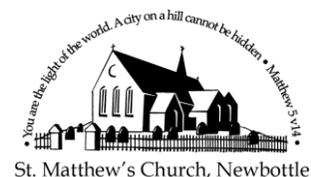


PCC Accounts month ending 28th February, 2026

	£		£
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 15th March, 2026 The Fourth Sunday of Lent MOTHERING SUNDAY

9.45am: Parish Eucharist – Rev Tim Wall

Welcome – Susan Dick

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Hymn – 560; “Praise, my soul,”

O.T. reading: 1 Sam. 16: 1-13 – Vera Marshall

N.T. reading: Eph. 5: 8-14

Hymn – 54; “Bind us together, Lord,”

Gospel: John 9: - Rev. Tim Wall

Sermon: Rev. Tim Wall

Distribution of Mother's Day flowers

Prayers: Joanne Martin

Collection hymn – 251; “How sweet the name of Jesus sounds”

Holy Communion Music – “Such love” Guitar

Holy Communion Hymn - 435; “Lord Jesus Christ,”

Final Hymn – 708; “To God be the glory!”

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

Continuing Wednesday 18th March 2026 – Lent Reflection

*Yet another lovely evening with our friends from Houghton on Wednesday. Please don't worry if you missed the previous sessions and would still like to come along, as you can join in at any time during Lent. We are following Paula Gooder's book “**The Joy of the Gospel**” and thinking about the joy we have in God and how we share it with others. You don't have to buy a book, as sheets are provided.*

It is continuing to run every Wednesday in Lent, 7-8:30pm at the Space4 Hub, Newbottle Street, Houghton. Please do join us. Everyone is more than welcome. It is relaxed, warm and welcoming.

Mid-week Service

18th March, 10.00am – Wednesday.

Holy Communion: **Rev. Paul Grundy**

Readings: Isa. 49: 8-15. John 5: 17-30 - Joy

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.

Date for the Diary

The APCM is scheduled for **11.00am Sunday April 26th** after the morning service. Please make a note of this, it would be great to have as many people as possible present. More details to follow in the coming weeks.

LENT PROJECT - Space4 Foodbank

During Lent, from Sunday 22nd February to Sunday 22nd March, as a special Lent project, we are collecting some perishable items such as sugar, flour, spread, long-life milk and powdered milk. We are also collecting personal hygiene items such as baby/face/surface wipes, soap, shower wash and feminine hygiene items. Any donations received will be taken to Space4 each Monday or Friday during Lent.

There is a box at the back of church for items. Please help if you can by supporting this project.

****** Space4 Foodbank would like to say a big thank you for all the donations received so far. Our contributions are making a difference, thank you everyone. ******

Sunday 22nd March, 2026 **The Fifth Sunday of Lent** **(Passiontide begins)**

9.45am: Parish Eucharist – Rev Tim Wall

Welcome – Pat French

Celebrant: Rev Tim Wall

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O.T. reading: Ezek. 37: 1-14 – Jacqui Harriman

N.T. reading: Rom. 8: 6-11

Gospel: John 11: 1-45 - Rev. Tim Wall

Sermon: Tom Dick

Prayers: 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 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.
