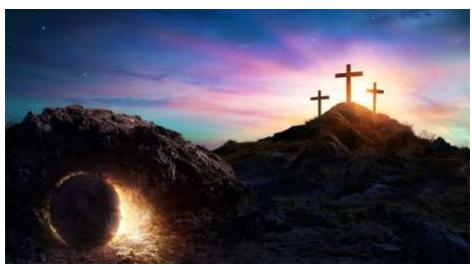
Parish News







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Pastoral Letter

Happy Easter! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia! Jesus has defeated sin and death.

Death has always been seen by us as an enemy. As the writer Julian Barnes put it: "Death never lets you down, it remains on call seven days a week. And is happy to work three consecutive night shifts. You would buy shares in it if they were available". But the resurrection of Jesus assures us that even though death is still an enemy, it is now a defeated enemy.

Easter is the day death died, and we have the assurance that heaven awaits. There is life after death, a life we hardly dared hope for, and the context is nothing less than a new heaven and a new earth, with Christ at the centre. It's hard to hold on to such a fantastic vision in a culture that desperately tries to avoid death. But there it is. In such a culture, the resurrection is a blast of fresh air. Death is irrevocably defeated.

It looked pretty grim that Good Friday night. Jesus was a bloody corpse in a grave; the disciples were hiding; the women were shell shocked, knowing only that they must buy spices for the body. It was all disastrous: the Jesus dream was shattered. But on the third day all that was reversed. Very soon, those believers came to see that the cross had not been a brutal defeat after all, but a glorious victory.

It is easy to see that it was a victory over death because Jesus was alive, but what about a victory over sin? Sin was present in all sorts of miserable ways on the cross; so much evil was being unleashed on Jesus - the hatred, cruelty and violence of the perpetrators, the lust for power, the corruption of leaders, the selfishness, the arrogance and vanity of humankind, the shoddiness of religion. It was all thrown at Jesus. And Jesus took it without flinching, absorbed it without reproach. He returned love for hate, forgiveness for cruelty. He took it into himself, soaked it up, and so, in a sense, he disarmed the powers of darkness at their strongest point. Love conquered.

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

With every blessing

Vicar Jane xx

(The above is taken from our Lent Course, York Notes, "On the third day", I have copies available if you'd like to know more.)

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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, Shelagh Haukinson

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

Our next PCC meeting will be held on Thursday 5th June 2025 at 10 am In Church.

Church Hall cleaning and maintenance

The next hall cleaning is on Friday 2nd May, 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 May 2025

Sunday	4 th	3rd Sunday of 9.30 am 10.45 am 11.00 am	Easter Holy Communion at St Matthew's Church Service of Morning prayer at Christ Church Service of Morning prayer at St Michael's Church
Wednesday	7 th	10:45 am	Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's Church
Thursday	8th	7:00 pm	Alpha Course in St. Matthew's church hall
Sunday	11 th	4 th Sunday of 9:30 am 10:45 am 11.00 am 4.00 pm	Feaster Holy Communion at St Matthew's Church Service of Morning prayer at Christ Church Holy Communion service at St Michael's Church Café Church, in St Matthew's church Hall.
Wednesday	14 th	10:45 am	Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's Church
Thursday	15 th	7:00 pm	Alpha Course in St. Matthew's church hall
Sunday	18 th	5th Sunday of 9.30 am 10.45 am 11.00 am	Feaster Service of Morning prayer at St Matthew's Church Holy Communion at Christ Church Service of Morning prayer at St Michael & All Angels.
Wednesday	21 rd	10:45 am	Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's Church
Thursday	22 nd	7:00 pm	Alpha Course in St. Matthew's church hall
Sunday	25 th	6th Sunday of 9.30 am 10.45 am 11.00 am 4.30 pm	Feaster Holy Communion at St Matthew's Church Service of Morning Prayer at Christ Church Holy communion at St Michael & All Angels Service of Evening Prayer at Christ Church
Wednesday	28 th	10:45 am	Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's Church
Thursday	29 th	7:00 pm	Alpha Course in St. Matthew's church hall

Due to holidays. Please Note the next Prayer Breakfast will be on Saturday 28th June





Haslington Women's Institute

The April meeting was very informative. Cheshire Womens Collaboration came to tell us about " A statue for Ada". Our trip to Bents garden centre was fabulous. Lots of things to buy for Easter, or just the garden. The food was delicious.

Some ladies have been paddle boarding again, great fun they tell us.

The Afternoon Tea at Jenny's Tea Shop was very well attended, 14 ladies came. Jenny opened the Tea shop exclusively for us. everything was home made and very delicious.

Coming up we have the Elvis tribute evening at The Vagrants Club. We are also planning a trip to Bliss and the new Escape Rooms in Crewe.

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

Janet Dake.....haslingtonwi Facebook....haslingtonwi



St. Matthew's Social Committee

Thanks to everyone who supported our Easter draw, and all who donated prizes. A list of the winners is on pg 19.

The next monthly coffee morning is on Friday 23rd May between 10:00am and 12:00 noon, in the church hall.

If you are able to help to be in church on Saturday 10th May, please let me know. As we hope to open the church, during the Village Day.

Our book sale and coffee morning is on Saturday 17th May. There will be a wide variety of books availa-

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



United Benefice Mothers Union

Mothers' Union report for April 2025

In April our meeting was just before Easter so we adopted that as our theme. It was lovely to welcome two guests to our number. Following notices and beautiful and thought provoking prayers from Arleine we spent the afternoon sticking, gluing and stitching to decorate Easter Bonnets. It was great fun and caused great hilarity. All our creativity was displayed in Church over Easter.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 21st May at 2pm at Brenda's home. We will be welcoming Jane Dickinson who will tell us all about her cycling exploits. If you would like to join us please come along or talk to me. Jane McCombie Branch Leader (581769).



ALPHA COURSE

Please come and bring a friend to our Alpha Course, which started in April, 7.00pm in St Matthew's church hall. We'll start with a hot cooked meal, (so don't eat before you come!), watch a video and have a chat. I look forward to seeing you. This is also our confirmation preparation.

Vicar 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 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



In Fellowship

Chocolate mint loaf cake

Ingredients

2 x 85g salted butter plus extra for greasing

2 x 50g dark chocolate broken into pieces

2 x 120g plain flour

2 x 140 golden caster sugar

6 tbsp cocoa

1 tsp bicarbonate of soda

2 large eggs

284ml carton buttermilk

For the icing

300g box After Eights broken 50ml double cream To decorate turquoise food colouring 300g Regal-Ice Ready to Roll icing 1 tsp peppermint extract



Method

Heat oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4. Grease and line the base and sides of a 22cm square tin. Melt 85g butter and 50g chocolate together in a small pan. Mix 120g flour, 140g sugar, 3 tbsp of the cocoa and ½ tsp bicarbonate in a bowl.

Whisk together 1 egg with half the buttermilk (about 140ml). Scrape the melted chocolate mixture and egg mixture into the dry ingredients, along with 100ml boiling water. Whizz briefly with an electric whisk until lump-free. Scrape into the tin and bake for 18-20 mins until a skewer comes out clean.

Cool the cake in the tin for 15 mins, then transfer to a wire rack to finish cooling while you repeat steps 1 and 2 to make a second cake. Cool both completely.

To make the icing, melt the After Eights and cream together in a saucepan. Cool, then chill until spreadable.



Church Rotas





St. Matthew's Reading Rota

04/05/2025 Doris Farrell
11/05/2025 Helen Pearce
18/05/2025 Pat Hills
25/05/2025 Alan Wheeler
01/06/2025 Colin Booth

St. Matthew's Eucharist Server Rota

04/05/2025 Arleine Bloor 11/05/2025 Steve Grunner 18/05/2025 ----25/05/2025 Alan Wheeler 01/06/2025 Colin Booth

St. Matthew's Flower Rota

04/05/2025 TBA 11/05/2025 ———"——— 18/05/2025 ———"——— 25/05/2025 Chris Wheeler 01/06/2025 ———"———

St. Matthew's Intercession Rota

04/05/2025 Colin Booth 11/05/2025 Chris Wheeler 18/05/2025 Darren Evans 25/05/2025 Viv Grunner 01/06/2025 Pat Hills

St. Matthew's Sides-person Rota

04/05/2025 Jane & John McC 11/05/2025 Sheila M & Anne A 18/05/2025 Jean T & Ann F 25/05/2025 Andrea D & Mike S 01/06/2025 Jean C & tba

St. Matthew's Church Locking up

04/05/2025 Colin Booth 11/05/2025 Steve Grunner 18/05/2025 Chris Betts 25/05/2025 John Brassington 01/06/2025 Jenny Silcher

May Sudoku

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

Easy

Medium

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

Hard



St. Michael's PCC

P.C.C. Members: Rev Jane(Chair), Nancy Kay (CW) Helen Ledward (Secretary, Deanery Rep), Thelma Malibar (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 14th May at 7.00 pm in the Church.



St. Michael's Social Committee

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

Thank you to all who supported St. Michael's Easter Egg Hunt. everyone had a lot of fun and it was great to see so many lovely families enjoying themselves.



DATE FOR YOUR DIARY







Church Rotas For St. Michael's

3	Michael's yer Rota	
04/05/2025	Ron	
11/05/2025	Linda	
18/05/2025	Anne	
25/05/2025	Roz	
01/06/2025	Ron	

St. Michael's Reading Rota							
04/05/2025	Ron						
11/05/2025	Nancy						
18/05/2025	Anne						
25/05/2025	Linda						
01/06/2025	Ron						

St. Michael's Cleaning Rota						
03/05/2025	Ron & Irene					
10/05/2025	Linda					
17/05/2025	Helen					
24/05/2025	Anne					
31/05/2025	Ron & Irene					

St. Michael's Coffee Rota								
04/05/2025	Ron & Irene							
11/05/2025	Linda							
18/05/2025	Helen							
25/05/2025	Barrie/Janette							
01/06/2025	Ron & Irene							

St. Michael's Sides-person Rota								
04/05/2025	Nancy							
11/05/2025	Barrie							
18/05/2025	Margaret							
25/05/2025	Helen							
01/06/2025								

April Sudoku Solutions

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

Easy

Medium

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

Hard



Prayer Subjects

Draw us forth, God of all creation.
Draw us forward and away from limited certainty into the immense world of your love.
Give us the capacity to even for a moment taste the richness of the feast you give us.
Give us the peace to live with uncertainty, with questions, with doubts.
Help us to experience the resurrection anew with open wonder and an increasing ability to see you in the people of Easter.
Amen

Merciful, holy and faithful Lord Jesus Christ, you died for our sins and were raised for our justification, in view of your resurrection, we ask that you would awaken us also from the grave of our sins and iniquities, and grant us your grace that we may partake in your resurrection at the final resurrection of all the dead. Amen St. Augustine

In Memoriam

Burial of Ashes of Lilian Pearl Murray, St Michael's & All Angels 4th April. Funeral of Joan Lewis, Christ Church, 11th April. Burial of Ashes of Doris Bailey, Christ Church, 11th April.



Around The Community

Dates for your Diary

St. Matthew's Social Committee programme for the year,

June 28th Skittles Evening at The Bickerton Poacher

July 19th Strawberry Tea

August 16th Walk and Lunch

October 5th Harvest Lunch

October 11th Bingo

October 18th The South Cheshire Concert Band

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

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

ST. MICHAEL'S STRAWBERRY FAIR

SATURDAY 5TH JULY 2.00 - 4.00 PM IN AND AROUND CHURCH

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW



Quiet Please.

Please give me some quiet time, With no common everyday noise; No shouting, yelling or talking, Just let me regain some poise.

I'm longing for some silence,
With no T.V., Radio or Computer game;
Please turn off that loud music,
Before it all drives me insane.

A little bit of peace please,

No kettle boiling, or microwave ping.

A calm sea of tranquillity,

If there is such a thing.

No buzz from a timer,
Telling me that dinner is done.
No running water or dripping tap,
No washing machine hum.

No car speeding down the street, Music blaring with the latest song; Horn sounding and engine reving, Car doors banging like a gong.

Disconnect the front door bell, Take the phone off the hook, I want some quiet me time, Just me and perhaps a book.

So I've turned off everything,
At last, I've got it all to stop;
But time itself will not be quiet,
I can still hear the ticking of the clock.

Christine Wheeler, 2025.









Church Hall Refurb Project.



It's been talked about for years with discussions ranging from knock it down and build a new one to there's nothing wrong that a coat of paint wouldn't fix. A coat of paint wouldn't address the inefficiencies of the building resulting in expensive running costs, building a new one even with grant aid is cost prohibitive.

We have opted for a targeted approach to bring the current structure up to modern standards in stages as funds allow.

Some of the tasks identified are:

Upgrade the lighting: Install LED lighting.

Replace the Emergency exits: Replace the rotten frames and install better insulated doors.

Install loft insulation: There is none at the moment.

Replace the windows with double glazed units.

Replace the rotten facias.

Improve the wall insulation.

Upgrade the toilets.

March saw the beginning of the work with the old fluorescent light fittings replaced by LED panels. We had replaced 2 of the old fittings when they failed with LED strip lights, and these fittings have not been wasted, they are now in the storage areas. The electricians were in for a day and even fixed the ceiling tiles that were out of place.

We have collected quotes for the emergency exits and have applied for some funding towards the cost, and hopefully this job will be completed next.



Ted Harris

Cont. from Pg 9. Cake Recipe

Trim the cake edges, then halve to make 4 rectangles. Use half of the icing to sandwich the layers together, then spread the rest over the top and sides. Chill.

Knead some colouring into the ready-to-roll icing with the peppermint extract. Roll out on an icing sugar dusted surface, then lift over to cover the cake, smoothing with your hands. Trim excess icing, then scatter with decorations.

Chill again for 1 hr to firm up, then serve or keep in the fridge, removing 30 mins before serving.

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Around The Community

St. Matthew's Easter Hampers Winners 2025.

Prize.	Ticket Numbe	er. Winner.
Easter Activity Bag for children.	238	Yvonne Thorley.
Easter Bunny Treat Hamper.	149	Joan France c/o Sheila.
Sheep filled with Haribo Sweets	272 V	/lv Grunner:
Easter Breakfast Hamper.	27	Annette Jones c/o Tony.
Jigsaw Puzzle, Puzzle Book and Eas	ter Egg. 327	Gill Bibby c/o Sheila.
Children's Hamper.	167	M. Baldwin.
Baking Hamper.	480	Peter.
Trinket Bowl with eggs.	326	Barclay.
Simnel Cake.	13	Ray Jones c/o Tony.
Rabbit with Carrot Sweets.	303	Celia Booth.
Smarties Collection.	148	Joan France c/o Sheila.
Easter Candle.	407	Ray Birchall c/o Tony.
Easter Afternoon Tea Hamper with 1 cup and saucer.	104	Barbara Harris.
Easter Story Basket.	381	Val Bowyer.
Easter Indulgence Hamper.	249	Chris Wheeler.
Large Easter Hamper.	445	Carole Herriman.

With many thanks for all the donations for the Hampers, and money given for purchasing items. Also thanks to the people who sold the Raffle Tickets for us.



May Quick View Diary

Thursday Friday	1 th 2 th	7:30pm 7:00 pm 9:00am	Gardening Club meeting at Sparks Nursery Arclid Alpha Course in St. Matthew's church hall Church Hall Cleaning party	
Sunday	4 th	3 rd Sunday of Easter		
Tuesday	6 th	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park	
Wednesday	7 th	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club	
Thursday	8 th	7:00 pm	Alpha Course in St. Matthew's church hall	
Sunday	11 th	4 th Sunday of Easter		
Tuesday	13 th	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park	
		7:30pm	Haslington WI meet at the Cosy Club	
Wednesday	14 th	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club	
			MU Meeting at Brenda's	
Thursday	15 th	1:00pm	CAMEO in St. Matthew's church hall	
		7:00 pm	Alpha Course in St. Matthew's church hall	
Sunday	18 th	5 th Sunday of Easter		
Tuesday	20 th	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park	
Wednesday	21 st	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club	
Thursday	22 nd	7:00 pm	Alpha Course in St. Matthew's church hall	
Friday	23 rd	10:00am	Coffee Morning St. Matthew's Church Hall	
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Parish News Deadline for the **June** edition is **Friday 16th May**Chris Betts, 3 Park Rd. Haslington Tel: 589324 Email: chris_betts_@hotmail.com