

Parish News

Church and Community News for Haslington and Crewe Green



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Pastoral Letter

World Mental Health Day

“You have done many things for us, O Lord our God,” the psalmist, possibly King David, says in Psalm 40. He continues “There is no one like you. You have made many wonderful plans for us.” And, of course, we would agree and we believe that God’s goodness endures; that Love will win; that, in the words of – Julian of Norwich – ‘all shall be well and all shall be well and all manner of thing shall be well’. Yet even as we believe that we are journeying towards a day when there will be no more suffering, no more pain, no more tears...we have not arrived there yet. Just a few verses after saying how many wonderful plans God has for us, the psalmist goes on to declare, “I am surrounded by many troubles— too many to count! Save me Lord! Help me now!” Psalm 40.

King David, like Elijah, Hannah and many other characters in the Bible, suffered spells of depression and may well have experienced, what we would term today, periods of mental illness. This is not something to be laughed at or dismissed; nor does it mean that their experiences of God weren’t real. For mental illness is something that affects many people – perhaps as many as one in three of us.

Jesus suffered, for example, we remember the injustice of his trial, his pain, humiliation, and death on the cross, and we remember his cry to his Heavenly Father when he was forsaken. We remember too how Jesus wept at the grave of Lazarus, his friend. We know then that God truly understands what it’s like to suffer and God is with us, even in the darkest of places. Even when we can’t feel that God close by – God is with us. Psalm 23 teaches us “The Lord is my shepherd” and that God walks with us down every path, even the valley of the shadow of death.

Jesus’ cry of despair on the cross wasn’t the end of the story. After the resurrection, when Jesus appeared to the disciples, the marks of the nails were still there on his hands and feet – the reality of that pain had not been wiped away – but the suffering, the darkness and the silence were not the last word. With God there is always the possibility of recovery of hope, restoring of love and even “joy in the morning”.

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The love, acceptance and reassurance we offer to one another is very important, it is supportive and helpful. Sometimes we can't do it for ourselves – we need help from those around us and we need the courage to ask for that help, perhaps with the first point of call being our GP.

We come together with others in The Deanery on Thursday 10th October 7.00pm, at St Peter's church, Earle Street, for a special service on World Mental Health Day.

We pray:

Heavenly Father, We lift up to you all those who are struggling with mental health challenges, asking for Your comfort and peace to surround them. Grant them strength and courage to face each day, and may they know Your presence. Help us to be supportive and understanding for those in need. Lord, remind us that we are never alone, and that Your love is a constant source of hope and healing. May Your light shine through the darkness, bringing peace to troubled minds and hearts. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.



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 26th November at 10:00am in the church.

Church Hall cleaning and maintenance

The next church hall cleaning party is on Friday 4th October. Please note the new starting time of 9:00am. New volunteers are welcome.

Refreshments served after the clean.

Anna Betts



Church Diary October 2024

Wednesday	2 nd	10:45 am	Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's Church
Sunday	6th	19th Sunday of Trinity Harvest Festival	
		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	9 th	10:45 am	Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's Church
Sunday	13th	20th Sunday of Trinity	
		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	16 th	10:45 am	Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's Church
Sunday	20th	21st Sunday of Trinity	
		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	23 rd	10:45 am	Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's Church
Sunday	27th	Last Sunday of Trinity	
		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
		4.30 pm	Service of Evening Prayer at Christ Church
Wednesday	30 th	10:45 am	Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's Church





*Haslington Women's
Institute*

Brenda came to our September meeting to demonstrate how to make beautiful Harvest wreaths.

We were lucky to have them donated to our raffle.

Our trip to Saltaire was a great success, most interesting, and lots of lovely friends to share it with.

Coming up we have our dining club to The White Lion at Weston, The link meeting at Shavington, the Remembrance weekend and the "Guns and Roses" concert. The next meeting is a talk about being a Dementia Friend.

The WI meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at The Cozey 7.30.

All welcome.

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*St. Matthew's
Social Committee*

Social committee

We look forward to seeing you at the Harvest bring and share lunch on Sunday 6th October in the church hall, meeting at 1:00pm.

On Saturday 19th October we will be having a prize bingo in the church hall, eyes down at 2:00pm.

On Friday 25th October come and join us in the church hall for our monthly coffee morning, between 10:00am and 12:00 noon.

Dates for your diary

Saturday 2nd November Autumn fair and lunch

Saturday 7th December Soup and carols, including the Christmas draw.

Thanks Anna





United Benefice Mothers Union

This month members had a fascinating insight into outer space & how our world came into being. This was continuing our discussions on the morals & affordability of space tourism so we made a visit to Jodrell Bank. We are lucky to have such a fascinating World Heritage Site so near us. The 'Dome Show' & exhibition space we're the highlights.

Our next Meeting will be held on Wednesday 16th October at 2pm at Celia's home where Peter Robertshaw will again entertain & educate us with his musical knowledge.

If you would like to join us please approach Viv or Jane McC, you will be made very welcome.

Jane McCombie & Viv Grunner
Joint Branch Leaders

Meeting God at the Movies is on Thursday 10th October.

2.00pm in St Matthew's church hall



Please bring your interval drinks and pop corn!

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

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

Friday 10:45—11:45

God at the Movies 2nd Thursday in the month

Prayer Breakfast 4th Saturday every 2 months

Café Church / Open table 2nd Sunday in the month



Chocolate Granola Fairings

Ingredients:

200 grams Plain Flour
1 teaspoon Ground Ginger
1 teaspoon Ground Cinnamon
1½ teaspoons Baking Powder
1½ teaspoons Bicarbonate Of Soda
1 pinch Salt
100 grams Unsalted Butter (chilled)
100 grams Golden Caster Sugar
100 grams Chocolate Granola
100 grams Plain Chocolate Chips
5 tablespoons Golden Syrup
1 tablespoon Milk



Directions:

Preheat oven to 180°C/160°C fan.

In a bowl, mix together the flour, ginger, cinnamon and baking powder, bicarb of soda. Rub in the butter until it resembles breadcrumbs and then stir through the caster sugar, granola and chocolate chips.

Mix the milk and the golden syrup and stir to combine. Stir it through the dry ingredients and mix to form a soft dough.

Divide into 24 pieces and roll each into a small ball. Place onto two lined baking trays, leaving space for the biscuits to expand.

Cook for 10 minutes then remove each tray and tap it firmly on the bench (this helps the biscuits to spread and crack!) Return the trays to the oven and cook for a further 2 minutes until biscuits are a nice even golden colour.

Cool on a wire rack and store in an airtight container.

(As Requested by the church hall cleaning party)



Church Rotas
For St. Matthew's



**St. Matthew's
Reading Rota**

6th Oct	Doris Farrell
13th Oct	Helen Pearce
20th Oct	Viv Grunner
27th Oct	Jane McCombie
3rd Nov	Colin Booth

**St. Matthew's
Intercession Rota**

6th Oct	Darren Evans
13th Oct	Viv Grunner
20th Oct	Pat Hills
27th Oct	Revd Jane
3rd Nov	Arleine Bloor

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

6th Oct	Chris Betts
13th Oct	-
20th Oct	Alan Wheeler
27th Oct	
3rd Nov	Arleine Bloor

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

6th Oct	Anna & Chris Betts
13th Oct	Dennis & Jane Mc
20th Oct	Janet D & Shelagh H
27th Oct	Jane & John Mc
3rd Nov	Sheila M & Anne A

**St. Matthew's
Flower Rota**

6th Oct	Harvest Flowers
13th Oct	——"———
20th Oct	Anna Betts
27th Oct	——"———
3rd Nov	Ann Faulkner

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

6th Oct	John Brassington
13th Oct	Steve Grunner
20th Oct	Colin Booth
27th Oct	Chris Betts
3rd Nov	Vicar Jane

October Sudoku

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

Easy

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

Medium

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

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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 next P.C.C meeting will be on Wednesday 13th November at 7.00 pm in church.



St. Michael's Social Committee

St. Michael's Coffee Morning



Many thanks to all who supported St Michael's Coffee Morning on Saturday 14th September. It was a thoroughly enjoyable morning. Congratulations to Lynne Halliburton who won the food hamper.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

ST. MICHAEL'S CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 9th November 11.00 am-2.00 pm in the Yoxall Hall.

Delicious hot lunches

Many Stalls, Games, and Crafts

Join us for lots of festive fun, food and fellowship



WINTERLEY METHODIST BRASS BAND CONCERT

St. Michael's Church Saturday 7th December at 7.00 pm

Back by popular demand , a musical evening to remember

With cheese and wine





Church Rotas
For *St. Michael's*



**St. Michael's
Prayer Rota**

6th Oct	Ron
13th Oct	Nancy
20th Oct	Roz
27th Oct	Helen
3rd Nov	Ron

**St. Michael's
Reading Rota**

6th Oct	Ron
13th Oct	Linda
20th Oct	Nancy
27th Oct	Helen
3rd Nov	Ron

**St. Michael's
Cleaning Rota**

5th Oct	Ron & Irene
12th Oct	Helen
19th Oct	Anne
26th Oct	Barrie & Janette
2nd Nov	Ron & Irene

**St. Michael's
Coffee Rota**

6th Oct	Ron & Irene
13th Oct	Barrie/Janette
20th Oct	Helen
27th Oct	Linda
3rd Nov	Ron & Irene

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

6th Oct	Margaret
13th Oct	Helen
20th Oct	Nancy
27th Oct	Barrie
3rd Nov	Margaret

September Sudoku Solutions

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

Easy

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

Medium

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

Hard



Prayer Subjects

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

Lord, we give thanks for all that the earth has given in recent months, and we give thanks, too, for all the work of human hands. As the land lies fallow, at rest, remind us of our need to keep a healthy balance in our lives each day. Amen.

Loving God, Thank you for the many ways in which you provide for us: Food, family, friendship, Housing, health, happiness, And ways to use our time and talents. We lift to you too the ways in which we remain in need of these things. God of generosity,

We pray for people in our community and beyond Who are facing unemployment, ill-health, isolation or money worries at this time, And especially for those who are unable to afford enough to eat. We pray for supportive relationships, practical provision and real hope. God of compassion.

Amen

May it please you, O Lord, to enlighten my heart with the fire of your love. I offer my hands to do your work, my lips to sing your praise and my life to proclaim your glory. Look upon my neighbours in their needs and guide me and bless me as I serve you in them; for Jesus' sake.

Amen.

Hildegard of Bingen, 1098-1179

May Jesus Christ, the King of glory, help us to make use of all the myrrh that God sends, and to offer him the true incense of our hearts; for his name's sake.

Amen.

Johannes Tauler, Germany, 1300-1361

In Memoriam

Funeral of Heimir Hauksson, St Matthew's. 6th September.

Burial of Ashes of Geoffrey Smart, St Michael & All Angels, 11th September.

Burial of Ashes of Lee Morris, St Michael & All Angels, 19th September.



Around The Community

Church Hall fund-raising events.



Advance notice for two events in October to help raise money for the Church Hall refurbishment.

The first is the **Tabletop sale** on the 12th October from 8am – 2-00pm. If you wish to have a table, please contact Viv Grunner 01270 501538 or Arleine Bloor 01270 216548.

The cost of a table is £10 which is non-refundable.

We will be setting up for this event on Friday afternoon the 11th from

2pm. Refreshments to be served all morning e.g. Bacon baps, tea, and coffee. Look out for notices around the village i.e on the notice boards and in the shops.

Sunday Lunch at the Golf Club



This is to be held on Sunday 13th October 12pm for 12-30pm.

The cost is the same £25, a deposit of £5 is required (please give to Viv) to help with letting the Golf Club know the number attending.

The list for this will be at the back of the Church please tick your name and make a Meal choice.

Hope to see you there Viv Grunner and team.

A Harvest Prayer.



As I thank God for the Harvest plenty,
I remember those whose stomachs are empty,
For those with little on their shelves,
Who feed their children before themselves.

For those on the streets in cardboard city,
Who I pass by, showing no pity.
Can I spare change for a cup of tea?
Or hurry by, just glad it's not me.



I remember those who must switch off the heat,
In order that they can afford to eat;
Whose walls are damp and covered in mould,
That grows and spreads because of the cold.

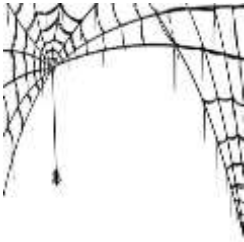
Fill me Lord with love and compassion,
A willingness for change to happen;
And not only remember them in prayer,
But let my actions show I care.



So with my Supermarket trolley piled high,
Don't let me pass the Foodbank by;
Or the person with the donation tin,
Without putting my contribution in.



Christine Wheeler, 2024.



A Cautionary Tale.

Brenda stood in her Kitchen,
And with her very keen eye,
Happened to spot a Spiders web,
But it was way up high.

Now Brenda is very house-proud,
She likes everywhere just so;
And that horrible spider's web,
Was just going to have to go.

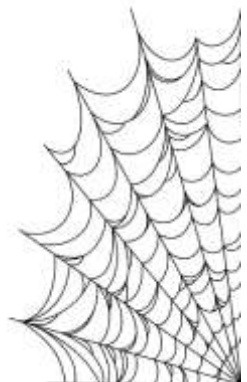
So duster in her hand,
She climbed upon her chair;
And before she knew it,
Then began the nightmare.

Later from her hospital bed,
After a really bad fall;
Brenda vowed to spread the word,
Far and wide, warning one and all.

So along with the many others,
Who are the bravest of the brave,
We award Brenda the George Cross,
For all those she tries to save.

So leave the cobwebs alone,
They help to catch the flies;
And remember Brenda's misfortune,
For therein a cautionary tale lies.

Christine Wheeler. September 2024.





Around The Community

Advance Notice for Christmas Raffle.

St. Matthew's Social Committee will be holding their annual Christmas Raffle, with soup and Carols on Saturday 7th December.

The theme this year will be Christmas Songs and carols, and there will be 12 hampers.

- 1. *Joy to the World.*** Containing Gingerbread, Stollen, Panettone, Shortbread, Linz biscuits etc.
- 2. *Mistletoe and Wine.*** Containing a selection of wines and some mistletoe.
- 3. *Santa Claus is coming to town.*** A Children's hamper containing toys, etc.
- 4. *I saw mommy kissing Santa Claus.*** A ladies hamper containing mistletoe, lipstick, toiletries etc.
- 5. *All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth.*** Containing chocolate and sweets.
- 6. *White Christmas.*** Containing white wine, white chocolate, tinsel etc.
- 7. *In the bleak mid-winter.*** Containing bob hats, gloves, hot water bottle, ice scraper etc.
- 8. *We wish you a merry Christmas.*** Containing mince pies, Christmas cake, Christmas pudding etc.
- 9. *Deck the halls with boughs of holly.*** Containing decorations, cards, paper etc.
- 10. *God rest you merry Gentlemen.*** A man's hamper containing beer, cider, chocolate, toiletries etc.
- 11. *Here we come a Wassailing.*** Containing mulled wine, nibbles etc.
- 12. *Silent Night.*** Containing hot chocolate, bed socks, teddy, night time tea etc.

There will be books at the back of church, detailing individual items to donate. In the meantime, if you have any items which would be suitable for the hampers, please let me know.

Many Thanks Chris Wheeler.



October Quick View Diary

Tuesday	1 st	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park
Wednesday	2 nd	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club
Thursday	3 rd	7:30pm	Gardening Club meet in the Church Hall
Friday	4 th	9:00am	Church Hall Cleaning party

Sunday 6th 19th Sunday of Trinity

Tuesday	8 th	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park
		7:30pm	Haslington WI meet at the Cosy Club
Wednesday	9 th	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club
Thursday	10 th	2:00pm	Meeting God at the movies

Sunday 13th 20th Sunday of Trinity

Tuesday	15 th	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park
Wednesday	16 th	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club
			Mothers Union Meeting
Thursday	17 th	1:00pm	CAMEO in St. Matthew's church hall

Sunday 20th 21st Sunday of Trinity

Tuesday	22 nd	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park
Wednesday	23 th	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club
Friday	25 th	10:00am	Coffee Morning in the Church Hall

Sunday 27th Last Sunday of Trinity

Tuesday	29 th	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park
Wednesday	30 th	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club

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