

PCC Accounts month ending 31st August, 2026

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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

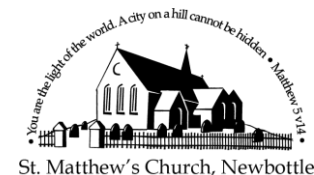
Dates for the diary – All welcome

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 27th September, 2026

The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 21)

Harvest Festival

9.45am: Parish Communion

Welcome – Susan Dick

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Celebrant and Preacher – Rev. Paul Grundy

Hymn – 467; “Morning has broken”

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

Hymn – 200; “Great is Thy faithfulness,”

Gospel: Mark 6:30-44 – Rev. Paul Grundy

Sermon: Rev. Paul Grundy

Prayers: Pat French

Collection hymn – 23; “All things bright and beautiful,”

Holy Communion Music.

Final Hymn – 732; “We plough the fields and scatter”

Mid-week Services

30th September, 2026 – Wednesday.

10.00am Holy Communion: Rev. Paul Grundy

Readings: Job 9: 1-12, 14-16. Luke 9: 57-end – Joseph

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, 26th August, 2026 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 will keep everyone updated with any news and 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 4th October, 2026
The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 22)

9.45am: Parish Eucharist with Baptism

Welcome – Vera Marshall and Jim Burnett

Celebrant and Preacher – Rev. Michael Beck

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

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

Baptism followed by Prayers: Rev. Michael Beck

THANK YOU

A big thank you to everyone who helped and supported the Macmillan Day on Friday.

Your support and donations received from our coffee and tea on a Sunday and Wednesday morning during September, together with Friday's coffee lunch/afternoon, will help Macmillan do whatever it takes to support people living with cancer.

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.
