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Parish News

Church and Community News for Haslington and Crewe Green



St. Matthew's Haslington



St. Michael's Crewe Green

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Pastoral Letter

Embracing Lent: A Season of Renewal and Reflection

As we enter the season of Lent, we begin on a 40-day journey of reflection, prayer, and self-discipline, mirroring Jesus' time of fasting in the wilderness. Lent offers us a special opportunity for spiritual introspection and renewal. It is a time to consider our lives in light of our faith and to deepen our relationship with God.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, and ends on Holy Saturday, the day before Easter Sunday. This period excludes Sundays, which are considered feast days celebrating the resurrection of Jesus and are not counted in the 40 days of Lent.

The primary purpose of Lent is to prepare for Easter through the three pillars of Lenten observance: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Each element serves to draw us closer to God and reflect on the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Lent is a time to enhance our prayer life. Consider setting aside specific times each day for prayer. This could involve participating in daily services at church, or online, personal Bible study, or meditative practices such as lectio divina, where the bible is read, meditated upon, and prayed over – you could use the bible readings in our YWOW sheet. Engaging with our Lent group can also enrich your spiritual journey.

This year, our parish is excited to offer a Lent course focused on resurrection, titled "The 3rd Day." This course is an excellent opportunity to delve deeper into the meaning of the resurrection and its impact on our faith and daily lives. I encourage everyone to participate as we explore this central tenet of Christianity through discussions, reflections, and shared insights.

Fasting during Lent helps us to discipline our bodies and focus our spirits. Traditionally, fasting involves abstaining from certain foods or meals. However, the spirit of fasting can also include giving up other comforts or habitual sins. This practice is not merely about depriving ourselves but about being freed up to be more attuned to God and more available to care for others.

Charitable giving (Almsgiving) helps us to focus beyond ourselves and to address the needs of others. This can involve donating money or goods to those in need or volunteering our time and talents. The act of giving is a reflection of God's generosity to us and is fundamental to a Christian life.

As we keep Lent, let us remember that this season is not just about personal sacrifice, but about preparing ourselves to celebrate Easter and the transformative power of Jesus' resurrection. It is a time to renew our faith, hope, and love, drawing nearer to God and reflecting God's light in our lives and communities. May this Lent be a time of meaningful sacrifice, prayerful reflection, and joyful anticipation of the resurrection of Christ.

With every blessing, Vicar Jane xx



St. Matthew's PCC

PCC Members— Rev Jane(Chair), Alan Wheeler (Warden) Colin Booth (Warden) ,Jane McCombie (Secretary) Arleine Bloor, Roger Pearce, Barbara Harris, , Viv Grunner, Anna Betts, Steve Grunner, Celia Booth.

Minutes From The PCC Meeting will now be posted at the back of church

Our next PCC meeting will be held on Thursday 27th March 2025 at 10 am.
At the home of Colin and Celia.

St. Matthew's A.P.C.M will be held on Sunday 6th April following the morning service.

Church Hall cleaning and maintenance

The next hall cleaning is on Friday 7th March, starting at 9:00am. New volunteers welcome.

Anna Betts



Parish email address

Please note that a parish email account has been set up for emails of a parish nature could you please use this address. hcganglican@gmail.com

Church website:

The church website is now updated with all services and activities on a regular basis, see www.hcganglican.org. if you would like anything advertised for church activities on the site please contact Chris Betts. chris_betts_@hotmail.com

Church Diary March 2025

Sunday	2nd	Sunday Next Before Lent
	9.30 am	Holy Communion at St Matthew's Church
	10.45 am	Service of Morning prayer at Christ Church
	11.00 am	Service of Morning prayer at St Michael's Church
Wednesday	5 th	Ash Wednesday
	10:45 am	Holy Communion (BCP) and Imposition of Ashes at St Matthew's Church
Sunday	9th	1st Sunday of Lent
	9:30 am	Holy Communion at St Matthew's Church
	10:45 am	Service of Morning prayer at Christ Church
	11.00 am	Holy Communion service at St Michael's Church
	4.00 pm	Café Church, in St Matthew's church Hall.
Wednesday	12 th	10:45 am Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's Church
Sunday	16th	2nd Sunday of Lent
	9.30 am	Service of Morning Prayer at St Matthew's Church
	10.45 am	Holy Communion at Christ Church
	11.00 am	Service of Morning Prayer at St Michael & All Angels.
Wednesday	19 th	10:45 am Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's Church
Sunday	23rd	3rd Sunday of Lent
	9.30 am	Holy Communion at St Matthew's Church
	10.45 am	Service of Morning Prayer at Christ Church
	11.00 am	Holy communion at St Michael & All Angels
	4.30 pm	Service of Evening Prayer at Christ Church
Wednesday	26 th	10:45 am Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's Church
Sunday	30th	4th Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday





Haslington Women's Institute

February was our Birthday meeting. Holly Reynolds came to sing for us while we enjoyed our fish and chip supper.

One of our ladies hosted a "Jigsaw Race". We had Tea, coffee and breakfast items to help our concentration.

Coming up we have a visit to the Escape rooms in Chester. The next dining club is to the Legs of Man.

Also Paddle boarding and the Snow Drop walk at Rode Hall.

The WI meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at The Cosey Club 7.30. All welcome.

Janet Dake.....haslingtonwi

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St. Matthew's Social Committee

The next monthly coffee morning is in the church hall on Friday 28th March between 10:00am and 12:00 noon. All are welcome to come and enjoy a morning of fellowship. (See pg 16 for re-arranged Feb. coffee morning)
There is still time to enter a team in Alan's fun quiz on Saturday 22nd March. Please complete the form on page 19.

Date for your diary

Saturday April 20th An Easter Afternoon Tea and Easter draw.

A new addition to the Social calendar, on Saturday 17th May, there will be a book sale and coffee morning, in the church hall, between 10:00am and 12:00 noon. We

have both reference books and novels available, so please let as many people know about this event as possible.





United Benefice Mothers Union

Last month our Branch held its AGM. It was well attended and we said thanks to Viv Grunner who is standing down as Joint Branch Leader, although she will still be very much involved in all our meetings and activities. We followed the official part of the afternoon with wonderful fellowship and cake and finished with a tricky quiz of a Connecting Wall. We are always glad to welcome new members, the only quality we ask is that they support the work of God in marriage and family life.

Our next meeting date is Wednesday 19th March where we hope to welcome the Canal & River Trust's Chaplain (the venue to be confirmed).

Jane McCombie (Branch Leader) tel: 581769.



Lent course

Rev Jane will be running a Lent course this year based "On the Third Day" York course, with Bishop's Libby Lane & Tom Wright, and Prof. Paul Valley, looking at Jesus' resurrection. The course will begin on Wednesday, 5th March 7.30pm, at the Vicarage, it's 5 sessions. There won't be a meeting on 12th March, so it will take us to 9th April.

The course will major on the Alpha course and the Confirmation.



Regular Church Hall Activities

Because of current circumstances the church hall and all social meetings / events are beginning to open up if you require any information please contact any of the below.

Young People

Cubs	Tuesday	17:45 – 19:15	Katrina Fearn email: crewegreenscouts@hotmail.co.uk
Scouts	Monday	19:30 – 21:00	Verity Ashcroft / Jamie Davies email: crewegreenscouts@hotmail.co.uk
Rainbows	Wednesday	16:30 – 17:30	Mrs Maria Pickersgill Tel: 258821 haslingtonbrownies@yahoo.co.uk
Brownies	Wednesday	17:45 – 19:00	Mrs Cathy Consterdine Tel: 214832 haslingtonbrownies@yahoo.co.uk

Cameo

Our Cameo Group, a luncheon club for the bereaved and anyone else who, through circumstances, finds themselves alone. On the 3rd Thursday of the month (at the present) at 1:00 in St. Matthew's Church Hall. We welcome anyone from anywhere. Contact Viv Grunner (501538) for further information.

Mothers Union

Meet on a Wednesday please Speak to Jane McCombie (581769) or Viv Grunner (501538)

Coffee Mornings

Friday Morning Coffee Mornings are held in St. Matthews Church Hall 10:00 –12:00 on the 4th Friday of the month.

Gardening Club

Meet on the 1st Thursday of the month 19:30 – 21:00

Health/Wellbeing/Hobbies

Keep Fit Tuesday 19:30 – 20:30

Pre School Dance `Thursday 10:45—11:45

Friday 10:45—11:45

God at the Movies 2nd Thursday in the month (*Postponed for a few months*)

Prayer Breakfast 4th Saturday every 2 months

Café Church / Open table 2nd Sunday in the month



Kent Lent Tart

Ingredients

For the pastry

180g Plain wholemeal flour
0.5 tsp Baking powder
90g Butter (salted) (at room temperature)

For the filling

200ml Milk (whole)
100ml Double cream
30g Ground rice
75g Butter (salted) (at room temperature)
75g Golden Caster Sugar
2 Eggs large, beaten
2 Lemons zest only
0.25 tsp Nutmeg
0.25 tsp Lemon extract
35g Currants



Method

Make the pastry either by hand or in a food processor. Line an 8" flan tin, prick the base, and refrigerate for 20 minutes to rest the pastry before baking blind at 180 deg C for 15 minutes until it is cooked, but not brown.

Meanwhile bring the milk, cream and rice to the boil, stirring continuously and simmer for 30 seconds until thickened, remove and cool.

Beat the butter and sugar together until light and fluffy.

Beat the eggs in gradually then add the lemon zest, nutmeg, lemon extract and the rice cream and beat until smooth.

Pour into the pastry case and sprinkle over a little extra nutmeg and the currants.

Bake in the oven for 30 minutes until firm to the touch and light brown, covering with foil



Church Rotas *For St. Matthew's*



St. Matthew's Reading Rota

02/03/2025	Steve Grunner
09/03/2025	Doris Farrell
16/03/2025	Helen Pearce
23/03/2025	Viv Grunner
30/03/2025	Jane McC

St. Matthew's Intercession Rota

02/03/2025	Darren Evans
09/03/2025	Viv Grunner
16/03/2025	Pat Hills
23/03/2025	Revd Jane
30/03/2025	Joint Service

St. Matthew's Eucharist Server Rota

02/03/2025	Chris Betts
09/03/2025	Alan Wheeler
16/03/2025	-
23/03/2025	Arleine Bloor
30/03/2025	tba

St. Matthew's Sides-person Rota

02/03/2025	Dennis & Jane McC
09/03/2025	Janet D & Shelagh H
16/03/2025	Jane & John McC
23/03/2025	Sheila M & Anne A
30/03/2025	tba

St. Matthew's Flower Rota

01/03/2025	TBA
08/03/2025	Lent No Flowers
15/03/2025	———”———
22/03/2025	———”———
29/03/2025	———”———

St. Matthew's Church Locking up

02/03/2025	Arleine Bloor
09/03/2025	Steve Grunner
16/03/2025	Vicar Jane
23/03/2025	Chris Betts
30/03/2025	Colin Booth

March Sudoku

				5	8			9
8			1		2	5		4
			7	4		8	2	3
	3					9		6
	8	5				7	4	
9		4					1	
4	5	8		7	9			
7		2	4		5			8
3			2	8				

Easy

	4	3	5					
2					6	4	1	
	5	7	2					
3	1		9		4			
		5				9		
			7		3		2	1
					2	1	5	
	2	8	1					9
					5	3	7	

Medium

			8			6		2
5	6				7	9		
2			1				8	
		9	4	1				7
4				7	5	8		
	7				6			9
		6	5				2	1
3		5			1			

Hard



St. Michael's PCC

P.C.C. Members: Rev Jane(Chair), Nancy Kay (CW) Helen Ledward (Secretary, Deanery Rep), Roy Davies (Treasurer) Linda Clarke (Deanery Rep), Ron Taylor, Anne Thompson, Jeanette Allman, Barrie Blood, Margaret Hepburn,

Notes From The PCC Meeting will now be posted at the back of church.

St. Michael's next PCC Meeting will be held on Wednesday 12th March at 7.00 pm in the Vicarage.

St. Michael's A.P.C.M will be held on Sunday 27th April at 12 noon following the morning service.



St. Michael's Social Committee

ST. MICHAEL'S PANCAKE COFFEE MORNING

SATURDAY 1ST MARCH 10.00 - 12.00 IN CHURCH

**COME AND ENJOY FELLOWSHIP
AND DELICIOUS PANCAKES.**



ST MICHAEL'S EASTER EGG HUNT, CRAFTS AND EASTER STORY

SATURDAY 19TH APRIL 2.00 - 4.00 PM

IN AND AROUND THE CHURCH

**GREAT AFTERNOON OF FAMILY FUN WITH REFRESHMENTS
AND LOTS OF CHOCOLATE !!**





Church Rotas For St. Michael's



St. Michael's Prayer Rota

02/03/2025	Ron
09/03/2025	Nancy
16/03/2025	Helen
23/03/2025	Linda
30/03/2025	Anne

St. Michael's Reading Rota

02/03/2025	Ron
09/03/2025	Linda
16/03/2025	Anne
23/03/2025	Helen
30/03/2025	Nancy

St. Michael's Cleaning Rota

01/03/2025	Ron & Irene
08/03/2025	Helen
15/03/2025	Anne
22/03/2025	Barrie & Janette
29/03/2025	Linda

St. Michael's Coffee Rota

02/03/2025	Ron & Irene
09/03/2025	Barrie/Janette
16/03/2025	Helen
23/03/2025	Linda
30/03/2025	Barrie/Janette

St. Michael's Sides-person Rota

02/03/2025	Helen
09/03/2025	Nancy
16/03/2025	Barrie
23/03/2025	Margaret
30/03/2025	Helen

February Sudoku Solutions

7	1	3	6	2	4	5	8	9
6	9	2	5	1	8	7	4	3
8	5	4	7	9	3	6	2	1
4	7	8	2	3	6	1	9	5
5	2	9	1	8	7	3	6	4
1	3	6	9	4	5	8	7	2
2	8	1	3	7	9	4	5	6
3	6	7	4	5	2	9	1	8
9	4	5	8	6	1	2	3	7

Easy

7	6	5	9	8	3	1	4	2
3	1	2	5	4	6	9	7	8
8	9	4	7	1	2	3	5	6
1	2	3	4	6	7	5	8	9
5	4	7	3	9	8	2	6	1
6	8	9	1	2	5	7	3	4
4	3	1	6	7	9	8	2	5
2	7	6	8	5	1	4	9	3
9	5	8	2	3	4	6	1	7

Medium

6	5	1	8	7	9	3	2	4
3	9	2	4	1	5	7	6	8
8	7	4	6	3	2	9	5	1
2	4	9	1	5	3	8	7	6
7	6	8	2	9	4	1	3	5
1	3	5	7	6	8	2	4	9
5	8	7	3	4	1	6	9	2
9	1	6	5	2	7	4	8	3
4	2	3	9	8	6	5	1	7

Hard



Prayer Subjects

Some ideas that you may like to include in your daily prayers this month are:

Some Lent Prayers

Prayer for Lenten Renewal and Faith

Dear Lord,

As we embark on this Lenten journey, guide our hearts to repentance and reflection. Help us grow in faith and charity, drawing closer to You through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. May this season renew our spirits and strengthen our commitment to Your will.

Amen.

Reflection on the Passion of Christ

Our Father, In this sacred moment, we reflect on the profound suffering and love of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

May His Passion inspire us to embrace our own trials with grace and compassion.

Help us to understand the depth of His sacrifice and to live in a way that honours His enduring love.

Strengthen our faith as we walk in His footsteps.

Amen.

Uniting with Christ in Suffering

Dear Lord, In our moments of suffering, help us to unite our hearts with Christ, who bore our pain and sorrow.

May we find strength in His example and comfort in His presence.

Teach us to embrace our trials as a path to deeper faith and understanding.

Let our struggles draw us closer to You, transforming our pain into purpose.

Amen.

In Memoriam

Burial of Ashes of Edward Cope, St Matthew's, 19th February.

Funeral of Doris Bailey, Christ Church, 25th February.

Funeral of Barbara Whittle, St Matthew's 28th February.

Funeral of Keith Whittle, St Matthew's 28th February.



Around The Community

Dates for your Diary

St. Matthew's Social Committee have held a meeting, and the following programme for the year was decided,

March 22nd Quiz Night

April 20th Easter Afternoon Tea

June 28th Skittles Evening at The Bickerton Poacher

July 19th Strawberry Tea

August 16th Walk and Lunch

October 5th Harvest Lunch

October 11th Bingo

November 1st Autumn Fair and Lunch

December 6th Soup and Carols

There may be amendments and additions to the programme, but with the support of the church family, we hope that all events will go ahead.

Regards Anna Betts

COFFEE MORNING. The February Coffee Morning on the 28th was postponed due to a funeral. It will now take place on Friday 7th March 10-12noon at the home of Jane McCombie. Look forward to seeing you there. Please pass on this information to anyone you know who may not have this message.



Supermarket Shop.

I'm doing my weekly shop,
From the comfort of my settee.
And though the wonder of the internet,
They're bringing it all to me.
No need to worry about the weather
If its snow, Ice, rain or sunshine.
I don't have to fill up with petrol,
I know I'll be just fine.
No need to worry about the traffic,
Or if there's a space to park.
Whether I've change for the meter,
Or a pound for a trolley to start.
There's no worries at the till,
When I've forgotten all my bags.
Or there's an item without a barcode,
Or wait while they remove security tags
So with a cup of tea in hand,
I log on and start to shop.
And with a few clicks of a mouse,
I can shop until I drop.
And soon my basket is full,
With everything we need and more.
Delivered at a time to suit me,
And I never went out the door.
Now if only the chap that delivers.
Would put it all the cupboards too.
And fill up the fridge and the freezer,
I'd only have the cooking to do!

Christine Wheeler.



Prayer Breakfast

Saturday 29th March, 10:00am

St. Matthew's Church Hall



Fun and Frolics Evening



An evening of music by the Strings and Sunshine group was held at the Church Hall on the 15th of February. The event was well attended, and we raised £860 towards the refurbishment of the Church hall and everyone enjoyed the evening.

Thank you
Viv and the fund- raising team.





Around The Community

MARRIOT HOUSE VETERANS MONDAY CLUB





Come and join us on a Monday afternoon 2pm - 4pm
for a few games of Bingo, Tea/Coffee and Biscuits

55 years and over from surrounding areas

You will find us behind the Library in Sandbach CW11 1FJ

For more information please call
07944 335096

Free Parking

All Welcome

We are pleased to announce Alan's fun quiz will take place at St Matthew's church hall on Saturday 22nd March. Starting at 7:30pm.

As usual teams of up to a maximum of four people are welcome to take part at a cost of £5 per person. There is a supper available for £5:00 per person. Please bring your drink, glasses and cutlery.

As ever Alan will stretch our knowledge with rounds on music, sport, general knowledge, current affairs and the Bible. The prize for the winning team will be a hamper and as usual a booby prize for the quizzically challenged.

Please complete the slip below and return it to Anna Betts by 19th March.

Please enter my team as follows

Team name _____

1st member 2nd member.....

3rd member..... 4th member.....

Team contact name and phone number

Number of suppers required.....

Cheques made payable to St Matthew's PCC

March Quick View Diary

Sunday	2nd	Sunday Next Before Lent	
Tuesday	4 th	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park
Wednesday	5 th	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club
Thursday	6 th	7:30pm	Gardening Club meet in the Church Hall
Friday	7 th	9:00am	Church Hall Cleaning party

Sunday	9th	1st Sunday of Lent	
Tuesday	11 th	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park
		7:30pm	Haslington WI meet at the Cosy Club
Wednesday	12 th	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club

Sunday	16th	2nd Sunday of Lent	
Tuesday	18 th	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park
Wednesday	19 th	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club
			MU Meeting
Thursday	20 th	1:00pm	CAMEO in St. Matthew's church hall

Sunday	23rd	3rd Sunday of Lent	
Tuesday	25 th	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park
Wednesday	26 th	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club
Friday	28 th	10:00am	Coffee Morning St. Matthew's Church Hall

Sunday	30th	4th Sunday of Lent	Mothering Sunday
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Parish News Deadline for the **April** edition is **Wednesday 26th March**
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