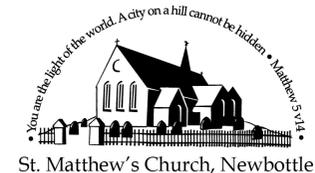


PCC Accounts month ending 28th February, 2026

	£		£
Balance B/F	191.84	Gas	393.98
February income	<u>1,369.77</u>	Electric	133.65
Total	1,561.61	Vicars Expenses Jan/Feb	184.61
Expenditure	<u>1,518.86</u>	Church Insurance	381.91
Balance C/F	<u>42.75</u>	Donations-Smile Train	50.00
		Donations-Alzheimer's	50.00
		Visiting Clergy	179.75
		Water Rates (Church)	96.96
		Water Rates (Vicarage)	<u>48.00</u>
		Total	<u>1,518.86</u>



Sunday 29th March, 2026 Palm Sunday

9.45am: Parish Eucharist – Rev Tim Wall

Welcome – Jim Burnett

Hymn – 457; “Make way, make way,”

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Gospel: Page 108 - Matt. 21: 1-11 - Stephen Holmes

Sermon: Rev. Tim Wall

Prayers: Marjorie Lydiatt

Collection hymn – 799; “All I once held dear,”

Holy Communion Music – “Be still and know” Harp

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

Final Hymn – 673; “There is a Redeemer”

Tonight 6pm @ St Michaels, Houghton - ‘Tokens of His Passion’

Everyone is welcome to join our friends in Houghton for ‘Tokens of His Passion’ - a special service of prayers, music and readings reflecting upon the story of Holy Week.

Mid-week Services

1st April, 10.00am – Wednesday.

Holy Communion: **Rev. Paul Grundy**

Readings: Isa. 50: 4-9a. John 13: 21-32 - Wayne

Maundy Thursday 2nd April

7.00pm – Holy Communion

Good Friday 3rd April

2.00pm – Hour at the cross

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

S.M.D.T. meeting: Monday 16th April, 7.00pm in Vestry

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

The Electoral Roll is open. If you consider St. Matthew’s to be your church and you are not already on the roll, please pick up a form and give it to Vera Marshall before Monday 6th April. Do see Tim if you have any questions.

We are revising the roll ahead of our APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) which is scheduled for 11.00am Sunday April 26th after the morning service. Please do join us for this very important meeting and it would be great to have as many people as possible present. Please do also consider standing as a Churchwarden or PCC member for 2026/2027. More details to follow.

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

Departed: Family and Friends.

LENT PROJECT - Space4 Foodbank

A big thank you for all the donations received during Lent 2026. Space4 were delighted to receive our gifts.

GARDENING

Thank you to Jacqui, Malcolm, Marjorie and Mike for their hard work in the church yard last Monday and Tuesday. The entrance and borders look wonderful, and your efforts are very much appreciated. Watch this space for more dates in the future.

Sunday 5th April, 2026 **EASTER DAY**

9.45am: Parish Eucharist – Rev Tim Wall

Welcome – Vera Marshall

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O.T. reading: Jer. 31: 1-6 – Mike Eames

N.T. reading: Acts 10: 34-43

Gospel: Page 168, Matt. 28: 1-10 - Rev. Tim Wall.

Sermon: Rev. Tim Wall

Prayers: Pat French

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.
