

PCC Accounts month ending 31st March, 2025

	£		£
Balance B/F	566.46	Electric	130.78
March Income	<u>1,469.30</u>	Gas	373.61
Total	2,035.76	Church Insurance	381.94
Expenditure	<u>1,421.23</u>	Photocopies TBG	9.50
Balance C/F	<u>614.53</u>	Cathedral Shop	145.40
		Robson Print (cards)	243.00
		Visiting Clergy	<u>137.00</u>
		Total	<u>1,421.23</u>

P.C.C. meeting: Monday 19th May, 7.30pm in Jubilee Room.

S.M.D.T. meeting: No May meeting.

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

Let's Talk– Wednesday 14th May, 7pm-8pm in Lady Chapel (with light refreshments).

Our informal discussion group giving us the opportunity to discuss our faith and learn more about Jesus, as well as spending some special time together as a family.

Sunday 4th May, 2025
The Third Sunday of EASTER

9.45am: Family Eucharist with Baptism. Rev. Tim Wall

Welcome: Pat and Susan

Collect & readings page 901

Hymn – 173; “Glorious thing of thee are spoken”

N.T. Reading: Acts 9: 1-6 – Mike Eames

N.T. Reading: Rev. 5: 11-14

Hymn – 54; “Bind us together Lord”

Gospel: John 21: 1–19 - Rev. Tim Wall

Sermon – Rev. Tim Wall.

Baptism and prayers – **Harriett Bailey**

Collection hymn – 760; “Trust and obey”

Holy Communion Music – “Guitar music”

Holy Communion hymn – 34; “Angel voices ever singing”

Final hymn – 564; “Praise to the Lord the Almighty”

Mid-week Services

7th May, 10.00am – Wednesday

Holy Communion: **Rev. Paul Grundy**

Readings: Acts 8: 1b-8, John 6: 35-40 – Wayne Marshall

Baptism

Harriett Bailey.

Parents: Christopher and Jade.

Godparents: Liam, Rebecca, Lee, Nicole, Howard, Jade, Callum, Francis, Debbie and Scott.

Prayers for: Mary Brewis; Florence and Derek Coffey;
Dianne Watcotte; Michelle McDonald; Dorothy Orrell and
Dawn McDonald.

Departed: Family and Friends

Suspension of Presentation – Update

The suspension is for up to 5 years to allow flexibility to consider future pastoral care at Newbottle. This does not mean we won't have any ministry for that period, it is the start of enabling pastoral reorganisation to take place.

At the start of our vacancy in 2022 we were told by the then Archdeacon Bob that this would have to happen at some time in the future, but not at that time. It would appear that this move is a result of the favourable VAP report being submitted to the Bishop's Council in March 2025.

Tom emailed Archdeacon Libby and John our Area Dean, to find out what progress, if any, has been made with regard to the future Group Ministry or whatever plan may be being considered for a Priest in Charge responsible for St Matthew's.

Archdeacon Libby replied: -

“Regarding Newbottle – the suspension is a legal way of getting things moving and regularising your position as a parish. We do recognise your view that there is a stalemate at the moment and want to honour what the Vacancy Audit said about your energy and desire to grow as a parish – so we are not wedded to the group ministry as originally envisaged being the only option. However, I don't want to promise something until we have a concrete proposal, so I'd be grateful for your patience as we try and work out the right way forward.”

We will keep you all updated, but if you have any questions, please contact Joy or Tom

Sunday 11th May, 2025 **The Fourth Sunday of EASTER**

9.45am: Parish Family Eucharist

Welcome – Wayne Marshall

Celebrant and Preacher: Rev Michael Beck

Collect and readings page 905

N.T. Reading: Acts 9: 36-43 – Marjorie Lydiatt

N.T. Reading: Rev. 7: 9-17

Gospel: John 10: 22–30 - Rev Michael Beck

Sermon: Rev Michael Beck

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.

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.