

**PCC Accounts month ending 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2025**

	£		£
Balance B/F	566.46	Electric	130.78
March Income	<u>1,469.30</u>	Gas	373.61
Total	2,035.76	Church Insurance	381.94
Expenditure	<u>1,421.23</u>	Photocopies TBG	9.50
Balance C/F	<u>614.53</u>	Cathedral Shop	145.40
		Robson Print (cards)	243.00
		Visiting Clergy	<u>137.00</u>
		Total	<u>1,421.23</u>

Parish Share to date 2025 – Nil

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**Blessing of Palm Crosses**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen**

Hosanna to the son of David.

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, during lent we have been preparing for our celebration of our Lord's death and resurrection. Today we come together to begin this celebration in union with the Church throughout the world. Christ enters his own city to complete his work as our saviour, to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us go with him in faith and love, so that united with him in his suffering, we may share his risen life.

**Please Stand while holding our "Palm Cross"**

Together we pray.

**God our saviour, whose Son Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem as a messiah to suffer and to die; let these palms be for us signs of his victory; and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our king, and follow in the way that leads to eternal life; he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2025**

**PALM SUNDAY**

**9.45am: Parish Eucharist**

Welcome – Pat French

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Celebrant and Preacher: **Rev. Michael Beck**

Hymn – 563; “Praise to the holiest in the height,”

Blessing of Palm Crosses - (see back of leaflet)

O.T. reading: Isa. 50: 4-9a – Pat French

N.T. reading: Phil. 2: 5-11

Hymn – 50; “Be still for the presence of the Lord”

Gospel: Luke 23: 1–49 - Rev. Michael Beck

Sermon: Rev. Michael Beck

Prayers: Marjorie Lydiatt

Collection hymn – 9; “All glory, laud and honour”

Holy Communion Music

Holy Communion Hymn – 580; “Ride on, ride on in majesty”

Final Hymn – 799; “All I once held dear,”

**6.00pm: Joint Service – TOKENS OF HIS PASSION**

Michaels and All Angels, Houghton

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**Mid-week Services**

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April, 10.00am – Cancelled.**

**Maundy Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April, 7.00pm:**

**Rev. Michael Beck.** (see separate sheet)

Readings: Exod. 12: 1-4, 11-14. 1 Cor. 11: 23-26

Gospel reading: John 13: 1-17, 31b-35

**Good Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2pm-3pm "Hour by the Cross"**

**Rev. Michael Beck**

(Service ends with "When I survey the wondrous cross")

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

**Departed:** Family and Friends

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**P.C.C. meeting:**

TBA after APCM (Annual parochial Church Meeting)

**S.M.D.T. meeting:** TBA

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

**Vestry Meeting and APCM:**

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April, 11.15am in church.

Any reports for the APCM pack to Tom by 17<sup>th</sup> April please.

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**Let's Talk– Wednesday TBA May, 7pm-8pm in Lady Chapel  
(with light refreshments).**

A new informal discussion group giving us the opportunity to discuss our faith and learn more about Jesus, as well as spending some special time together as a family.

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**Renewal of Electoral Roll 2025**

The forms are still available from Vera, and once completed the forms should be returned to her.

**VAP Report**

We have now received the report from Rev. Canon Steph Clark

A number of copies are available at the back of church for you to read or take away. Any comments please do speak to Joy or Tom.

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2025**  
**EASTER DAY**

**9.45am: Parish Family Eucharist**

Welcome – Jim Burnett

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

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O.T. reading: Acts 10: 34-43 – Vera Marshall

N.T. reading: 1 Cor. 15: 19-26

Gospel: Luke 24: 1–12 - Rev. Michael Beck

Sermon: Rev. Michael Beck

Prayers: Pat French

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**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.