

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Bishop Burton Parochial Church Council held on
Sunday 11 June 2017 at All Saints Church, Bishop Burton.**

Present: Rev R Newton
 Mr. D Oxtoby
 Mr. T Thomas
 Mrs. S Thomas
 Miss H Swann
 Mrs. A Cherry
 Mrs. J McDonald
 Mr. G Richardson
 Mrs. M Wray
 Mr. N Penton

Apologies: Mrs. J Macrae

The meeting was convened to discuss the Freewill Offering for 2018 from Bishop Burton PCC to the Diocese of York.

Mr. Penton presented the general fund forecast for the current financial year. The budget presented earlier in the year had projected a broadly break-even position in the general fund for 2017. A generous donation had recently been offered towards the Freewill Offering which will mitigate an expected reduction in fundraising income and a lower than expected growth in the value of investments in the year. The current estimate for 2017 is for a surplus in the general fund after revaluation of investments of approx. £750.

A discussion then took place on the value of the Freewill Offering for 2018. The PCC had increased their offer by £1,000 in 2017 and would like to increase this further in 2018, but are concerned about the reliance on continued growth in the investment funds used to support the Freewill Offer. In the 6 months to the end of April 2017, there had been a small reduction in the capital value of these.

After much consideration, it was agreed to maintain the Freewill Offer at £7,250 for 2018, with the commitment that any surplus recorded in the 2017 accounts would be added to the Freewill Offer for 2019.