

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

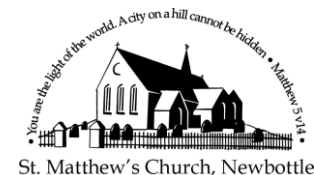
Sunday 1st Nov, 3pm – All Souls Service

Sunday 8th Nov, 9.45am – Remembrance Day Service

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

Broth and Stottie

A big thank you to everyone who helped and supported our broth and stottie night last Monday. It was a lovely evening; delicious broth with lots of chatter and laughter. We even had a visit from Tim, Susanna and the family. Over £220 was raised for our Harvest charity Water Aid.



Sunday 4th October, 2026

The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 22)

9.45am: Parish Communion with Baptism

Welcome: Vera Marshall and Jim Burnett

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Celebrant and Preacher – Rev. Michael Beck

Hymn – 54: ‘Bind us together, Lord,’

N.T. reading: Phil. 3: 4b–14 – Mike Eames

Gospel: Matt. 21: 33-46 – Rev. Michael Beck

Baptism and Prayers: Rev. Michael Beck – **Mika Jean Yoxhall**

Collection hymn – 133: ‘Father, I place into Your hands’

Holy Communion Music – Harp

Closing hymn – 162; ‘The Servant King,’

Mid-week Services

7th October, 2026 – Wednesday.

10.00am Holy Communion: Rev. Paul Grundy

Readings: Gal. 2: 1-2, 7-14. Luke 11: 1-4 – Wayne

A warm welcome to Mika Jean Yoxhall who is being baptised in our service today!

Mika is here with her parents Kevin and Bethany, and her godparents, Tilly, Stephen and Emma.

If you have come to celebrate with Mika, then we are delighted to see you this morning.

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

Departed: Friends and Family

Vacancy Audit Meeting update

PCC have received the updated VAP report following the above meeting which again is very favourable and complimentary. The final sentence of the report indicates that, Newbottle would benefit from the ministry of a mission-minded 0.5FTE priest, which is what we had with Tim. **We are aware that there was a meeting on 25th September with our Archdeacon to examine any completed audits and we will keep everyone updated with any news or outcome.**

Dementia Group at St Georges Church, Fatfield

St George's is hoping to set up a dementia group in the New Year. They are hoping to run two groups at the same time—one for people living with dementia and one for carers. Both groups will meet at the same time in the church café.

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 11th October, 2026
The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 23)

9.45am: Parish Communion

Welcome – Pat French

Celebrant and Preacher – Rev. Simon Oliver

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O.T. reading: Exod. 32: 1-14 – Pat French

N.T. reading: Phil. 4: 1-9

Gospel: Matt. 22: 1-14 – Rev. Simon Oliver

Sermon: Rev. Simon Oliver

Prayers: Joanne Martin

SAMARITAN'S PURSE CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL

Boxes are now available from the back of church.

Please make sure you also pick up a leaflet as it includes gift ideas for permitted items, as well as details of items not to include. There is also information regarding donations to cover the cost of shipping etc.

Please return your shoeboxes to church by Sunday 8th November.

Deanery Confirmation

Confirmation with Bishop Frank White is to be held at All Saints Penshaw on Saturday 24th October at 6pm. We currently have 4 or 5 folks who have shown an interest in being confirmed, and this is wonderful. If you are considering being confirmed, would you please speak to Joy or Tom ASAP as names need to be confirmed (please forgive the pun).

Roof Replacement Fund

If you are interested in purchasing slates or helping us with this very important project and making our church weather tight for years to come and for future generations, please see Mike or Tom. Further information is also available on the noticeboard in the entrance lobby and at the back of church.
