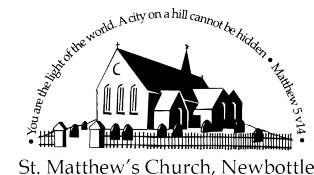


PCC Accounts month ending 31st January, 2026

	£		£
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>



Sunday 22nd February, 2026 The First Sunday of Lent

9.45am: Family Worship

Welcome – Pat French

Leader – Stephen Holmes

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Welcome and opening prayer

Hymn – 400; “Lead us Heavenly Father lead us”

Collect and confession

O.T. Reading: Gen. 2: 15-17, 3: 1-7 – Jacqui Harriman

N.T. Reading: Romans 5: 12-19

Hymn – 988; “How deep the Father's love for us,”

Gospel: Matt: 4: 1-11 – Stephen Holmes

Sermon – Stephen Holmes

Music for reflection before prayers; “Be still and know” Harp

Prayers – Tom Dick

Collection hymn – 59; “Blessed assurance,”

Lord's Prayer and Peace

Final hymn –1008; “The Lord's my shepherd,”

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Mid-week Service

25th February, 10.00am – Wednesday.

Holy Communion: **Rev. Paul Grundy**

Readings: Jonah 3. Luke 11: 29-32 - Wayne

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

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 during Lent.

There will be a box at the back of church for items.

Please help if you can by supporting this project.

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.

Dates for the Diary

At the next PCC meeting (9th March) we will be considering reports for the APCM, so if you are responsible for producing a report, please prepare it for that meeting.

The APCM is scheduled for **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.

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 1st March, 2026 **The Second Sunday of Lent**

9.45am: Parish Eucharist – Rev Tim Wall

Welcome – Jim Burnett
Celebrant: Rev Tim Wall
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O.T. reading: Gen. 12: 1-4a – Pat French
N.T. reading: Rom. 4: 1-5, 13-17
Gospel: John 3: 1–17 - Rev. Tim Wall
Sermon: Joanne Martin
Prayers: Stephen Holmes

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.

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