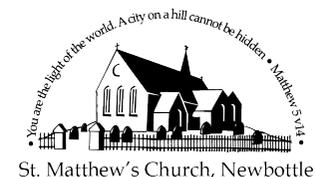


PCC Accounts month ending 28th February, 2026

	£		£
Balance B/F	191.84	Gas	393.98
February income	<u>1,369.77</u>	Electric	133.65
Total	1,561.61	Vicars Expenses Jan/Feb	184.61
Expenditure	<u>1,518.86</u>	Church Insurance	381.91
Balance C/F	<u>42.75</u>	Donations-Smile Train	50.00
		Donations-Alzheimer's	50.00
		Visiting Clergy	179.75
		Water Rates (Church)	96.96
		Water Rates (Vicarage)	<u>48.00</u>
		Total	<u>1,518.86</u>



Sunday 22nd March, 2026 **The Fifth Sunday of Lent** **(Passiontide begins)**

9.45am: Parish Eucharist – Rev Tim Wall

Welcome – Pat French

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Hymn – 560; “Praise, my soul,”

O.T. reading: Ezek. 37: 1-14 – Jacqui Harriman

N.T. reading: Rom. 8: 6-11

Hymn – 54; “Bind us together, Lord,”

Gospel: John 11: 1-45 - Rev. Tim Wall

Sermon: Tom Dick

Prayers: Rev. Tim Wall

Collection hymn – 251; “How sweet the name of Jesus sounds”

Holy Communion Music – “Such love” Guitar

Holy Communion Hymn - 435; “Lord Jesus Christ,”

Final Hymn – 708; “To God be the glory!”

P.C.C. meeting: Monday 18th May, 7.30pm in Jubilee Room

S.M.D.T. meeting: Monday 16th April, 7.00pm in Vestry

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

Continuing Wednesday 18th March 2026 – Lent Reflection

Please don't worry if you missed the previous sessions and would still like to come along, as you can join in at any time.

It is continuing to run every Wednesday in Lent, 7-8:30pm at the Space4 Hub, Newbottle Street, Houghton. Please do join us.

Everyone is more than welcome. It is relaxed, warm and welcoming.

LENT PROJECT - Space4 Foodbank

A big thank you for all the donations received during Lent 2026. Your contributions are much appreciated at Space4 Foodbank.

Mid-week Service

25th March, 10.00am – Wednesday.

Holy Communion: **Rev. Paul Grundy**

Readings: Isa. 7: 10-14. Luke 1: 26-38 - Joseph

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.

Our APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) is scheduled for 11.00am Sunday April 26th after the morning service. Please do join us for this very important meeting and it would be great to have as many people as possible present. Please do also consider standing as a Churchwarden or PCC member for 2026/2027. More details to follow.

Holy Week and Easter Services

Palm Sunday 29th March

9.45am – Holy Communion
(A service of celebration for all ages together)

Wednesday 1st April

10.00am – Holy Communion

Maundy Thursday 2nd April

7.00pm – Holy Communion

Good Friday 3rd April

2.00pm – Hour at the cross

Easter Sunday 5th April

9.45am – Holy Communion

Sunday 29th March, 2026
Palm Sunday

9.45am: Parish Eucharist – Rev Tim Wall

Welcome – Jim Burnett

Celebrant: Rev Tim Wall

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O.T. reading: Page 110 - Isa. 50: 4-9a – Stephen Holmes

N.T. reading: Page 112 - Phil. 2: 5-11

Gospel: Page 108 - Matt. 21: 1-11 - Rev. Tim Wall

Sermon: Rev. Tim Wall

Prayers: Marjorie Lydiatt

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 and 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.
