

## REPORT ON 2023 ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

Unfortunately, there has been an approximate overspend of £3,500 this year in the current account, which has been slightly offset by the rise in interest rates relating to the Restoration Account.

Going through the receipts side of the accounts our general church collections have reduced by approximately £3,000, the rents remain the same and there have been less funerals weddings etc. There was a substantial rise in the Ride and Stride contribution, the fund raising was generally higher although the Garden Fete was disappointing. The claim for Gift Aid from the HMRC was increased by £300, mainly due to the fact that most collections are now gift-aided.

Turning to the payments side the insurance payment was increased by £400, the benefice expenses were lower due to there being no vicar but we had to pay some visiting vicars instead. With regard to the Oil, we had three deliveries but may not need so much next year. The electricity is reduced partly due to Gordon having more control and partly to some confusion regarding the government's help system. The water bills, CCLI License, magazine costs and the roof alarm service have all increased but the fire inspector did no extra work this time. There was no fee for the first mow this year but there was some movement in the buying of new machines. The general expenses were less.

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