PCC Accounts month ending 31st October, 2026

	£		£
Balance B/F	249.35	TBG (Quarterly lease)	130.90
Oct. income	1,266.21	Gas	67.90
Total	1,515.56	Electric	74.32
Expenditure	1,271.16	Parish Share	350.00
Balance C/F	244.40	Church Insurance	398.96
		Visiting Clergy	249.08
		Total	1,271.16

2026 Parish Share
£5,100 paid to end of October 2026.
£9,900 due to be paid by end December 2026.

P.C.C. meeting: Monday 7th December 7.30pm in Jubilee Room

S.M.D.T. meeting: Monday TBA, 7.00pm in Vestry

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

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Dates for the diary – ALL WELCOME

Friday 4th Dec, 6pm - Village Christmas Tree Lights switch on. With free refreshments served in the hall.

Saturday 5th Dec, 12-2pm – Christmas Fayre

Tuesday 15th Dec, 7pm – Carols around the Christmas Tree with sherry and mince pies.
Please invite and bring along family, neighbours and friends.
Donations of wine, sherry and mince pies etc. for the evening will be very gratefully received.
(Please wear your Christmas jumper or something Christmassy).

St. Matthew's Church, Newbottle

Sunday 15th November, 2026
The Second Sunday Before Advent

9.45am: Parish Communion
Welcome – Susan Dick
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Celebrant and Preacher – Rev. Judith Howes
Hymn – 784; "Ye servants of God,"
O.T. reading: Zeph. 1: 7, 12-18 – Vera Marshall
N.T. reading: 1 Thess. 5: 1-11
Hymn – 882; "Lord of all hopefulness,"
Gospel: Matt. 25: 14-30 – Rev. Judith Howes
Sermon: Rev. Judith Howes
Prayers: Tom Dick
Collection hymn – 624; "Take my life, and let it be"
Holy Communion Music – "Be still and know" Harp
Final Hymn – 1008; "The Lord's my shepherd"

Mid-week Services

18th November, 2026 – Wednesday
10.00am Holy Communion: Rev. Paul Grundy
Readings: Rev. 4: Luke 19: 11-28 – Jacqui

Prayers for: Florence & Derek Coffey, Dianne Whatcott, Michelle McDonald, Dawn McDonald, Bell Wake, Nicky (nee Davison) & Jimi Harkins, Kristofer Marshall, Mike Glover, Annabelle Wilson, Sweity Rao and Linda Richardson.

Departed: Wilf Harrison

SAMARITAN'S PURSE CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Shoebox Appeal this year. An amazing **28** boxes plus 2 online have been donated this year which is absolutely wonderful. **30** children will be receiving a lovely Christmas present, that they probably wouldn't have had. Also, a massive thank you to Pat and Bob for once again organizing the appeal and for dropping off the boxes to the local collection point.

Sunday 22nd November, 2026
The Sunday Next Before Advent
CHRIST THE KING

9.45am: Parish Eucharist
Welcome – Vera Marshall
Celebrant & preacher: Rev. Paul Grundy
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O.T. reading: Ezek. 34: 11-16, 20-24 – Charles Martin
N.T. reading: Eph. 1: 15-23
Gospel: Matt. 25: 31-46 – Rev. Paul Grundy
Sermon: Rev. Paul Grundy
Prayers: Joanne Martin

Roof Replacement Fund

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. Further information is also available on the noticeboard in the entrance lobby and at the back of church.

Food Bank

We are continuing to accept 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.
