

PCC Accounts month ending 31st December, 2025

	£		£
Balance B/F	291.23	Gas	284.62
December income	<u>1,937.01</u>	Electric	74.72
Total	2,228.24	TBG printing	4.83
Expenditure	<u>1,766.44</u>	Church Insurance	381.91
Balance C/F	<u>461.80</u>	Paper	27.68
		Vicars Water Rates	48.00
		Fire Security	139.20
		Visiting Clergy	105.75
		Vicars Expenses	99.73
		Shelter	200.00
		Salvation Army	200.00
		Children's Society	<u>200.00</u>
		Total	<u>1,766.44</u>

PARISH SHARE 2025

Parish Share Pledged	£15,000
Parish Share Paid	£15,034

Parish Share overpaid by £34.

A huge thank you to everyone for your continued generosity supporting God's work at St Matthew's during 2025, not only through giving, but also supporting charities, emergency appeals, not to mention the non-monetary gifts and time given by everyone.

P.C.C. meeting: Monday 26th January 2026, 7.30pm in Jubilee Room

S.M.D.T. meeting: Monday TBA, 7.30pm in Vestry

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

Sunday 11th January, 2026
The First Sunday of Epiphany
THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

9.45am: Family Eucharist - Rev. Tim Wall

Welcome: Wayne Marshall

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Celebrant: **Rev Tim Wall**

Hymn –435; “Lord Jesus Christ,”

O.T. Reading: Isa. 42: 1-9 – Pat French

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

Hymn – 486; “Now thank we all our God,”

Gospel: Matt. 3: 13–17 - Rev. Tim Wall

Sermon: Rev. Tim Wall

Prayers – Tom Dick

Collection hymn – 699; “Thou, whose almighty word”

Holy Communion Music – “Deep Peace”

Holy Communion Hymn - 449; “Love divine,” omit v2

Final Hymn – 162; “The Servant King,”

Mid-week Service

14th January, 10.00am – Wednesday. Rev. Paul Grundy

Readings: 1 Sam 3: 1–10, 19-20, Mark 1: 29-39 - Joseph

Prayers for: Florence and Derek Coffey;
Dianne Whatcott; Michelle McDonald; Dawn McDonald,
Sylvia Marshall and Bell Wake

Departed: Family and Friends.

Thank you, to all who helped make our church so beautiful and welcoming for Christmas; flower arrangers, cleaners, worship leaders, music providers, readers, 'welcomers', tea and coffee makers, 'setter-uppers' etc. etc.

Your efforts are very much appreciated.

Sunday 18th January, 2026
The Second Sunday of Epiphany

9.45am: Parish Eucharist with Baptism - Rev Tim Wall

Welcome – Vera and Susan

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O.T. Reading: Isa. 49: 1-7 – Jacqui Harriman

N.T. Reading: 1 Cor. 1: 1-9

Gospel: John 1: 29-42 - Rev. Tim Wall

Sermon and Prayers following baptism: Rev. Tim Wall

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, 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.
