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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

Jesus The Transformer

Jesus took fishermen, zealots, tax collectors, and prostitutes and changed them into people who rose up and changed their world with a message of transformation. Christian transformation is so important because without it we are just another of a wide variety of religions. We have no power. It is because of the promise that if a person is in Christ, they will become a new creation, that makes the Christian message so different.

It is not about man trying to be good. It is about God coming to live inside of man and that because of that reality, the man is changed from the inside out.

There is no such thing as inevitability when it comes to the transforming power of Jesus. When the church preaches the message of the cross and the power of the resurrection, then we have the real answer to the ills of this world.

Instead of being against something, we will be for something. We will be for changed and transformed lives!

Now that is something to think about!

Christian Transformation Was the Ministry of Christ.

One of the many instances where Jesus took somebody who was born a certain way and transformed him into something else. It is the story found in Mark's gospel chapter 8 and it goes like this.

Mark 8:22—26 New Living Translation (NLT)

Jesus Heals a Blind Man

22 When they arrived at Bethsaida, some people brought a blind man to Jesus, and they begged him to touch the man, and heal him. 23 Jesus took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village. Then, spitting on the man's eyes, he laid his hands on him and asked, "Can you see anything now?" 24 The man looked around. "Yes," he said, "I see people, but I can't see them very clearly. They look like trees walking around." 25 Then Jesus placed his hands on the man's eyes again, and his eyes were opened. His sight was completely restored, and he could see everything clearly. 26 Jesus sent him away, saying, "Don't go back into the village on your way home."

Here is an instance where we see physical healing that transformed a blind man's life. It may be that the man was not born blind, the passage doesn't say, but regardless he was totally incapable of changing what was. He was blind. There was nothing he could do about it. Yet Jesus transformed his life!

In this passage, we actually see that even Jesus had to pray for someone more than once before they were healed.

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Pastoral Letter

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If it happened to Jesus, then what makes us think that we only have to pray once? Many times, healings, whether spiritual, emotional, or physical are progressive and take time.

There is a deeper message in this passage as well. It has to do with the fact that Jesus came to set at liberty those who are captive.

Luke 4:18 New Living Translation (NLT)

18" The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free,

The principle is that Jesus came to change lives. He came to transform them. He did not come to leave them the same.

Somehow this message has been lost!

Reflection from our November Prayer Breakfast. Chris Betts



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 26th January at 10:00am in the church hall.

Children's Society



On behalf of the children supported by the Children's Society I would like to thank all of you who hold their collecting boxes. Between us we have raised over £360! A wonderful total which will be much appreciated.
Jane McCombie

Church Diary January 2023

Sunday	1st January	Epiphany	
		10.30 am	Joint Benefice Holy Communion at St Michael's
Wednesday	4 th	9:45 am	Holy Communion at St Michael's Church
		10:45 am	Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's Church
Sunday	8th	Baptism of Christ	
		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	11 th	9:45 am	Holy Communion at St Michael's Church
		10:45 am	Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's Church
Sunday	15th	2nd Sunday of Epiphany	
		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	18 th	9.45 am	Holy Communion at St Michael's Church
		10:45 am	Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's Church
Saturday	21 st	10:00am	Prayer Breakfast in St. Matthew's Church Hall
Sunday	22nd	3rd Sunday of Epiphany	
		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
		4.30pm	Service of Evening Prayer at Christ Church
Wednesday	25 th	9.45 am	Holy Communion at St Michael's Church
		10:45 am	Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's Church
Sunday	29th	4th Sunday of Epiphany	Presentation of Christ
		10:30 am	Joint Benefice Holy Communion at St. Matthew's



Haslington Women's Institute

A great end to the year 2022, a number of ladies went ice skating. What fun they had.

The Christmas evening meal at the Golf Club was very well attended, more than 30. The food was delicious and all the company was jolly.

Our last WI meeting of 2022 was packed with fun. Loose Change Buskers was our musical entertainment, some ladies even got up to dance. We had a pass the parcel Secret Santa along with a fabulous raffle containing many hampers. Our WI decorated St Matthews for the Christmas festivities. Also, our President read a lesson at the Carol concert.

Coming up next year we are having a Prosecco Afternoon Tea at one of our members homes all catered by ourselves. in February will be the first Dining Club of 2023.

A very Happy New Year to everyone.

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

Janet Dake.....Haslington WI

Facebook.....haslingtonwi



The Twelve days of Christmas. **Grand Raffle.**



On Saturday 3rd December, we held our grand raffle at the soup and carols event. This event was very well attended, with everyone enjoying the soup and mince pies and joining in with our favourite carols. Thank you to all who made soup and to Chris Dannel for providing the music.

Many thanks to all who contributed to the raffle by donating items, or buying or selling tickets.

Congratulations to all who won a Hamper, and a very happy Christmas and New Year.



United Benefice Mothers Union

December was our Christmas Party meeting and after opening with prayers we enjoyed a Flower Quiz (to continue our flower theme of the autumn) and a couple of Christmas readings. Then the crackers came out with much laughter at the jokes adding to the good fellowship. The meeting finished with sparkling juice and mince pies.

Our 18th January meeting will be a lunch at a restaurant (weather permitting).

Jane & Viv



St. Matthew's Social Committee

We look forward to seeing you on Friday 27th January for the next coffee morning, 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 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) 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.

Gardening Club

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

Health/Wellbeing/Hobbies

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



Epiphany cake

Ingredients

750g rough puff pastry

100g caster sugar

100g unsalted butter at room temperature diced quite small

100g ground almonds

2 large eggs plus an egg yolk for glazing

1 teaspoon of almond extract

1 tablespoon of brandy or rum or milk

1 glacé cherry or sultan or raisin



Preheat the oven to 200c or fan oven 180c or gas mark 6.

Cream together the sugar and butter until light and fluffy and gradually add the eggs. Mix in the ground almonds, almond extract and brandy, rum or milk and of course the cherry or sultana, mix to a smooth paste.

Halve the pastry and roll each half out to a thickness of approximately 3-5 mm.

Using a 25 cm's circle (use a dinner plate or the base of a spring form tin) cut two circles. If one is slightly smaller than the other that will work well.

Place the slightly smaller circle on a baking tray lined with baking parchment, brush the edge with the egg yolk beaten with a teaspoon of water.

Place the frangipane filling in the centre and spread out to within 1 cm of the edge.

Put the second ring of pastry on top of the filling and seal the edge with your fingers or the back of a fork.

Using a sharp knife, score a series of lines on top of the pastry to form a spiral.

Brush with the remaining egg wash and bake for approx. 30 mins until the top is golden brown and puffed up.

Remove from the oven and allow to cool for 5 minutes, then move to a wire rack.

Serve just warm or cold.

The story is that the three kings arrived at the stable in Bethlehem on the twelfth night bearing the gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh. To honour this, a pie was created known as a Galette des Rois. It really isn't difficult to make as it consists of puff pastry enclosing an almond frangipane. When it is baked it is decorated with a paper crown! Traditionally a small silver trinket is placed inside the frangipane, and the person who gets the trinket in their slice can wear the crown for the day. Considering the price of dentistry these days I wouldn't risk putting something hard in the frangipane so put a cherry or a sultana in instead!



Church Rotas *For St. Matthew's*



St. Matthew's Reading Rota

01/01/2023	Alan Wheeler
08/01/2023	Chris. Wheeler
15/01/2023	Doris Farrell
22/01/2023	Viv Grunner
29/01/2023	John McCombie

St. Matthew's Intercession Rota

01/01/2023	Anna Betts
08/01/2023	Peter Robersthaw
15/01/2023	Chris. Wheeler
22/01/2023	Darren Evans
29/01/2023	United Service

St. Matthew's Eucharist Server Rota

01/01/2023	United Service
08/01/2023	
15/01/2023	Steve Grunner
22/01/2023	
29/01/2023	United Service

St. Matthew's Sides-person Rota

01/01/2023	United Service
08/01/2023	Dennis & Jane Mc
15/01/2023	Jane & John Mc
22/01/2023	Pat L & Jean T
29/01/2023	Viv & Steve G

St. Matthew's Flower Rota

01/01/2023	Christmas Flowers
08/01/2023	———""———
15/01/2023	———""———
22/01/2023	Jane McCombie
29/01/2023	———""———

St. Matthew's Church Locking up

02/01/2023	Vicar Jane
09/01/2023	Steve Grunner
16/01/2023	Alan Wheeler
23/01/2023	Arleine Bloor
30/01/2023	Chris Betts

January Sudoku

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

Easy

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

Medium

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

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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. Michael's next P.C.C. Meeting will be on Wednesday 11th January 2022 at 7.00 p.m. in church



St. Michael's Social Committee



Many thanks to all who supported St. Michael's Christmas Fair on Saturday 26th November, and our Mince Pie Coffee Morning with mulled wine and Christmas Tree Decorating on Saturday 10th December

We all really enjoyed a wonderful social occasions and raised much needed funds for our beautiful church.
2 lovely events of festive fellowship



St. Michael's Christingle Service

on Sunday

11th December raised an amazing £116.81 for
The Children's Society.



Church Rotas *For St. Michael's*



St. Michael's Prayer Rota

01/01/2023	Anne
08/01/2023	Linda
15/01/2023	Helen
22/01/2023	Nancy
29/01/2023	Ron

St. Michael's Reading Rota

01/01/2023	Anne
08/01/2023	Linda
15/01/2023	Helen
22/01/2023	Nancy
29/01/2023	Ron

St. Michael's Cleaning Rota

07/01/2023	Ron & Irene
14/01/2023	Linda
21/01/2023	Helen
28/01/2023	Barrie & Janette

St. Michael's Coffee Rota

01/01/2023	Ron & Irene
08/01/2023	Cindy
15/01/2023	Linda
22/01/2023	Barry
29/01/2023	Helen

St. Michael's Sides-person Rota

01/01/2023	Cindy
08/01/2023	Margaret
15/01/2023	Barry
22/01/2023	Linda
29/01/2023	Helen

December Sudoku Solutions

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

Easy

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

Medium

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

Hard



Prayer Subjects

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

Arise, shine, for the Light of the World has come!
Darkness covers the earth and its people,
but the radiance of God's Light
burns away its shadows,
illuminates the smallest corner,
and heralds in the start
of a new dawn,
where hearts no longer fear,
souls might be set free,
and sister shall follow brother,
nation shall follow nation,
and kings and princes bow down in awe
before the one who comes to reign.
Arise, shine, for the Light of the World has come!
Alleluia!

“God of surprises and gifts, you revealed yourself as a new-born baby and, with a star, you led the peoples of earth to worship Jesus, your only Son: lead us to see you face-to-face, and help us to discover our gifts and talents so that we may offer them up to you and your service. Let us be Jesus’s light in the world today. Amen.”

In Memoriam

Funeral of Cynthia Merrill, St Michael and All Angels. 9th December.

Funeral of Celia Burt, Christ Church. 22nd December.

Funeral of John Scallon, St Matthew's. Service at Crewe crem. 23rd December.



Around The Community



WARM PLACES
Keeping Cheshire East warm

**STAY WARM
THIS WINTER**



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

<p>Yoxall Village Hall Crewe Road, Haslington*</p> <p>Wed 4 January 9am - 1pm Tue 10 January 9am - 1pm Wed 18 January 9am - 1pm Tue 24 January 9am - 1pm</p> <p>Wed 1 February 9am - 1pm Tue 7 February 9am - 1pm Wed 15 February 9am - 1pm Tue 28 February 9am - 1pm</p>	<p>Gutterscroft Centre Gutterscroft, Haslington*</p> <p>Sat 7 January 10am - 2pm Sat 14 January 10am - 2pm</p> <p>Sat 28 January 10am - 2pm</p> <p>Sat 4 February 10am - 2pm Sat 11 February 10am - 2pm Sat 18 February 10am - 2pm Sat 25 February 10am - 2pm</p>
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* Dates are subject to change - please call the update line to make sure individual sessions are open.





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For Help Call: 01270 419 119

Christmas Holly Wreaths

If you place a wreath or decorations on a grave 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

A Selection of the trees at the Christmas Tree festival held at St. Matthew's over Christmas . Thanks to all who helped with generous grants, donations, decorating the trees, baking and selling refreshments during the event.
A total of £550 was raised over the 3 days for the Alzheimer's Society and Church funds



Through the train window.

Travelling by train on a lovely autumn day,
A few minutes late but we're on our way.
The sky is blue and the clouds are fluffy and white,
The autumnal coloured trees are a lovely sight.
Surrounded by fields lush and green,
Through the window there's a lot to be seen.
Past pastures of horses, cows and sheep,
A peek at people's gardens all tidy and neat.
Through Sandbach and Holmes Chapel towards the city,
The towns and villages looking really pretty.
The radio telescope at Jodrell Bank what a sight,
Listens to outer space both day and night.
Then onward to Alderley Edge, where the rich reside,
The favourite haunt of stockbrokers and footballer's wives.
Through the glorious beauty of leafy Cheshire,
We stop at Wilmslow, still late but no pressure.
Arriving at Stockport a plane flies overhead,
So low it seems the pilot's watch can be read.
Now the landscape changes as we leave the fields behind,
And offices, shops and gridlocked roads concentrate the mind.
Past engine sheds and sidings, all empty and still,
The football stadium gives Man City fans a thrill.
Then upwards we look towards the sky,
As Manchester's cranes and skyscrapers draw the eye.
But my fellow passengers are all unaware,
Are they too busy to even care?
Heads bent over computers and phones,
They sit in silence, a carriage of clones.
Others are asleep, oblivious to it all,
Only the train announcer wakes them with a call.
What lovely sights they missed along the way,
A shame they missed such a glorious autumn day.



Prayer Breakfast

Saturday 21st January, 10:00am



Happy New Year!

2023

January Quick View Diary

Sunday	1st	Epiphany	
Tuesday	3 rd	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park
Wednesday	4 th	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club
Thursday	5 th	2:00pm	Whist Drive at 65 Club
		7:30pm	Gardening Club meet in the Church Hall

Sunday	8th	Baptism of Christ	
Tuesday	10 th	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park
		7:30pm	Haslington WI meet at the Cosy Club
Wednesday	11 th	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club
Thursday	12 th	2:00pm	Whist Drive at 65 Club

Sunday	15th	2nd Sunday of Epiphany	
Tuesday	17 th	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park
Wednesday	18 th	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club
			MU Lunch at a Restaurant
Thursday	19 th	2:00pm	Whist Drive at 65 Club
Saturday	21 st	10:00am	Prayer Breakfast St. Matthew's Church Hall

Sunday	22th	3rd Sunday of Epiphany	
Tuesday	24 th	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park
Wednesday	25 th	12noon	Wishing Well meet in St Matthew's Church Hall
		2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club
Thursday	26 th	2:00pm	Whist Drive at 65 Club
Friday	27 th	10:00am	Coffee Morning St. Matthew's Church Hall

Sunday	29th	4th Sunday of Epiphany Presentation of Christ	
Tuesday	31 st	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park

Parish News Deadline for the **February** edition is **Wednesday 25th January**

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