

# Parish News

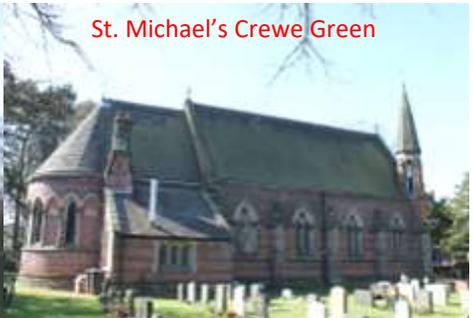
*Church and Community News for Haslington and Crewe Green*



St. Matthew's Haslington



St. Michael's Crewe Green



## Church Leadership

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## St. Matthew Haslington

### Church Wardens:

**Alan Wheeler** 501450

**Chris Betts** 589324

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### Church Wardens:

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## *Pastoral Letter*

### **There are stones and there are living stones!**

We're all very fond of our ancient church buildings, being amazed at the architecture, craftsmanship and history and we're all aware of our duty to preserve them for future generations.

But, of course, the church of God is not a building! Indeed, the early Christians sat lightly on buildings and simply met in people's homes. Rather, "the church" is God's people. Each one of us is a temple that God's Holy Spirit dwells in. To build our church God's Spirit works through each one of us, we are "living stones", we come together not to building a historic building but to build a living church.

In the Bible it says "you, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house". And it's fair to say, that unless we are building an igloo, we need different materials for different purposes to build a house! So, each one of us, as a "living stone", is given gifts and resources with which to build up God's people, God's church. We are "living stones" created, inspired, and shaped by God, each one of us with our unique blend of gifts, abilities, and experiences with which to grow God's people.

Not all Christians will have the same gifts because difference gives us strength. Likewise, there is no gift missing within a congregation that would prevent it from accomplishing what God has tasked it to do. All of God's people are needed to bring growth and wellbeing to God's church.

We're fortunate in the churches of the united benefice because of the number and variety of "living stones", meaning that we do have many people using their gifts and talents to build God's church. God calls us, His church, to proclaim afresh the good news of Jesus, to each generation, and so there is always much to be done.

Some "living stones" are called by God to licensed ministries in the church, for example, Reader ministry, Pastoral Worker, Ordained ministry, Youth Worker or Family Worker. Other "living stones" are called by God to use their gifts and talents in other spheres, for example, as Churchwarden, being a PCC member, fund raising, making music, helping children learn, leading and contributing to projects, maintaining the church...this list is endless!

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We thank God for the role he has given each one of us in His church, for the gifts and talents we have and pray that we may have the grace and love to respond to God's call.

In the life of the church, during March we have our Annual Meetings, which offer an invitation and opportunity to join our PCCs. If anyone feels called to serve on our PCCs, or in any particular ministry, please have a chat with me.

Dear Lord, let your will be done in my life and give me the wisdom to know, the strength to accept and the courage to do it. In your name. Amen.

(By Rickie Johnson, from the Lion Prayer Collection).

With every blessing,

Vicar Jane



## *St. Matthew's PCC*

PCC Members— Rev Jane( Chair), Arleine Bloor, Alan Wheeler, Dave Kerr, Anna Betts, Steve Grunner, Jane McCombie and Chris Betts

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

St. Matthew's next PCC meeting will be held on March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00am in the church hall.

# Church Diary      February 2023

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>      9:45 am      Holy Communion at St Michael's Church  
10:45 am      Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's Church

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>      3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 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 8<sup>th</sup>      9:45 am      Holy Communion at St Michael's Church  
10:45 am      Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's Church

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>      2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent**  
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 15<sup>th</sup>      **Ash Wednesday**  
9:45 am      Holy Communion at St Michael's Church  
10:45 am      Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's Church

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>      Sunday next before Lent**  
9.30 am      Holy Communion at St Matthew's Church  
10.45 am      Holy Communion at Christ Church  
11.00 am      Service of Morning at St Michael's Church

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>      9.45 am      Holy Communion at St Michael's Church  
10:45 am      Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's Church

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>      1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
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  
4.00pm      Service of Evening Prayer at Christ Church



## *Haslington Women's Institute*

The first meeting of the new year was very jolly, lots of ladies attended. Scottish dancers came to entertain us. What fun we had learning the dances and having a go ourselves.

Coming up shortly is a special Afternoon Tea catered by ourselves in memory of one of our members "Dorothy"

Also the Escape Room will be the first of many of our exciting events.

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

Janet Dake ..... Haslington WI

Facebook ..... haslingtonwi

The Williamson family would like to pass on their thanks to the following people who kindly lent a hand at Sheila's funeral. Rev Jane Lloyd for her help prior to and taking the service. To everyone involved with the Church Hall, setting up, brewing up and washing up. Specific mention of thanks to Chris and Anna Betts for liaising with various people to ensure that the day ran smoothly.

Thanks also to the staff from Food For Thought for providing a lovely buffet, and to Christine Wheeler for allowing us to use her poem. Thanks also to all of Sheila's friends whose love and support she truly appreciated, especially during the last few years.

Finally, a big thank you to all who donated money in Sheila's memory. We were overwhelmed by your generosity and are proud to be able to pass on the funds given to the charities that Mum chose.

With kind regards and best wishes for 2023.

Andy, Tim, Angela & Karen



## *United Benefice Mothers Union*

### MOTHERS' UNION REPORT JANUARY 2023

Once again, January is the month for our annual restaurant lunch and this year we met at the Wheatsheaf in Sandbach. Despite the chilly weather we all really enjoyed the food and the fellowship in the warmth of the pub.

Our next meeting, on Wednesday 15th February will be held at Viv's home. We call all members & prospective members to attend as it is our AGM to hear the report on last year and to ensure we all know what is planned for 2023.

For more information contact Viv Grunner (501538) or Jane McCombie (581769).



## *St. Matthew's Social Committee*

We look forward to seeing you for our next coffee morning which is on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February, in the church hall between 10:00am and 12:00 noon.



# *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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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) or Pam Philpot (07564952211) 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.

## Health/Wellbeing/Hobbies

Line Dancing	Tuesday	13:00 – 15:00
Indoor (League)	Thursday	19:00 – 22:00
Bowling Club		
Gardening Club	1st Thursday	19:00 – 21:00
Indoor Bowling	Thursday	14.00 - 17.00
(Yoxall)	Friday	19.00 - 22.00



## Easy ginger cake

### Ingredients

200g/7oz self-raising flour  
200g/7oz sugar  
1 tsp ground ginger  
1 tsp bicarbonate of soda  
55g/2oz margarine, plus extra for greasing  
1 free-range egg, beaten  
2 tbsp golden syrup  
240ml/9fl oz hot water

### Method

Preheat the oven to 180C/350FGas 4. Grease and line a 28x18cm/11x7in baking tin with baking paper.

Mix the flour, sugar, ginger and bicarbonate of soda together in a bowl. Using your fingers, rub the margarine in until the mixture resembles bread-crumbs. Add the beaten egg, syrup and hot water and mix well with a wooden spoon until combined.

Pour the mixture into the prepared tin and bake in the middle of the oven for 35–40 minutes, or until golden-brown and the top is springy to the touch. Leave to cool in the tin. Once cool, cut into squares.





*Church Rotas*  
For St. Matthew's



**St. Matthew's  
Reading Rota**

05/02/2023 Darren Evans  
12/02/2023 Katrina Fearn  
19/02/2023 Doris Farrell  
26/02/2023 Steve Grunner

**St. Matthew's  
Intercession Rota**

05/02/2023 Viv Grunner  
12/02/2023 Pat Hills  
19/02/2023 Rev Jane  
26/02/2023 Arleine Bloor

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

05/02/2023 Joe Philpot  
12/02/2023 N/A  
19/02/2023 Alan Wheeler  
26/02/2023 N/A

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

05/02/2023 Anna & Chris B  
12/02/2023 Hazel B & Janet D  
19/02/2023 Dennis & Jane Mc  
26/02/2023 Jane & John Mc

**St. Matthew's  
Flower Rota**

05/02/2023 Kath Proudlove  
12/02/2023 ----'"----  
19/02/2023 Lent – no flowers  
26/02/2023 ----'"----

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

06/02/2023 John Brassington  
13/02/2023 Alan Wheeler  
20/02/2023 Jenny Silcher  
27/02/2023 Arleine Bloor

## February Sudoku

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

Easy

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

Medium

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

Hard



## *St. Michael's PCC*

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

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

St Michaels next PCC Meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th March at 7.00 p.m. in church.



## *St. Michael's Social Committee*

### **ST. MICHAEL'S PANCAKE COFFEE MORNING**

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Saturday 18th February 10.00 - 12.00 in church

Come and join is for delicious food and fellowship



**Date for your Diary**

Saturday 18th March at the Yoxall Hall at 7.00 pm

Dynamo Duo in Concert

Come and join us for a fantastic evening of 60s and 70s music and much more !

Light refreshments

Tickets from Nancy - 07791 911 385  
or Helen - 07707 948 005





*Church Rotas*  
*For St. Michael's*



**St. Michael's  
Prayer Rota**

05/02/2023	Ron
12/02/2023	Roz
19/02/2023	Nancy
26/02/2023	Helen

**St. Michael's  
Reading Rota**

05/02/2023	Anne
12/02/2023	Linda
19/02/2023	Helen
26/02/2023	Nancy

**St. Michael's  
Cleaning Rota**

04/02/2023	Ron & Irene
11/02/2023	Anne
18/02/2023	Helen
25/02/2023	Linda

**St. Michael's  
Coffee Rota**

05/02/2023	Ron & Irene
12/02/2023	Cindy
19/02/2023	Linda
26/02/2023	Barrie

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

05/02/2023	Cindy
12/02/2023	Nancy
19/02/2023	Barrie
26/02/2023	Margaret

## January Sudoku Solutions

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

Easy

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

Medium

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

Hard



## *Prayer Subjects*

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

### **A Prayer for Ash Wednesday:**

Lord, Holy One, have mercy on us. We confess our sins to you. We have fallen short of your glory and without your mercy and grace, we would be dust. We repent now. Lord, as we enter into this Lenten season, be near to us. Help us, by your Holy Spirit, to feel right conviction and repentance for our sin. Help us, by your Spirit, to have the strength to overcome the enemy.

Thank you, Lord, that Easter is coming! Death has no sting, no victory, because of Jesus! Glory and honour and praise to His name! Thank you for rescuing us. Help us keep both the weight and the joy of this season in our hearts and we move through the next several weeks. Help us bear the good fruit of your Spirit.  
Amen.

### **Lent Prayer for the Comfort of God's Grace**

Almighty God, grant that we who deserve to be afflicted for our evil deeds may mercifully be relieved by the comfort of your grace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

### **Lent Prayer to Lead Us to Love You Sincerely**

O Lord Jesus Christ, by your almighty power you opened the eyes of the blind, and showed yourself to them. Turn our eyes away from worthless things, and lead us to love you sincerely; through your mercy,

O our God, you are blessed, and live and govern all things, now and forever.

Amen

### **In Memoriam**

Burial of Larry Sands, 4th January St Matthew's churchyard.

Funeral of Judith Saunders, 13th Jan, St Michael and All Angels, .



## *Around The Community*



**WARM PLACES**  
Keeping Cheshire East warm

**STAY WARM  
THIS WINTER**

This winter will be a challenging time for everyone. Haslington Support Group has created a network of Warm PlaCEs where you can keep warm, access hot food and drinks, and enjoy social activities in a supportive environment.\*

Find your nearest Haslington Warm PlaCE session by calling: **01270 419 120**

Wed 1 February 9am - 1pm	Sat 4 February 10am - 2pm
Tue 7 February 9am - 1pm	Sat 11 February 10am - 2pm
Wed 15 February 9am - 1pm	Sat 18 February 10am - 2pm
Tue 28 February 9am - 1pm	Sat 25 February 10am - 2pm

\* Dates are subject to change - please call the update line to make sure individual sessions are open.



**01270 419 120**  
For Help Call: **01270 419 119**

### **Christmas Holly Wreaths**

If you place a wreath or decorations on a grave in the churchyard will you please remove them and take them home before the end of January 2023 as we do not have sufficient dustbin space for them.

Thank you for your co-operation

## Form filling



Filling in forms, what a pain,  
First question one, that's my name.  
Then where I live and for how long,  
Even I can't get that wrong.  
Next nationality and date of birth,  
Then information for which I have to search.  
My N.I. number I can't bring to mind,  
And it's going to take an age to find;  
My occupation and where it is,  
Whether I'm a Mrs, Ms or a Miss.  
How many dependants and how old are they?  
This rotten form is going to take all day.  
It's a good job this form is not online,  
Because they never give you enough time.  
Make a mistake or go too slow,  
And it disappears and back you go.  
Some things you just don't know for sure,  
And wonder what do they want to know that for?  
But don't leave it blank that won't do,  
Because they'll only send it back to you.  
Include 3 certificates from an approved list,  
Just to prove that I really do exist;  
That I'm not a figment of someone's imagination,  
So I enclose the relevant documentation.  
So at last the form is complete,  
Spellings good and it's nice and neat.  
Thank goodness at last it's done I think,  
Only to discover I should have used **BLACK INK!**



Christine Wheeler. January 2023.

# If you need to talk, we're here to listen

**If you're feeling lonely or worried, finding it difficult to access food or medication, or are concerned about someone else who is – we can provide support.**

Call our free and confidential coronavirus support line on **0808 196 3651** to chat to a friendly British Red Cross volunteer. They can:

- help with practical information and advice
- give you emotional support
- connect you with support in your area.



**The phone line is open daily from 10am to 6pm.**

**Phone: 0808 196 3651**

**Free and confidential**

**For more information please visit:**

**[redcross.org.uk/coronavirus-support-line](https://redcross.org.uk/coronavirus-support-line)**

## Alternate forms of Worship

ALL BENEFICE CHURCHES ARE NOW OPEN FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP.  
HOWEVER, THIS IS IN ACCORDANCE TO COVID GUIDANCE - FACE MASKS ARE WORN AT YOUR DISCRETION, SANITISING HANDS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING.

Sunday	9.30 am	Holy Communion at St Matthew's Church (1st & 3rd in month)
	10:45 am	Holy Communion at Christ Church (3rd in month)
	11.00 am	Holy Communion at St Michael's Church (2nd & 4th in month)
Wednesday	9:45 am	Holy Communion at St Michael's Church
	10:45 am	Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's Church

The Sunday services will still be live streamed on the Facebook pages and later if you missed the live stream on the webpage,

<https://www.hcanglican.org/sunday-morning-service>

The weekly newsletter (YWoW) is published on the Facebook page and website [www.hcanglican.org](http://www.hcanglican.org) on Saturday morning. Copies are emailed to as many of the congregations as we can. The newsletter features a Bible reading, and Prayers. If you wish to receive a copy please contact Chris Betts on [chris\\_betts\\_@hotmail.com](mailto:chris_betts_@hotmail.com)

**Please Note, the Wednesday Morning Communion at St. Matthew's has reverted back to 10:45 am from 11:00am,**



Held at St Matthews Church Hall  
Park Road (off Crewe Road)  
Haslington  
CW1 5TQ

1st Thursday of the month at 7.30pm  
(unless otherwise listed)

Programme 2023	
2nd February	<i>Garden Design</i> JANE ALLISON
2nd March	<i>Growing Vegetables</i> ANTHONY NORMAN
6th April	<i>Propagating and seed sowing</i> ANNE HARRISON
4th May	<i>Plant Swap and Quiz</i>
1st June	<i>Clematis for year round colour</i> KEN BLACK

# February Quick View Diary

Wednesday	1 <sup>st</sup>	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club
Thursday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2:00pm	Whist Drive at 65 Club
		7:30pm	Gardening Club meet in the Church Hall
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent</b>	
Tuesday	7 <sup>th</sup>	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park
Wednesday	8 <sup>th</sup>	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club
		2:30pm	Mothers Union Meeting
Thursday	9 <sup>th</sup>	2:00pm	Whist Drive at 65 Club
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent</b>	
Tuesday	14 <sup>th</sup>	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park
		7:30pm	Haslington WI meet at the Cosy Club
Wednesday	15 <sup>th</sup>	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club
Thursday	16 <sup>th</sup>	2:00pm	Whist Drive at 65 Club
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sunday next before Lent</b>	
Tuesday	21 <sup>st</sup>	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park
Wednesday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club
Thursday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	2:00pm	Whist Drive at 65 Club
Friday	24 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	Coffee Morning St. Matthew's Church Hall
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>	
Tuesday	28 <sup>th</sup>	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park

Parish News Deadline for the **March** edition is **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

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