

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

“The Chosen” – A bible study for July

The Chosen started in 2021 as a Crowdfunded online TV series about Jesus. Since its small beginnings it has become hugely popular, with great reviews from Christians throughout the world. In particular, Stuart Bloor, our Churchwarden from Christ Church, has found it to portray a wonderful Jesus, and it has been hugely helpful to him in his growth in faith and Christian journey.

The director of *The Chosen* aims to bring together the 4 gospel accounts of Jesus, into the one story, and also to try to see Jesus through the eyes of the people that knew him. So, it’s a creative bible based telling of the life of Jesus. The series has a huge worldwide following and the good news is that it is now available on DVD.

In season 1 we see Jesus invite people from different backgrounds to join his group of followers. As Jesus performs his first miracles, he calls Mary Magdalene; the stonemason Thaddeus; the choir member Little James; the fishermen Simon, Andrew, James, and John; the caterer Thomas and vintner Ramah; and the tax collector Matthew to follow him.

I’ve found a Bible study linked to *The Chosen*, called “What does it mean to be Chosen?”. The bible study looks interesting, and we’re invited to watch the first four episodes of Season 1, and to learn about and discuss:

You are called.

You rest.

You are cherished.

You change course.

The course links to the various Episodes, the gospels and Isaiah chapter 43. The course blurb explains “Being chosen by Jesus has beautiful and far-reaching implications – although it says more about the Chooser than the chooses. We are loved because He is love. We are saved because he is merciful. We belong to the family of God because Jesus invites us, making the Bible and all it’s promises as true for us today as it was for God’s chosen nation”

Everyone is welcome to join me at The Vicarage (163 Crewe Road, Haslington), on the Thursday evenings in July, at 7.00pm. We’d begin on 4th July and conclude on 25th July. I hope you can come, bring a friend.

With every blessing

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 30th May at 10:00am in the church hall.

The real Voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes, but in having new eyes

MarcelProust

Church Hall cleaning and maintenance

We look forward to seeing you at our next hall cleaning party on Friday 3rd May at 10:30am. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments served after the clean.

Anna Betts



Church Diary May 2024

Wednesday 1st 10:45 am Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's Church

Sunday 5th 6th Sunday of Easter
9.30 am Holy Communion at St Matthew's Church
10.45 am Holy Communion at Christ Church
11.00 am Service of Morning prayer at St Michael's Church

Wednesday 8th 10:45 am Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's Church

Sunday 12th 7th Sunday of Easter
9:30 am Service of Morning Prayer at St Matthew's Church
10:45 am Service of Morning Prayer at Christ Church
11:00 am Holy Communion at St Michael's Church
4:00 pm Café Church Open Table in St. Matthew's Church Hall

Wednesday 15th 10:45 am Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's Church

Sunday 19st Pentecost
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
4.30 pm Service of Evening Prayer at Christ Church

Wednesday 22th 10:45 am Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's Church

Sunday 26th Trinity Sunday
9.30 am Service of Morning Prayer at St Matthew's Church
10.45 am Service of Morning Prayer at Christ Church
11.00 am Holy Communion at St Michael's Church

Wednesday 29th 10:45 am Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's Church





*Haslington Women's
Institute*

The April meeting was most interesting. Isabelle Locket came from the Clonter Opera. She told us about the history and some of the performances.

Our book club is getting ever more popular with very interesting titles.

Ladies once again decorated St Matthews Church with flowers for Easter. They were very much appreciated by everyone attending the services.

Coming up we have for our next meeting Dog Grooming and Daycare. Also Afternoon Tea at Lois's in Sandbach.

The WI meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at The Cosey, 7.30pm

Janet Dake.....haslingtonwi

Facebook.....haslintonwi



*St. Matthew's
Social Committee*

The next coffee morning will take place in St Matthew's church hall on Friday 24th May, between 10:00am and 12 noon. We look forward to seeing you.

The quiz night, which was to have been held on Saturday 11th May, has been postponed. As it is the village fun day on 11th May the church will be open for people to look round and have a have a drink of tea or coffee.

Our next social event is on Saturday 29th June. We hope to walk along the Salt Line from Hassall Green to The Horseshoe Inn at Alsager for lunch, a distance of one and half miles each way. More details next month.

Dates for your diary

6th July Strawberry tea

7th September walk and skittles evening at

The Bickerton Poacher





United Benefice Mothers Union

St Matthews – St Michaels Mother's Union

Report from the meeting at Helens on April 17th



The meeting was well attended and our speaker was Peter Robertshaw, speaking at about his "life in music"

He was able to talk about his love of music from an early age, encouraged by his parents, and astounded all of us

with his 7 decades of music and memories were

buzzing Everyone felt he was so good we are going to invite him again to continue with his music recollections and his life in music.

Thankyou Peter

Our next meeting date is May 15th at 229 Crewe Road at 2.00pm to begin at 2-15pm. Our speaker is the

Canal and River Trust Chaplin showing us aspects of his work, with the people who live on the canal and the tourists.



Everyone is welcome bring a friend.

Take care of yourselves and others.

Joint Leaders

Viv and Jane

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	17:00 – 18:00	Mrs Maria Pickersgill Tel: 258821 haslingtonbrownies@yahoo.co.uk
Brownies	Wednesday	18:15 – 19:30	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
	Friday	9:00 – 10:00
God at the Movies	2 nd Thursday in the month	
Prayer Breakfast	4 th Saturday every 2 months	



Strawberry almond cake

Ingredients

175g butter, softened
175g golden caster sugar
2 medium eggs
175g ground almonds
175g self-raising flour
1tsp ground cinnamon
500g strawberries, hulled and halved



Method

Set the oven to 180°C/350°F/Gas Mark 4 and line the 23cm cake tin with greaseproof paper.

Beat the butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in the eggs and 2tbsps warm water. Mix in nuts, flour and spice.

Spread half the mixture in the tin to the edges. Place most of the strawberries on top (reserve a few small halves), then spread the rest of the cake mixture on top and scatter with the rest of the fruit.

Bake for about 1 hour 10 minutes. Check after an hour, and if it's getting too brown, cover with paper. Cool in the tin for 10 minutes, then loosen edges with a knife. Slide cake onto a plate and dust with icing sugar. Serve warm or cooled, with cream or yogurt.

If you wish you can set the strawberries upright to represent the flames of the holy spirit this will then be a Pentecost-themed almond cake.





Church Rotas
For St. Matthew's



**St. Matthew's
Reading Rota**

05/05/2024	Alan Wheeler
12/05/2024	Helen Pearce
19/05/2024	Doris Farrell
26/05/2024	Viv Grunner
02/06/2024	John Mc

**St. Matthew's
Intercession Rota**

05/05/2024	Darren Evans
12/05/2024	Viv Grunner
19/05/2024	Pat Hills
26/05/2024	Rev Jane
02/06/2024	Arleine Bloor

**St. Matthew's
Eucharist Server Rota**

05/05/2024	Alan Wheeler
12/05/2024	-
19/05/2024	Anna Betts
26/05/2024	-
02/06/2024	Arleine Bloor

**St. Matthew's
Sides-person Rota**

05/05/2024	Viv & Steve
12/05/2024	Anna & Chris
19/05/2024	Dennis & Jane
26/05/2024	Janet D & Shelagh
02/06/2024	Jane & John Mc

**St. Matthew's
Flower Rota**

05/05/2024	TBA
12/05/2024	----"----
19/05/2024	----"----
26/05/2024	Chris Wheeler
02/06/2024	----"----

**St. Matthew's
Church Locking up**

05/05/2024	Steve Grunner
12/05/2024	Vicar Jane
19/05/2024	Colin Booth
26/05/2024	Jenny Silcher
02/06/2024	Chris Betts

May Sudoku

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

Easy

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

Medium

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

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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, David Pegg.

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

St Michael's A.P.C.M. will be on Sunday 5th May following the 11.00 a.m. service

St. Michael's next P.C.C. meeting will be on Wednesday 8th May at 7.00 p.m. in church



St. Michael's Social Committee

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY



ST. MICHAEL'S STRAWBERRY FAIR

SATURDAY 6TH JULY 2.00 - 4.00 P.M.

IN AND AROUND THE CHURCH

MANY STALLS. TOMBOLA, RAFFLE, GAMES

..AND OF COURSE ALL THINGS STRAWBERRY !

COME AND JOIN US FOR A FUN AFTERNOON

AND DELICIOUS FOOD





Church Rotas
For *St. Michael's*



**St. Michael's
Prayer Rota**

05/05/2024	Ron
12/05/2024	Roz
19/05/2024	Linda
26/05/2024	Nancy

**St. Michael's
Reading Rota**

05/05/2024	Ron
12/05/2024	Helen
19/05/2024	Nancy
26/05/2024	Anne

**St. Michael's
Cleaning Rota**

04/05/2024	Ron & Irene
11/05/2024	Linda
18/05/2024	Helen
25/05/2024	Anne

**St. Michael's
Coffee Rota**

05/05/2024	Ron & Irene
12/05/2024	Linda
19/05/2024	Cindy
26/05/2024	Helen

**St. Michael's
Sides-person Rota**

05/05/2024	Cindy
12/05/2024	Helen
19/05/2024	Margaret
26/05/2024	Nancy

April Sudoku Solutions

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

Easy

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

Medium

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

Hard



Prayer Subjects

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

"We praise you, mighty God, for the Spirit which moved over the deep and helped bring all things into being. You are our creator, and we love you. We praise you, serving God, that you came to us in flesh in Jesus Christ, teaching, healing, living, dying and rising to show us the deep power of your love. You are our saviour, and we love you."¹

"God of power, may the boldness of your Spirit transform us, may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us, may the gifts of your Spirit be our goal and our strength, now and always. Amen."²

"Heavenly Father, on this Pentecost day, let me feel the Holy Spirit wash over me, guiding me in Your ways and helping me to hear Your call."³

O God, send forth your Holy Spirit into my heart that I may perceive, into my mind that I may remember, and into my soul that I may meditate. Inspire me to speak with piety, holiness, tenderness and mercy. Teach, guide and direct my thoughts and senses from beginning to end. May your grace ever help and correct me, and may I be strengthened now with wisdom from on high, for the sake of your infinite mercy. Amen.

by Saint Anthony of Padua



Around The Community

Meeting God at the Movies is on Thursday 9th May.

2.00pm in St Matthew's church hall



Please bring your interval drinks and pop corn!

Hidden Tunes in last month's poem.

Fascinating Rhythm.

Sway.

Take the A train.

Blueberry Hill.

Fly me to the Moon.

Ain't Misbehavin.

Sing Sing Sing.

It don't mean a thing (if it ain't got that swing).

In the Mood.

What a wonderful World.

Chattanooga Choo Choo.

Tuxedo Junction.

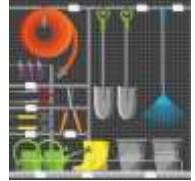
Sentimental Journey.

Total of 13 tunes.





It's Bank Holiday, we're off to the Garden Centre,
There is something for everyone and it's free to enter.
We wander past Spades, Forks and Lawn Mowers,
Rakes, Hoes, Shears, Trimmers and Leaf Blowers.
Shelves full of Plant Pots, Saucers and Labels too,
Gardening Books to show you what to do.
Window Boxes, Tubs and little Watering Cans,
Greenhouses and Sheds for those with bigger plans.
Balls of String and Canes for tying up peas,
Lots of Wind Chimes that tinkle in the breeze.
Bags of Fertilizer, Bug Spray and Tomato Feed,
Gnomes, seasonal Bulbs, Kneelers and Flower Seed.



Compost Bins, Water Butts and Hose Pipes,
And plenty of Solar powered Fairy Lights.
Hotels for Bugs, Houses for Birds to hang in trees,
Homes for Hedgehogs and B and B's for Bees.
Chairs and Tables for Al Fresco dining,
Sun loungers designed for outdoor reclining;
All with waterproof covers for when it's wet,
Plus Cushions and a Parasol complete the set.

Outside the Plants stand row by row,
Ready to put on a spectacular summer show.
And when at last the shopping is done,
We'll celebrate in the café with Tea and a Bun.



We're all really glad we decided to come,
We may be broke, but we've had fun.
The boot is full of Bulbs and Plants galore,
Why we bought so many, I'm not sure?
But once home, I'll have to begin,
To plant them all and water them in.

Christine Wheeler. 2024.



Prayer Breakfast

Saturday 18th May, 10:00am

St. Matthew's Church Hall



Confirmation. I'm planning to run confirmation classes.
If anyone would like to be confirmed, would you please have a chat
with me. Thank you.
Vicar Jane



Around The Community

HASLINGTON
PARISH COUNCIL

D-Day Commemorative Social

Haslington Cricket Club
Thursday 6th June 2024 7-10pm



Featuring Live Music
from Vocal Harmony Trio
Baker Street Belles

Buffet Provided & Drinks Available from the Cricket Club Bar

This will be a ticketed event.
Haslington Parish Council will be giving away
75 pairs of free tickets!

To enter the ballot for a free pair of tickets please complete the
form available via the below QR code.



If you are unable to complete the online form please call 07450 854961

May Quick View Diary

Wednesday	1 st	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club
Thursday	2 nd	2:00pm	Whist Drive at 65 Club
		7:30pm	Gardening Club meet in the Church Hall
Friday	3 rd	10:30am	Church Hall Cleaning party
Sunday	5th	6th Sunday of Easter	
Tuesday	7 th	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park
Wednesday	8 th	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club
Thursday	9 th	2:00pm	Meet God at the Movies St. Matthew's church hall
Sunday	12th	7th Sunday of Easter	
		4:00pm	Café Church (animal Blessing) in Church Hall
Tuesday	14 th	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park
		7:30pm	Haslington WI meet at the Cosy Club
Wednesday	15 th	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club
		2:15pm	MU meeting, (<i>Canal and River Trust Chaplin</i>)
Thursday	16 th	2:00pm	Whist Drive at 65 Club
		1:00pm	CAMEO in St. Matthew's church hall
Saturday	18 th	10:00am	Prayer Breakfast in St. Matthews Church Hall
Sunday	19th	Pentecost	
Tuesday	21 st	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park
Wednesday	22 nd	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club
Thursday	23 rd	2:00pm	Whist Drive at 65 Club
Friday	24 th	10:00am	Coffee Morning St. Matthew's Church Hall
Sunday	26th	Trinity Sunday	
Tuesday	28 th	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park
Wednesday	29 th	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club
Thursday	30 th	2:00pm	Whist Drive at 65 Club

Parish News Deadline for the **June** edition is **Wednesday 22nd May**
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