

PCC Accounts month ending 31st December, 2024

	£		£
Balance B/F	310.96	Electric	74.44
December Income	<u>2,007.80</u>	Gas	353.10
Total	2,318.76	Church Insurance	374.77
Expenditure	<u>1,706.70</u>	Acorn Pest (Hall)	62.23
Balance C/F	<u>612.06</u>	Acorn Pest (Church)	101.11
		Visiting Clergy	175.05
		Crisis at Christmas	150.00
		Shelter	150.00
		Children Society	<u>266.00</u>
		Total	<u>1,706.70</u>

PARISH SHARE

Parish Share Pledged 2024	£15,000
Parish Share Paid 2024	£15,040

P.C.C. meeting: Monday 24th February, 7.30pm in Jubilee Room.

S.M.D.T. meeting: Monday 10th February, 7pm in Vestry

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

VAP (Vacancy Audit Process): Friday 7th March 10am-3pm in Jubilee Room - Rev. Steph Clark. This is the next step in moving towards the proposed Group Ministry, with Hetton & Houghton parishes.

The PCC and congregation are all warmly invited to attend the above VAP meeting. The VAP gives us the opportunity to give Steph, the Diocese and Bishop's Council the opportunity to hear about all we do in our parish and Community. If you can join us for the whole event wonderful, but if you can't, please do come along for as long or as little as you can. Your contribution will be invaluable. We intend to have a "faith lunch" with Steph, and a list will be at the back of church in the next couple of weeks for lunch items.

Sunday 2nd February, 2025

CANDLEMAS

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

9.45am: Parish Eucharist

Welcome – Wayne Marshall

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Celebrant & preacher: **Rev. Michael Beck**

Hymn – 518; "O praise ye the Lord!"

O.T. reading: Mal. 3: 1-5 – Jacqui Harriman

N.T. reading: Heb. 2: 14-18

Hymn – 396; "Just as I am," omit v2 & 3

Gospel: Luke 2: 22-40 – Rev. Michael Beck

Sermon: Rev. Michael Beck

Prayers: Marjorie Lydiatt

Collection hymn – 564; "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,"

Holy Communion Music – "We are here to praise you,"

Holy Communion Hymn – 251; "How sweet the name of Jesus,"

Final Hymn – 708; "To God be the glory!"

Mid-week Service

5th February, 10.00am – Wednesday.

Holy Communion: **Rev. Paul Grundy**

Readings: Heb. 12: 4-7, 11-15, Mark 6: 1-6a

Prayers for: Mary Brewis; Florence and Derek Coffey;
Dianne Watcotte; Michelle McDonald; Dorothy Orrell;
Dawn McDonald and Elly Ford.

Departed: Family and Friends

Dates for the Diary

Church Hall Cleaning - Wednesday 5th February, 2025, 9-11am

Pancake Party - Saturday 1st March, 2025, 10am-12pm in Jubilee Room (all welcome).

Sunday 9th February, 2025
The Fourth Sunday before Lent (Proper 1)

9.45am: Parish Eucharist

Welcome – John Wilson

Celebrant & preacher: **Rev. Judith Howes**

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O.T. reading: Isa. 6: 1-8 – Wayne Marshall

N.T. reading: 1 Cor. 15: 1-11

Gospel: Luke 5: 1-11 – Rev. Judith Howes

Sermon: Rev. Judith Howes

Prayers: Joy Warren

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.

Suggested items: UHT Milk Instant Mash Cereal Jar of coffee
Tinned – Soup, Baked Beans, Spaghetti, Tomatoes, Rice, Sponge Pudding, Meat, Fish, 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.
