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).



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

9.45am: Parish Communion
Welcome – Vera Marshall
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Celebrant and Preacher – Rev. Paul Grundy
Hymn – 201; "Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,"
O.T. reading: Ezek. 34: 11-16, 20-24 – Charles Martin
N.T. reading: Eph. 1: 15-23
Hymn – 575; "Rejoice, the Lord is King" (omit v4)
Gospel: Matt. 25: 31-46 – Rev. Paul Grundy
Sermon: Rev. Paul Grundy
Prayers: Joanne Martin
Collection hymn – 77; "Christ triumphant,"
Holy Communion Music – "It is You" Guitar
Final Hymn – 708; "To God be the glory!"

Mid-week Services

25th November, 2026 – Wednesday
10.00am Holy Communion: Rev. Paul Grundy
Readings: Rev.15: 1-4: Luke 21: 12-19 – Vera

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 Bel Wake

Funeral: Bel 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.
Even if it's to keep the troops going with tea and coffee or have a little chat, we'd love to have you join us.
The normal Tuesday morning cleaning in church will be moved to the hall for that day.
Please see Anne if you are able to help or just turn up on the day.

Christmas Wreath Making – Cancelled

Unfortunately, the above workshop has had to be cancelled.
However, if you would like to purchase a readymade, handmade Christmas wreath, the cost is £30.
If you would like to purchase a wreath, please let Jacqui know together with your payment, as soon as possible.

Sunday 29th November, 2026
The First Sunday of Advent

9.45am: Parish Worship
Welcome – Jim Burnett
Leader & preacher: Joanne Martin
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O.T. reading: Isa. 64: 1-9 – Tom Dick
N.T. reading: 1 Cor 1: 3-9
Gospel: Mark 13: 24-37 – Joanne Martin
Sermon: Joanne Martin
Prayers: Stephen Holmes

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

A beautiful candlelit service of music, hymns & readings.
Mince pies after the service.
A delightful service for a wonderful start to Advent!

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.
