Reserves Policy

**INTRODUCTION**

All Saints Little Bealings PCC currently has a Reserve of £10,500. This takes into consideration:

* The difference between our church annual income of only c. £4K measured in Spring 2022 (electronic giving, collections & envelopes, church rental, events) and outgoings of £14K (£5K bills & Mtce, c. £9K Parish Share)
* Possible emergency spend
* Our restricted funds which can only be used for a specific purpose and can’t be used for bills or Parish Share
* Trying to balance the need for a reserve with the Biblical teaching of not hoarding

10.5K was kept as a figure that would tackle 2-3 years of bills, reduced by contributions to Parish Share and inflation.

Meanwhile we are enacting a stewardship drive to increase regular giving and once the kitchen is in place we are hoping to increase hired use of the Nave and fund raising events.

As we are close having to use our reserve fund, we have already instigated strict measures on spend, where all spend is being closely scrutinised and cheques require authorisation by rev. Gary Jones.

**REFERENCES**

1. Model Reserves Policies, Church of England Parish Resources:

<https://www.parishresources.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/parishreserves.pdf>

**Appendix: Definition of Reserves**

From the C of E guidance document: “A Simple Guide to Parish Reserves Policies”

The term ‘reserves’ has a variety of technical and ordinary meanings, depending on the

context in which it is used. The term ‘reserves’ in this document (unless otherwise indicated)

is used to describe that part of a PCC’s income fund that is freely available for its general

purposes. ‘Reserves’ are therefore the resources the PCC has available to spend for the

church’s purposes once it has met its commitments and covered its other planned

expenditure.

The definition of reserves therefore normally excludes the following funds:

 Permanent endowment

 Expendable endowment

 Restricted

 Designated and

 Income funds, which could only be realised by disposing of fixed assets held by the

PCC.

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