

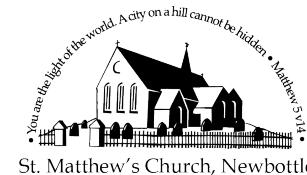
PCC Accounts month ending 31st January, 2026

| | £ | | £ |
|----------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Balance B/F | 461.80 | Gas | 314.15 |
| January income | <u>1,066.83</u> | Electric | 95.49 |
| Total | 1,528.63 | TBG printing | 24.61 |
| Expenditure | <u>1,336.79</u> | Church Insurance | 374.77 |
| Balance C/F | <u>191.84</u> | Photocopier Lease TBG | 130.90 |
| | | Cathedral shop (wafers) | 53.95 |
| | | Visiting Clergy | 102.75 |
| | | Vicars Expenses | 192.17 |
| | | Water Rates (Vicarage) | <u>48.00</u> |
| | | Total | <u>1,336.79</u> |

P.C.C. meeting: Monday 9th March 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



St. Matthew's Church, Newbottle

Sunday 8th February, 2026 The Second Sunday before Lent

9.45am: Family Eucharist - Rev. Peter Hood

Welcome: Vera Marshall

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Celebrant and Preacher: Rev. Peter Hood

Hymn – 784; “Ye servants of God,”

O.T. Reading: Gen. 1: 1 to 2: 3 – Marjorie Lydiatt

N.T. Reading: Rom. 8: 18-25

Hymn – 327; “Immortal, invisible,” Omit v5

Gospel: Matt: 6: 25-34 - Rev. Peter Hood

Sermon: Rev. Peter Hood

Prayers – Pat French

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

Holy Communion Music – “Give thanks,”

Holy Communion Hymn - 419; “Like a mighty river flowing,”

Final Hymn – 564; “Praise to the Lord, the almighty,”

Mid-week Service

11th February, 10.00am – Wednesday. Rev. Paul Grundy
Readings: 1 Kings 10: 1-10. Mark 7: 14-23 - Joy

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

Departed: Family and Friends.

Dates for the Diary

Saturday 14th February 2026 - Pancake Party, 10am-12pm in Jubilee Room (Everyone is welcome, so please bring a friend or neighbour if you can).

Ash Wednesday Service, 10.00am in church.

On 18th February instead of our normal service, Tim will be leading a special service for Ash Wednesday. It will be a great chance to pause and reflect before we begin our journey through Lent together. Please do come if you are able.

Starting Wednesday 25th February 2026 – Lent Reflection

We are, once again, joining with our friends from Houghton for a joint Lent reflection. This year we will be thinking about the joy we have in God and how we share it with others. There are more details at the back of church, and also a space to indicate if you are thinking of coming. It will be running every Wednesday in Lent, 7-8:30pm at the Space4 Hub, Newbottle Street, Houghton. Everyone is welcome.

Sunday 15th February, 2026

The Sunday next before Lent

9.45am: Parish Eucharist - Rev Tim Wall

Welcome – Wayne Marshall

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O.T. Reading: Exod. 24: 12-18 – Charles Martin

N.T. Reading: 2 Peter 1: 16-21

Gospel: Matt: 17: 1-9 - Rev. Tim Wall

Sermon: Tom Dick

Prayers: Marjorie Lydiatt

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.

At our latest delivery to Space4's foodbank, we asked if there were any particular items that they run short of. They said that that they are always short of long-life milk, powdered milk, sugar and personal hygiene wipes such as baby and face wipes.

Please make sure items have a fairly long use by date/shelf life.
