PCC Accounts month ending 30th April, 2026

	£		£
Balance B/F	117.45	Gas	274.30
February income	1,235.26	Electric	84.11
Total	1,352.71	Vicars Expenses Mar	100.15
Expenditure	1,285.94	Church Insurance	398.94
Balance C/F	66.77	Cathedral Shop (inc. donation for candles)	134.94
		Visiting Clergy	114.60
		Water Rates (Vicarage)	48.00
		TBG Photocopier Lease	130.90
		Total	1,285.94

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

Prayer between Ascension and Pentecost

We will be using the ten days between Ascension and Pentecost to pray for the life of our church. This is something we can all be a part of and we can join in with this in different ways.

We will begin this period with a service for the Ascension on Thursday 14th at 2pm in church. Please join us if you can.

Church will also be open at various points during the ten days for you to come in and pray. You are welcome to drop in when you can, but if you can commit to being there at certain points, this would be helpful (there is a sign-up sheet at the back).

There are also prayer resources to take today, to enable you to pray at home, at work, or wherever you find yourself over these ten days.

Or you can just pray; that we would know God more in our life together, that others would know his love through us, and that our church would thrive.

St. Matthew's Church, Newbottle

Sunday 10th May, 2026
The Sixth Sunday of Easter

9.45am: Family Worship
Welcome – Wayne Marshall
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Celebrant and Preacher – Rev Tim Wall
Hymn – 200: 'Great is Thy Faithfulness'
O.T. reading: Gen. 8: 20 – 9: v17 – Mike Eames
N.T. reading: Acts 17: 22-31
Hymn – 564: 'Praise to the Lord, the Almighty'
Gospel: John 14:15-21 – Rev Tim Wall
Sermon: Rev Tim Wall
Prayers: Stephen Holmes
Collection hymn – 528: 'O Worship the King'
Holy Communion Music – 'Give Thanks' (Guitar)
Final Hymn – 201: 'Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah'

Mid-week Services

13th May, 10.00am – Wednesday.
Holy Communion: Rev. Paul Grundy
Readings: Acts 17: 15, 22, – 18: v1. John 16: 12-15 – Vera

14th May, 2.00pm – Ascension Day - Thursday
Reflective Service: Rev. Tim Wall
Readings: Luke 24: 50 – 53; Acts 1: 6 – 11

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

Departed: Friends and Family

Roof Replacement Fund

The roof tiles on the north side of our church need renewing, so we are undertaking a slate purchase scheme as part of our roof fund/project. Slates can be purchased individually or in clusters/batches. More information is available on the noticeboard in the entrance lobby and at the back of church, but 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.

Smile and Say Cheese

If you didn't fill in a photo consent form and you are happy for us to use your image for promotional purposes, please do fill in a form and hand it to Tim today.

Thank you!

A big thank you to Jacqui, Janette, Heather and Dave of the maintenance team for their work in pointing the stonework inside the boiler room on Tuesday 5th May. Thank you for your hard work. We have another day of pointing planned for the boiler room on Tuesday 12th May from 09:00 to 12:00. All are most welcome.

Upcoming Dates

Tim's last service at St. Matthew's will be on Sunday 21st June. Please come if you are able. There will be cake after the service.

There will be no service at St. Matthew's on Sunday 28th June as we have been invited to Durham Cathedral for Susanna's ordination at 10am. We are exploring the possibility of organizing a mini-bus – if you could indicate on the sheet at the back if you would be interested in this, that would be very helpful.

Sunday 17th May, 2026
The Seventh Sunday of Easter
Sunday after Ascension Day

9.45am: Parish Eucharist
Welcome – Pat French
Celebrant and Preacher – Rev Tim Wall
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O.T. reading: Ezek. 36: 24 – 28 – Charles Martin
N.T. reading: Acts 1: 6 - 14
Gospel: John 17: 1 - 11 – Rev Tim Wall
Sermon: Rev Tim Wall
Prayers: Joanne Martin

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.