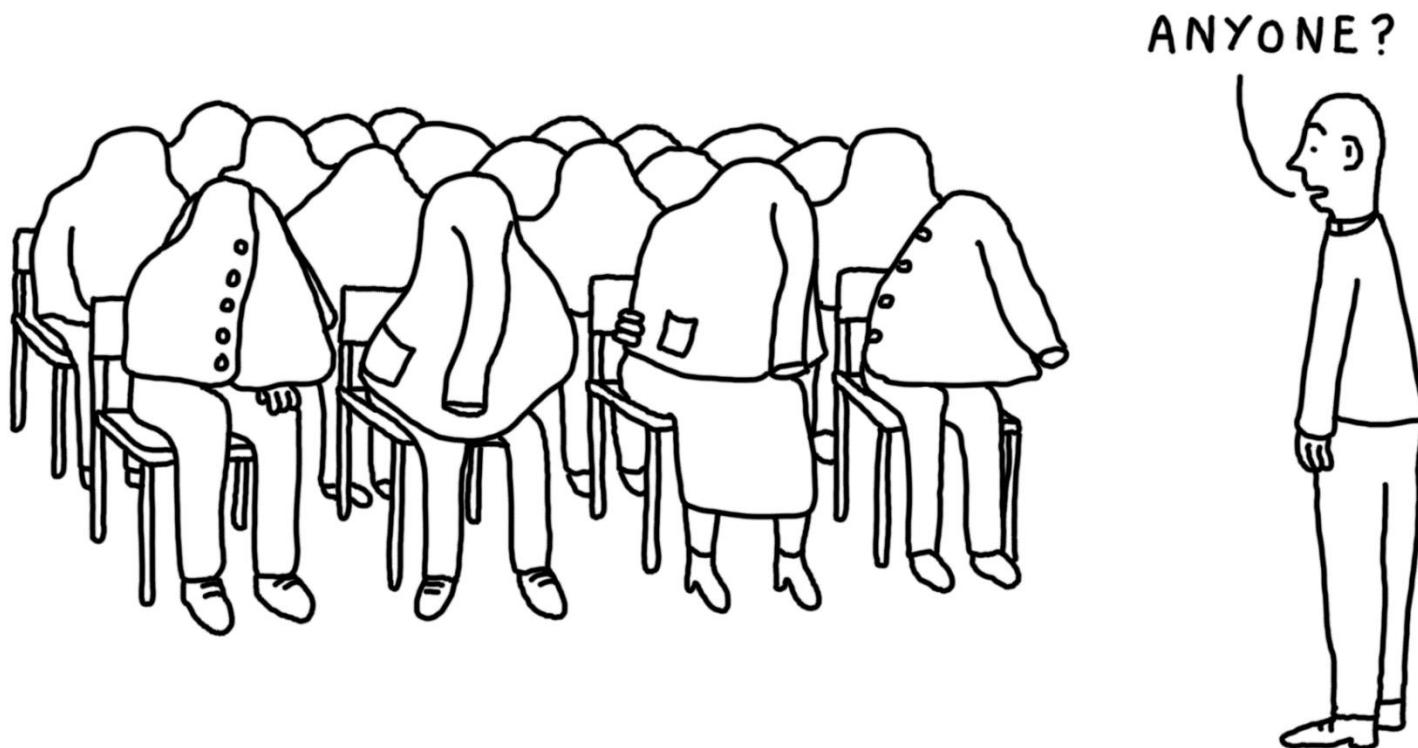
The Roll is now open and we want to encourage new members to join. Please ask for an application form.



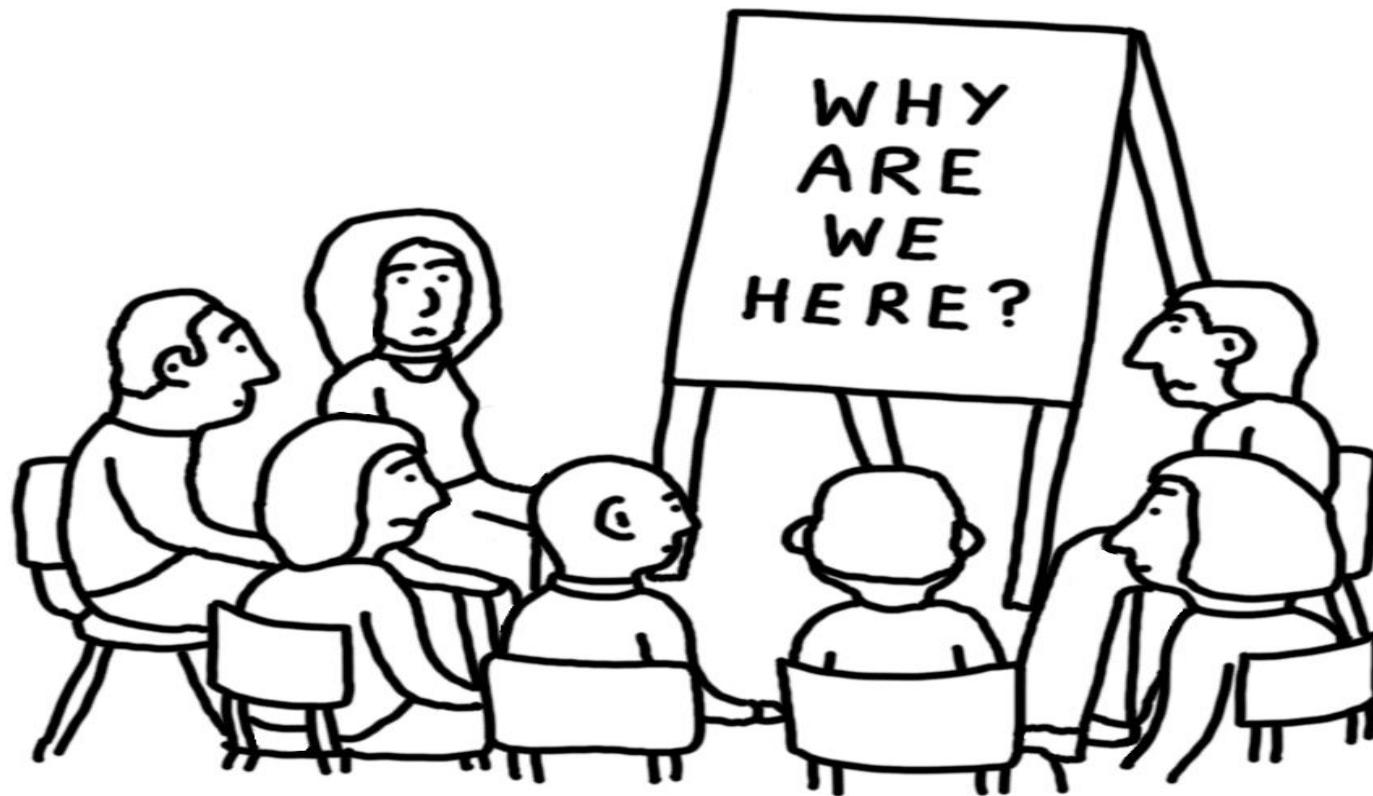


Financial Report 2024 & Appointment of Independent Examiner 2025

Finance next?
Where is the Treasurer?
Have the PCC spent ALL the money?



The money went somewhere! Who spent it and where did it Go?

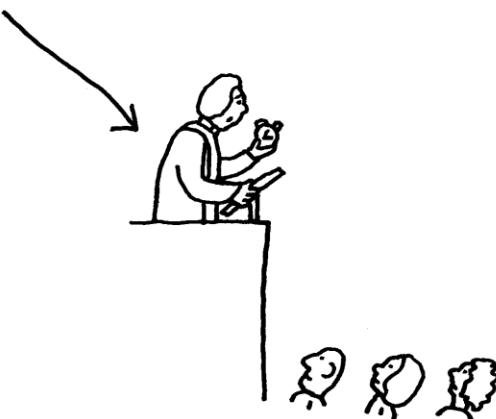


THE CHURCH BUDGET

WHERE THE AXE IS LIKELY TO FALL

SERMONS

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SHORTER



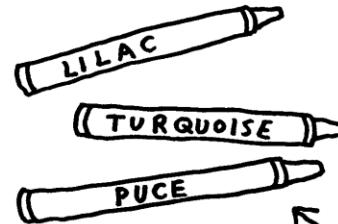
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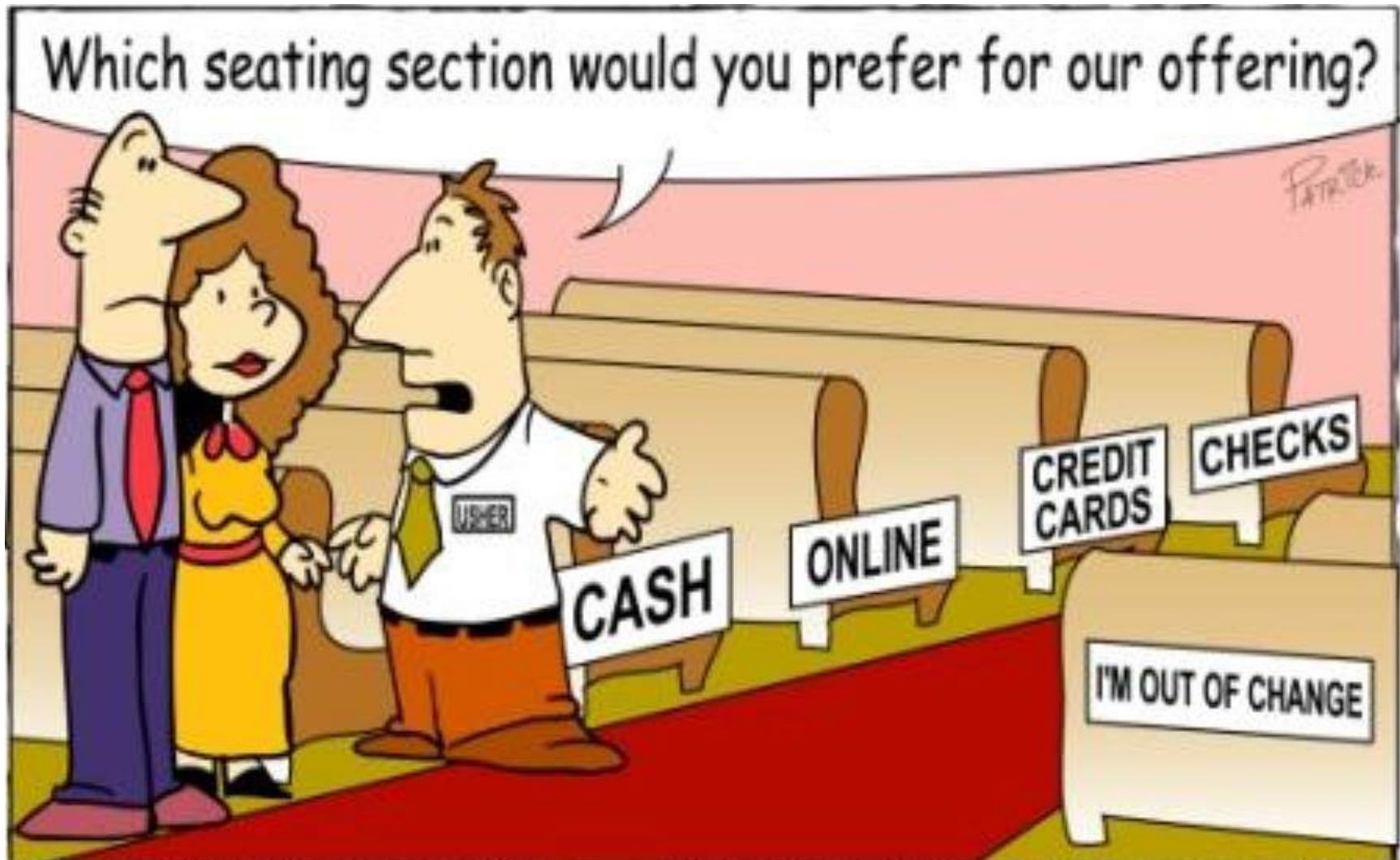
REDUCTION IN
UNNECESSARY
COLOURS

2024 Receipts – Revenue From Giving

<u>Voluntary Giving:</u>	2024(£)	2023(£)
S/O's and PGS	20,727	(23,092)
Service Collections	5,738	(5,657)
Gift Aid recovered	3,901	(4,219)
Legacies received	10,441	(3,789)
Total:	40,809	(36,757)



The right approach?



Financial Funnies #106

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2024 Receipts – Other Income

<u>Additional Income Streams:</u>	2024(£)	2023(£)
Investments + Interest	20,074	(21,186)
Church activities	4,794	(1,759)
Other income	<u>16,126</u>	<u>(21,548)</u>
+Voluntary Giving:	<u>40,809</u>	<u>(36,757)</u>
Total Income:	81,803	(81,251)



THE P.C.C.

ONE OF THEIR JOBS IS TO HELP THE VICAR SPEND THE CHURCH FUNDS



Church Expenditure – Part 1

What was money spent on?

<u>Church Expenses</u>	2024(£)	2023(£)
Clergy & Staff & Expenses	11,559	(24,450)
Salaries, wages & honoraria	30,944	(27,025)
Mission Giving & Donations	12,343	(10,278)
Parish Share	58,800	(56,451)
Statutory Fees	<u>11,778</u>	(1,131)
	125,422	(119,335)



Church Expenditure – Part 2

What was money spent on?

<u>Other Expenses</u>	2024(£)	2023(£)
Running Expenses	13,635	(9,181)
Utility bills	12,263	(9,920)
Repairs & Maintenance	8,040	(1,577)
Other expenditure	<u>4,466</u>	<u>(3,969)</u>
Part 2 Total:	<u>38,404</u>	<u>(24,647)</u>
Overall Total: Pt 1+ Pt 2	<u>163,828</u>	<u>(143,982)</u>



Overview of Receipts & Payments

	<u>2024(£)</u>	<u>2023(£)</u>
Total Receipts	81,804	81,251
Total Payments	<u>163,828</u>	<u>143,982</u>
Annual Surplus/Deficit	(82,024)	(62,731)
Investments valuation adjust:	16,005	61,814
Total annual increase/deficit in assets	(66,018)	(917)
HSBC Current Account Closing:	12,621	12,199
HSBC Fabric Fund Closing:	4,568	4,332

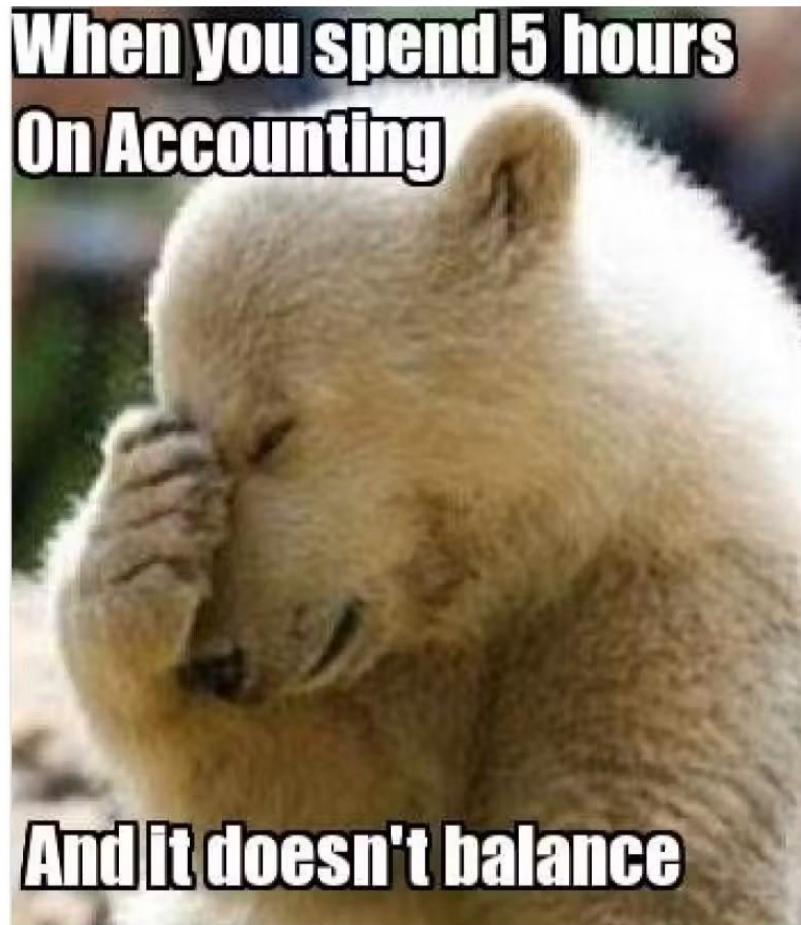


St John's Church Assets

<u>On 31st Dec: (end of FY)</u>	2024(£)	(2023)(£)
Cash Accounts (HSBC)	17,189.25	(16,531.51)
Investment Accounts (CCLA)	<u>657,138.80</u>	<u>(724,163.61)</u>
Total Assets	674,328.05	(740,695.12)
Total Liabilities		<u>(-348.74)</u>
Net assets & liabilities	674,328.05	(740,346.38)
Increase/decrease in assets	(66,018)	(916.58)



**When you spend 5 hours
On Accounting**



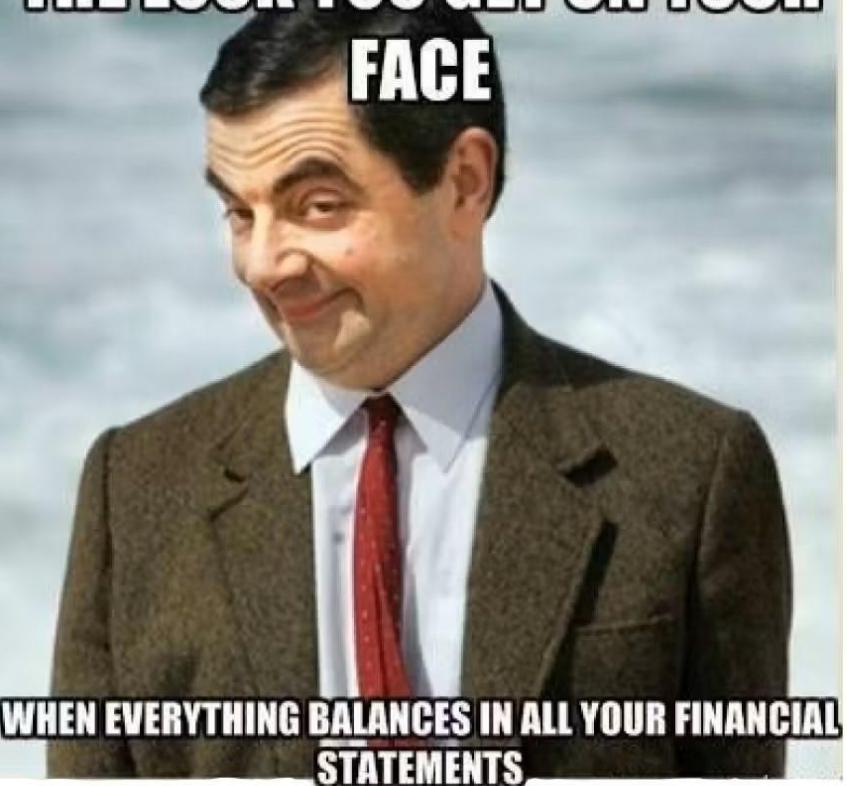
And it doesn't balance

Income & Expenditure 2024

	£	£
	2024	2023
Receipts	61,729	60,065
Investments/Bank Interest	<u>20,074</u>	<u>21,186</u>
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**THE LOOK YOU GET ON YOUR
FACE**

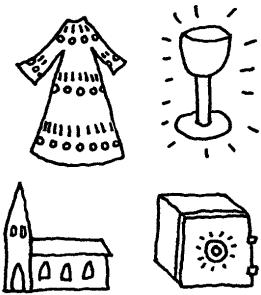


**WHEN EVERYTHING BALANCES IN ALL YOUR FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS**

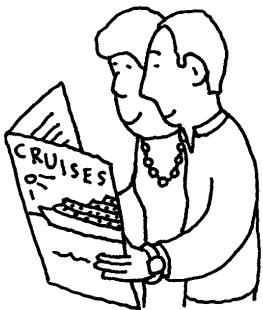


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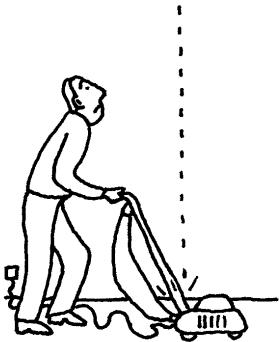
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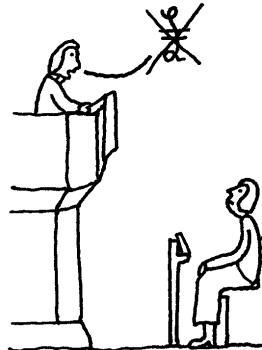
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HAS PLENTY
OF MONEY



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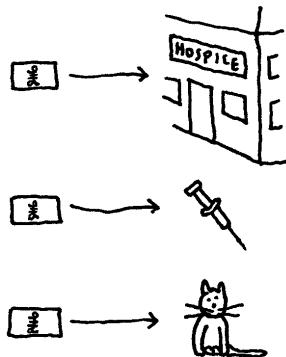
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AND TALENTS
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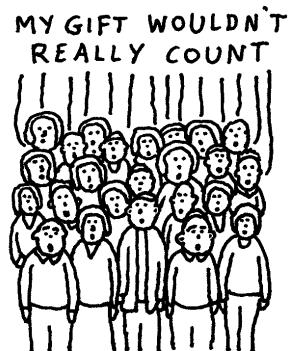
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THE PLACE TO
TALK ABOUT MONEY



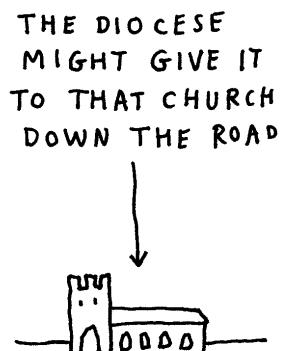
DOESN'T THE
GOVERNMENT
PAY FOR IT?



I GIVE
TO OTHER
CHARITIES



WHAT I COULD
GIVE WOULDN'T MAKE
A DIFFERENCE



THE MONEY
WON'T BE
WELL-SPENT



OUR VICAR
DOESN'T DESERVE
TO BE PAID



SOMEBODY
UPSET
ME ONCE

THE COLLECTION

WHAT SHOULD YOU PUT IN?

CHURCH
TREASURER'S →
FACE



NOTES
(LEGAL TENDER)



COINS

(THOUGH
A £2 IS
BETTER
THAN NOTHING)



BUTTONS
(EVEN PRETTY ONES)



DIRECT DEBIT INSTRUCTION
FORM (COMPLETED)



IOUs

(ESPECIALLY
GIVING
FALSE NAME)



UPLIFTING
MESSAGES
(WITH
OR
WITHOUT
SCRIPTURE)



SWEETS
(NICE ONES)



FOREIGN

COINS
(OR ONES
YOU HAVE
FOUND IN THE
GARDEN)



CHILDREN,
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(WELL BEHAVED OR
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Sides persons



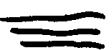
"PAY AS YOU GO" OPTIONS

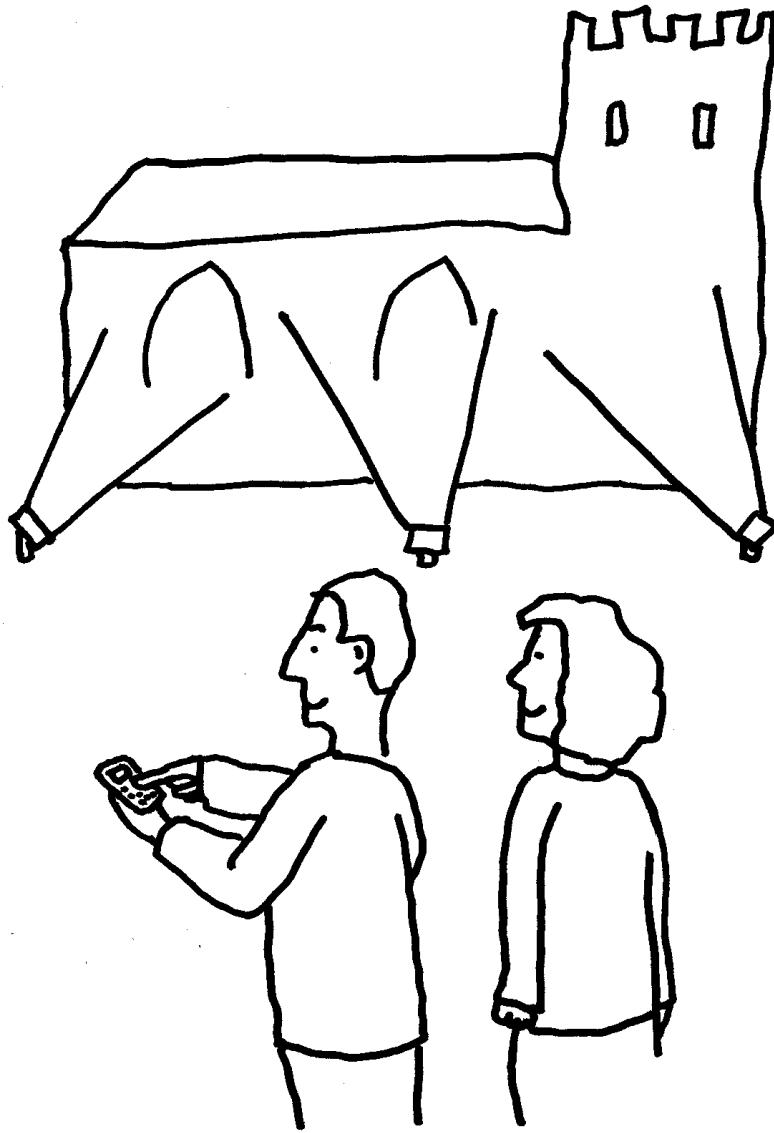
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TEXT "BELLS" FOR THE BELLS

TEXT "CHOIR" FOR THE CHOIR

TEXT "SPECIAL": ALL OF THE
ABOVE, FOLLOWED BY A
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CHARGES APPLY. SMALL PRINT: 



DONATIONS

THE CHURCH IS ALWAYS HAPPY TO RECEIVE UNWANTED ITEMS

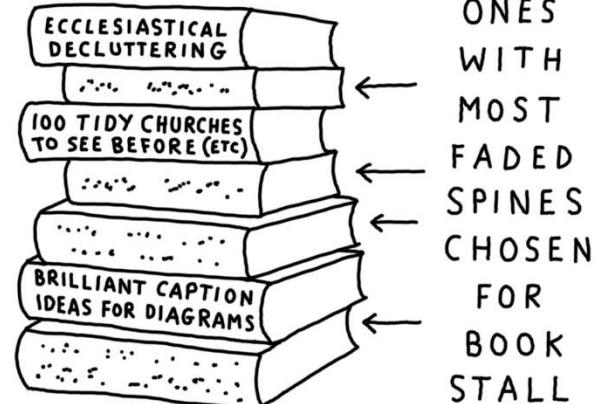
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TOYS

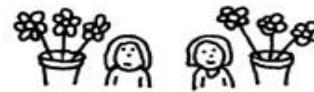


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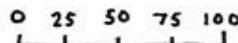
EVENT IDEA GENERATOR



THE VICAR / YOUTH GROUP / CONGREGATION / CHOIR / FLOWER ARRANGERS



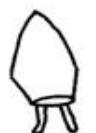
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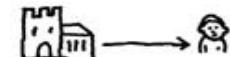
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WHilst WEARING FANCY DRESS / SINGING ALL OF THE HYMNS / TELLING JOKES / JUGGLING / RATTLING A TIN



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PLEASE DONATE / SPONSOR / PURCHASE A RAFFLE TICKET / BUY TEA AND A CAKE / STAY AWAY

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Finally, for me... or is it?

As Treasurer I am grateful for:

- All those who generously either donate or give regularly to this church. Your ‘Giving’ is invaluable.
- The continuing income from the invested Keen Legacies – ‘a God Send’. Pray that the ‘stock market’ always remains buoyant.
- The support of Shilton Accounting Services.
- The assistance from Jacky Thomas as Admin Assistant (Finance) and Alison Ford who administers the Gift Aid.



St John's Finance – APCM

2024 Accounts

All Done!

Want to know more?

Any Comments?



Appointment of Independent Examiner for the PCC Accounts for 2025

‘The PCC has elected to subject the St John’s PCC financial statements to independent examination and, therefore, propose Shilton Accounting Services as independent examiners until the next APCM’

**Approval by Electoral Roll Members
please**





Youth & Community Ministry

Report for 2024

Worship in Church

- Monthly Informal Sunday Services
 - Numbers are growing. Over eighty people have attended recently. Kids' Club members are actively involved.
- Messy Church
 - Currently on hiatus, with plans to assess this in the near future
 - Thanks to Liz Wood and her team of volunteers for their help



Working with Schools

- Wend and Barry hold weekly assemblies at St John's Primary School
- Barry visits Brize Norton Primary School every couple of months, sometimes more
- Edith Moorhouse, Carterton Community College and Carterton Primary have assemblies approximately every half term
- We held the valedictory service for Carterton Community College in June 2024. We have been asked to host this again in June 2025



Kids' Clubs & Drop In

- Tuesday and Wednesday Kids' Clubs in place up to sixteen years of age (our oldest child is almost fourteen). We currently have twenty-one children attending across three groups. My thanks go to Kath and Emily for giving up their time to volunteer.
- TNT (Tea and Toast) sessions on Monday afternoons during term time for secondary school aged children. We have sixteen children attending regularly (six from Burford School, ten from CCC). Of these, ten do not have any other engagement with church.
- Friday Drop In continues to be popular, and is regularly attended by childminders, parents and grandparents



Seasonal Events

- Holiday Clubs (Easter and August):
 - We ran for two days in Easter holidays and saw twenty-three children. My thanks to Jacky, Kath, Emily and Sue M for your help and expertise.
 - We already have fifteen booked in for August 2025. If anyone feels called to volunteer, please let me know!
- Christmas:
 - Our Nativity service was popular and very well attended. I would like to hold this again this year.
 - We held Christingle services both at St John's and St Britius, plus a Christingle for Edith Moorhouse at church.
 - We took part in the carol service at St Mary's, held services at St Britius for both Brize Norton Primary School and the Pre-School, and were invited to the Pre-School's Nativity play.



Upcoming in 2025

- Minecraft Church: our first session is on 31st May – prayers please! This is an intergenerational event (you do not need to play the game as there will be other ways to join in). My thanks to Miyah for her hard work building the server.
- August Holiday Club – I am very lucky to have regular volunteers for Holiday Club, but I would love more. Many hands make light work!
- We have raised enough money to go to Amplify Adventure in July 2025. Thank you to everyone who bought cakes, Christmas stocking fillers and made substantial donations. Special thanks to Kath, and Sharon and Ian Harley for sacrificing an afternoon to bake with the young people (and clean up after them!). If the kids enjoy the event, we will begin fundraising again for 2026.



My Heartfelt Thanks

- This has been a very challenging year for Youth & Community Ministry, and I am incredibly grateful for everyone's time, support, kind words, and patience and understanding when I haven't got it quite right!
- I could not have achieved half of what I have without our wonderful YCM volunteers: Kath, Liz, Emily, Jacky, Sue M, Linda A, Joshua, and Deborah, plus everyone who has stepped in when we have been short.
- I would also like to thank the singing group, plus Liz, Niamh, and Miriam and Jeff Knight who help set up Drop-In on Thursday evenings.



Your prayers please!

Thank you to everyone who has prayed for us, and I am grateful for your continued prayers. The rest of 2025 and into 2026 looks to be very exciting, so please pray for our ministry so that more children and young people come to know Jesus.





Fabric & Facilities Report for 2024

Facilities Management

Introduction

- The church building continues to be well used by numerous groups and thanks to the work of dedicated church members is well maintained.
- We are fortunate to have such a versatile building that can be configured so easily for so many purposes.
- In the light of our financial situation, improvement works during the year were carefully managed and only carried out when funds have been available or health & safety was at risk of being compromised.



Work Carried Out Since May 2024

- Repairs to the back garden fencing
- Boiler repairs
- Continued development of the back garden
- Repairs to gable verges and tiles
- Replacement of the inefficient radiant heaters in the Hall and Old Chancel. Thanks to all of you who helped towards the cost through your donations



Future Potential Works

- Compliance works to the kitchen ventilation
- Upgrading the lightning protection
- Replacing single glazed CRITTAL windows with double glazing and repairs to other glazing
- Repair/replace the foyer atrium roof
- Rearrangement of the doors from the Foyer to the Hall and replacing the meeting room doors
- Replacing the boilers with Air Source Heat Pumps
- Upgrades to Worship Area flood lamps
- Others as identified in the QI Report conducted in early 2023, including repairs to the rainwater downpipes, repoint brickwork, monitoring and repairing the cracks in both the old and new parts of the church



Technology

Our grateful thanks are extended to Ian Harley, Stephen Hester and John Wallcraft for their continued expertise in maintaining the equipment and enabling us to broadcast our services over the internet to reach a wider audience.

Thanks to Mike Watts for his expertise in keeping our software system working efficiently.

Thanks to the Social Media/Communications Group for their work on our websites.



Eco Church

- Thanks go to all those who have helped Jackie Thomas's initiative to establish a nature-friendly quiet space
- The church collaborated with a local eco-friendly group to host a Repair Café during the year
- A Clothes Swap was also organised several times during the year but has been discontinued due to lack of interest





Leadership Elections 2025

Witney Deanery Synod Representation

- Carol Howard acted as our lay representative at Deanery Synod meetings until leaving in July 2024. We don't currently have a lay representative for this Group. Rev Hanson attends the meetings
- But we have two lay vacancies to fill
- Anyone on the Electoral Roll can apply, who will be co-opted to sit on the PCC



Election to Parochial Church Council

- **Wend Smith, Liz Wood and Linda Wooloff** have stood down at the end of their terms in office
- All three are standing again for re-election for a further three-year term

Approval by Electoral Roll Members
please



Safeguarding

- Shirley Sanderson from Brize Norton parish continued in the role of temporary Safeguarding Officer during 2024 to ensure that all the correct procedures remained in place
- We are very pleased that Kath Monkhouse took over the role in January 2025 and is working hard to ensure training and compliance are kept up to date



Data Protection

Thanks go to Mike Watts for
continuing in the role of Data Control
Officer during the year



Thank You!

The church leadership and ministry team would like to thank **everyone** who has contributed to the life of our church





**Your Opportunity for
Comments and Questions**