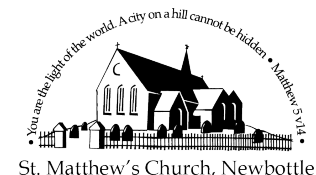


PCC Accounts month ending 31st March, 2026

	£		£
Balance B/F	42.75	Gas	313.35
February income	<u>1,943.10</u>	Electric	120.94
Total	1,985.85	Vicars Expenses Mar	180.02
Expenditure	<u>1,868.40</u>	Church Insurance	381.91
Balance C/F	<u><u>117.45</u></u>	Robson Print Easter cards	243.00
		Cathedral Shop	239.50
		Visiting Clergy	153.00
		Lockie envelopes	63.94
		Water Rates (Vicarage)	48.00
		Paper for copier	29.49
		TBG Photocopies	<u>95.25</u>
		Total	<u><u>1,868.40</u></u>



Sunday 3rd May, 2026 **The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

9.45am: Family Worship

Welcome – Vera Marshall

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Celebrant – Rev Tim Wall

Hymn – 575; “Rejoice the Lord is King!”

O.T. reading: Gen. 8: 1-19 – Jacqui Harriman

N.T. reading: Acts 7: 55-end

Hymn – 372; “Jesus, lover of my soul,”

Gospel: John 14: 1-14 – Rev Tim Wall

Sermon: Joanne Martin

Prayers: Marjorie Lydiatt

Collection hymn – 251; “How sweet the name of Jesus sounds”

Holy Communion Music - “Spirit of the living God” Harp

Final Hymn – 708; “To God be the glory!”

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Mid-week Services

Wedding

Monday 4th May, 1.00pm.

Paul Young and Jorga Pinnington

6th May, 10.00am – Wednesday.

Holy Communion: Rev. Paul Grundy

Readings: Acts 15: 1–6. John 15: 1-8 - Wayne

P.C.C. meeting: Monday 18th May, 7.30pm in Jubilee Room

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

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

APCM

A big thank you to everyone who came to last week’s meeting, stayed for lunch or provided food. It was a very joyous occasion spending valuable time together as a family and celebrating the work everyone does at St Matthew’s.

Boiler Room Pointing

It is now warm enough to start pointing in the Boiler Room.

Anyone who is interested in helping please meet at church on Tuesday 4th May between 09:00am and 13:00pm.

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

Departed: Friends and Family

Roof Replacement Fund

The roof tiles on the north side of our church need renewing, so we are undertaking a slate purchase scheme as part of our roof fund/project.

Slates can be purchased individually or in clusters/batches.

The slate purchase scheme is not only to open to our own church congregations, but will also be rolled out to our parish and community in Newbottle as a whole.

More information is available on the separate sheet at the back of church, but 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.

Smile and Say Cheese

We will be taking some photos in church over the next few weeks. Our church building is amazing, but if all the photos of it are empty, it can give the wrong impression! So, we would like some photos of people in church to use on the website, Facebook and in leaflets. In order to use your image, we need your permission. You should have a form you can fill in. If you are happy for us to use your image, please fill in the form today and give it to Tim. If you do not want us to use your image you don't need to do anything and any images of you will be deleted once they are reviewed. If you have any questions, please speak to Tim.

Ascension to Pentecost 2026

We will be using the ten days between Ascension and Pentecost to pray for the future of our church; to listen to God, to reflect on what he might be calling us to do and to ask that our church would grow and flourish. There will be more details on this next week, but we will be beginning this period with a reflective service in church on Ascension Day - Thursday 14th May - at 2pm. Please do come if you can.

Sunday 10th May, 2026
The Sixth Sunday of Easter

9.45am: Parish Eucharist

Welcome – Wayne Marshall

Celebrant – Rev Tim Wall

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O.T. reading: Gen. 8: 20 – 9: v17 – Mike Eames

N.T. reading: Acts 17: 22-31

Gospel: John 14:15-21 – Rev Tim Wall

Sermon: Rev Tim Wall

Prayers: Stephen Holmes

Food Bank

The P.C.C. is accepting donations of tinned food and other non-perishables to support those going through a hard time. As well as occasionally giving out emergency hampers, we feed into Space4's foodbank at St Michael's at Houghton le Spring.

Suggested items: UHT Milk Instant Mash Cereal Jar of coffee
Tinned – Soup, Baked Beans, Spaghetti, Tomatoes, Rice, Sponge
Pudding, Meat, Fish and Vegetables (peas, carrots etc.)
Long Life Fruit Juice (boxed or tinned), Pasta, Rice, Pasta Sauces
Tea Bags, Sugar, Biscuits and Snacks.

Please make sure items have a fairly long use by date/shelf life.
