

PCC Accounts month ending 31st August, 2026

	£		£
Balance B/F	353.54	Peterlee Fire	269.78
Aug. income	<u>1,520.04</u>	Gas	80.92
Total	1,873.58	Electric	75.72
Expenditure	<u>1,585.43</u>	Church Security	151.20
Balance C/F	<u>288.15</u>	Church Insurance	398.96
		Water	311.10
		Visiting Clergy	247.75
		Seaman Mission	<u>50.00</u>
		Total	<u>1,585.43</u>

2026 Parish Share

£4,500 paid to end of June 2026.

£10,500 due to be paid by end December 2026.

P.C.C. meeting: Monday 5th October, 7.30pm in Jubilee Room

S.M.D.T. meeting: Monday TBA, 7.00pm in Vestry

Church Hall meeting: Friday TBA, 9.30am in Vestry after flowers

Dates for the diary – All welcome

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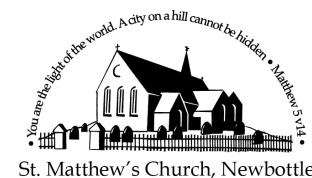
Sunday 27th Sept, 9.45am – Harvest Festival

Tuesday 29th Sept, 7pm – Broth and stottie night.

Sunday 1st Nov, 3pm – All Souls Service

Sunday 8th Nov, 9.45am – Remembrance Day Service

Saturday 5th Dec, 12-2pm – Christmas Fayre



Sunday 13th September, 2026

The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 19)

9.45am: Parish Communion

Welcome – Jim Burnett

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Celebrant and Preacher – Rev. Peter Hood

Hymn – 560; “Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;”

O.T. reading: Exod. 14: 19-31 – Charles Martin

N.T. reading: Rom. 14: 1-12

Hymn – 705; “Thy hand, O God, has guided”

Gospel: Matt. 18: 21-35 – Rev. Peter Hood

Sermon: Rev. Peter Hood

Prayers: Joanne Martin

Collection hymn – 649; “The King of love my shepherd is,”

Holy Communion Music – “Give thanks” (Harp)

Final Hymn – 631; “Tell out, my soul,”

Mid-week Services

16th September, 2026 – Wednesday.

10.00am Holy Communion: Rev. Paul Grundy

Readings: 1 Cor. 12: 31b to end chapter 13. Luke 7: 31-35 – Jim

Prayers for: Florence & Derek Coffey, Dianne Whatcott, Michelle McDonald, Dawn McDonald, Bell Wake, Nicky (nee Davison) & Jimi Harkins, Kristofer Marshall, Mike Glover and Annabelle Wilson.

Departed: Friends and Family

Vacancy Audit Meeting, 26th August, 2026 update

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Dementia Group at St Georges Church, Fatfield

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Plans are still being discussed, but volunteer training is hoped to begin in October, and anyone from St Matthew's who would like to help or volunteer would be very welcome.

St George's would also welcome anyone who is a carer or has Alzheimer's or dementia and would like to get involved in the group. Most of all, they would really appreciate our prayers and support.

Christine Hope, who worships at St George's and also regularly attends St Matthew's, is involved with the setup of the group. She will keep us updated and let us know the dates of the three volunteer training sessions.

If you would like more information, please speak to Joy, Tom or Christine.

Sunday 20th September, 2026
The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 20)

9.45am: Parish Eucharist

Welcome – Vera Marshall

Celebrant and Preacher – St. Michael's, Houghton

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O.T. reading: Exod. 16: 2-15 – Vera Marshall

N.T. reading: Phil. 1: 21-30

Gospel: Matt. 20: 1-16 – St. Michael's, Houghton

Sermon: St. Michael's, Houghton

Prayers: Marjorie Lydiatt

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Confirmation

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Roof Replacement Fund

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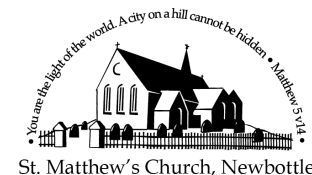
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9.45am: Parish Communion

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Celebrant and Preacher – St. Michael's, Houghton

Hymn – 564; "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,"

O.T. reading: Exod. 16: 2-15 – Vera Marshall

N.T. reading: Phil. 1: 21-30

Hymn – 173; "Glorious things of thee are spoken,"

Gospel: Matt. 20: 1-16 – St. Michael's, Houghton

Sermon: St. Michael's, Houghton

Prayers: Marjorie Lydiatt

Collection hymn – 528; "O worship the King,"

Holy Communion Music – "You are my hiding place" (Harp)

Final Hymn – 201; "Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,"

Mid-week Services

23rd September, 2026 – Wednesday.

10.00am Holy Communion: Rev. Paul Grundy

Readings: Proverbs 30: 5-9. Luke 9: 1-6 – Joy

Prayers for: Florence & Derek Coffey, Dianne Whatcott, Michelle McDonald, Dawn McDonald, Bell Wake, Nicky (nee Davison) & Jimi Harkins, Kristofer Marshall, Mike Glover and Annabelle Wilson.

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The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 21)
Harvest Festival

9.45am: Parish Eucharist and Harvest Festival

Welcome – Susan Dick

Celebrant and Preacher – Rev. Paul Grundy

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N.T. reading: 2 Cor. 9: 6–15 – Jacqui Harriman

Gospel: Luke 12: 16-30 or Luke 17: 11-19 – Rev. Paul Grundy

Sermon: Rev. Paul Grundy

Prayers: Pat French

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