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 29th November, 2026
The FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT

9.45am: Family Worship
Welcome – Jim Burnett
Leader and Preacher – Joanne Martin.
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Welcome and opening prayer
Hymn – 102; "Come, Thou long-expected-Jesus,"
Collect and confession
O.T. reading: Isa. 64: 1-9 – Tom Dick
N.T. reading: 1 Cor 1: 3-9
Hymn – 525; "O Thou who camest from above,"
Gospel: Mark 13: 24-37 – Joanne Martin
Sermon – Joanne Martin
Music for reflection and prayer; "Harp"
Prayers – Stephen Holmes
Collection hymn – 449; "Love divine, all loves excelling," omit v2
Lord's Prayer and Peace
Final hymn – 486; "Now thank we all our God,"

Tonight 6pm at St Michaels and All Angels, Houghton le Spring
Advent Carol Service

Mid-week Services

2nd December, 2026 – Wednesday
10.00am Holy Communion: Rev. Paul Grundy
Readings: Isa. 25: 6-10a, Matt 15: 29-37 – Jacqui

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

Departed: Wilf Harrison and Bell Wake

Funeral: Bell Wake, Friday 18th December, 1:30pm in Church

Church Hall Cleaning – Tuesday 1st December 9.30-11.30am
If you are available for a couple of hours to get our church hall cleaned and ready for serving refreshments at the village Christmas tree lights turn on and also ready for our Christmas fayre, please do come along, your help would be greatly appreciated.
The normal Tuesday morning cleaning in church will be moved to the hall for that day.

Tuesday 8th December, 9am – Christmas Tree, Crib and Poles
If you have time, please come along and join us in decorating our church in readiness for Christmas. There may even be carols playing and a mince pie or two. Its hard work but great fun, and any help would be greatly appreciated, even if it's making tea or coffee etc.
Christmas tree delivery, time to be confirmed.

Sunday 6th December, 2026
The Second Sunday of Advent

9.45am: Family Eucharist
Welcome – Susan Dick
Celebrant and Preacher: **Rev Michael Beck**
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O.T. Reading: Isa. 40: 1-11 – Jim Sunley
N.T. Reading: 2 Peter 3: 8-15a
Gospel: Mark 1: 1-8 - Rev Michael Beck
Sermon: Rev Michael Beck
Prayers: Pat French

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.

Christmas Wreath Making – Cancelled

Unfortunately, the above workshop has had to be cancelled. However, you can still purchase a readymade, handmade Christmas wreath at a cost of £30. If you would like to order one, please let Jacqui know, together with your payment.