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Parish News

Church and Community News for Haslington and Crewe Green



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Pastoral Letter

As they walked they talked

I love the Bible story of the Emmaus Road. It is the Sunday after Jesus' crucifixion and two disciples are walking from Jerusalem to Emmaus. And as they walked they talked. On this walk they talked about the horror of Jesus' death on the cross, about their dashed hopes for the future, about their confusion that some of the women had said they had seen angels who said he was alive. The story goes that Jesus joined them on their walk. They didn't recognize him, rather "the stranger" explained why all these things had been necessary, and they noted that "their hearts burned within themselves" as slowly they began to understand God's ways.

As they walked they talked - there is something in that, the great value and gift of walking, not just for physical health but for general wellbeing. Perhaps it's being outside in God's creation that lifts our spirits and enables us to see new horizons and new opportunities, both for ourselves and others. Perhaps it's the rhythm of walking and being side by side with another person that enables conversation; the physical activity of walking helps relieve tensions and being side by side is less demanding than being face to face, so conversation is easy. And walking takes time, so there is plenty of time to walk and talk. Indeed, walking itself is a journey, an image of "moving on" As Jesus walked with the two disciples they "moved on" in their understanding of who Jesus is and why he was crucified. As they came to the end of their journey they asked "the stranger" to stay and join them for a meal. It was when Jesus broke bread, in his characteristic way, that the disciples recognized him. Their walk had brought them in every sense "to a different place", their eyes were opened with news understanding and it was with joy they ran back to Jerusalem with the news "the Lord has risen".

Today as we walk we know that God is with us, God's Spirit is always leading us and guiding us, comforting us and enabling our prayer and understanding. As we walk our eyes are opened to the beauty of God's creation and the creativity of human beings. We see God in each other and know him to be present in the shared conversation and meals. We too, as we walk and talk in Jesus' presence, grow in faith and love and understanding.

With every blessing

Jane Lloyd (Vicar)

Church Diary May 2022

Sunday	1 st	3rd Sunday of Easter
		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	4 th	9:45 am Holy Communion at St Michael's Church
		10:45 am Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's Church
Sunday	8 th	4th 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
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	15 th	5th Sunday of Easter
		9.30 am Holy Communion at St Matthew's Church
		10.45 am Service of Morning at Christ Church
		11.00 am Service of Morning at St Michael's Church
Wednesday	18 th	9.45 am Morning Prayer at St Michael's Church
		10:45 am Morning Prayer at St Matthew's Church
Sunday	22 nd	6th 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
		4.00pm 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
Saturday	28 th	10.00 am Prayer Breakfast at St Matthew's Church Hall
Sunday	29 th	7th Sunday of Easter
		10:30 am Joint Benefice Holy Communion at Christ Church

The April meeting was very well attended. We were told about bra fittings and invited to Foundations in Nantwich to get a 10% discount on purchases.

The Spring wreath making was great fun and many wreaths could be seen adorning front doors in Haslington.

Our WI ladies decorated St Matthews Church with Easter floral arrangements. A very nice letter was received from Church thanking us for our efforts.

Our Easter meal at the Golf Club had 25 members attend. The hot buffet was delicious as was the table of desserts.

Coming up we have an Afternoon Tea in May. Also a pebble painting workshop and a public speaking course.

WI will be helping at the Jubilee celebrations, as well as having our refreshment tent.

WI meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at The Cosey Club, 7.30. Everyone welcome.

Janet Dake.....Haslington WI
Facebook.....haslingtonwi



*St · Matthew's
Social Committee*

The next Coffee Morning will be on Friday 27th May 2022. If you would like to join in, please contact Jane McCombie for further information about it. We look forward to seeing you for fellowship at this difficult time. See page 17, for info on Easter Hamper Draw
Anna Betts

A date for your diary

Saturday 2nd July

the first post lock down Quiz night. (*details to follow*)





Haslington Parish Council

HASLINGTON, WINTERLEY & OAKHANGER



QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS
2nd - 5th June 2022

There is a full programme of events to suit all ages and families.

LET'S CELEBRATE!

Thursday 2nd June

A competition for everyone to join in - frontages of all properties can be decorated to celebrate the Queen's 70 years - driveways, garages, gardens with gold and purple bunting and you name it! - Being judged on the Thursday 2nd with prizes awarded on Saturday 4th the **Queen's Jubilee Gardens**

Decoration competition is for everyone to let their imagination run wild.

Primrose and Hollymere care homes will have a **Thanksgiving Service** in their gardens, for the Queen at 14.00, open to all.

Friday 3rd June

Parish Village Walk linking Haslington, Winterley and Oakhanger, there are 3 options of different lengths - mainly on footpaths. Suitable for dogs. There will be refreshments at Oakhanger Village Hall.

Bowling competition - open to all including a novice category.

Saturday 4th June

Fun Day With games and stalls on Haslington village green with a display of vintage pedal cars and a Landau horse carriage amongst many, a vintage vehicle drive past and plenty of refreshments, with musical entertainment by Winterley Brass Band. Presentation of prizes for the Queen's Jubilee Gardens Competition.

There will be displays in the Church halls covering the last 70 years and a rolling photographic display of Haslington's pictorial past in Bradleley Road Church Hall and the Cosey Club. Vintage Vehicles will be on display at the Cosey car park whilst inside there will be musical entertainment.

Sunday 5th June

Scarecrow Competition for the 3 villages Haslington, Winterley and Oakhanger.

Street Parties - throughout the parish to be organised by each street / area.

See social media for further information.



United Benefice Mothers Union

The United Benefice Mothers Union

At our April meeting 9 members of our Mothers' Union branch met at Viv's for an afternoon of fellowship on an Easter theme. We enjoyed refreshments of tea, scones and cake whilst wearing our Easter Bonnets. Our next meeting will be at Brenda's on Wednesday 18th May at 2.15.

Theme to be announced. For any information contact Viv (501538) or Jane (581769).

If you would like to join us at a meeting, you will be most welcome.

Contact the joint leaders Viv (501538) or Jane (581769).



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 5th May at 10:00am in the church.

The Arch Deacons visitation this will be on Wednesday 15 June at Christ Church Alsager

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: crewgreenscouts@hotmail.co.uk
Scouts	Monday	19:30 – 21:00	Peter Wilson email: crewgreenscouts@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 (587065) for further information.

Mothers Union

Meet on a Wednesday please Speak to Jane McCombie (581769) or Viv Grunner (501538)

Wishing Well

Meet on a Wednesday 12:00noon—2:00pm

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
Youth Drama	Friday	17:00 – 19:00
Indoor Bowling (Yoxall)	Thursday	14.00 - 17.0
	Friday	19.00 - 22.00



Summer Party cake

Ingredients

300g salted butter , at room temperature

300g golden caster sugar

1 tbsp vanilla paste (or vanilla extract)

6 medium eggs , lightly beaten

300g self-raising flour

To assemble

900ml double cream

1 heaped tbsp icing sugar

2 tsp vanilla bean paste (or vanilla extract)

300g good-quality or homemade strawberry jam

1kg strawberries , chopped into even slices for neat layers (save 8 to decorate)

meringue kisses, chocolate bark & chocolate-coated strawberries

shop-bought shortbread biscuits



Method

Heat oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4. Grease and line two x 23cm tins with baking parchment. Beat the butter, sugar and vanilla until the mixture is very light, pale and fluffy.

Gradually mix in the beaten eggs, add the flour until just combined.

Divide the mixture between the tins and bake in the oven for 30 mins or until the cakes come away from the side and the skewer inserted into the centre comes out clean. Remove and cool in the tin for 5 mins. Turn out onto a wire rack and remove the parchment to allow the steam to escape and the cakes to cool. Meanwhile, make the decorations.

Now assemble your cake. Before you split the sponges, trim the domed tops off each cake with a bread knife. Use the same knife or a cake wire, to split each sponge horizontally, so you're left with four sponge layers.

Whip the double cream with the icing sugar and vanilla until light and fluffy, and just holding shape. Put the bottom layer on a cake stand or board. Spread with a thin layer of jam, then spread or pipe on a good layer of cream. Arrange an even layer of strawberries neatly round the edge, then dot the middle of the sponge with more fruit. Repeat with two more of the cake layers.

For the top layer, add the sponge and jam, but neatly pipe the cream over. Arrange the chocolate-coated strawberries on top of the creamy sponge, then nestle in shards of bark, meringues and biscuit. Serve and eat within a few hours.



Church Rotas

For St. Matthew's & St. Michael's



Church Rota's are starting again now the churches are open and services are returning to normal (*further rota's will be added once compiled and available*)

St. Matthew's Readers Rota

01/05/2022	Alan Wheeler
08/05/2022	Chris Wheeler
15/05/2022	Doris Farrell
22/05/2022	Viv Grunner
29/05/2022	John McCombie

St. Matthew's Intercession Rota

01/05/2022	Helen Pierce
08/05/2022	Anna Betts
15/05/2022	Peter Robertshaw
22/05/2022	Chris Wheeler
29/05/2022	TBA

St. Matthew's Sidespersons Rota

01/05/2022	Jane & John Mc
08/05/2022	Pat L & Jean T
15/05/2022	Viv & Steve G
22/05/2022	Rogation Service
29/05/2022	Anna & Chris B

St. Matthew's Flower Rota

01/05/2022	-----
08/05/2022	-----
15/05/2022	-----
22/05/2022	-----
29/05/2022	Christine Wheeler

St. Matthew's Church Locking Rota

02/05/2022	Arlene Bloor
09/05/2022	Steve Grunner
16/05/2022	Vicar Jane
23/05/2022	Alan Wheeler
30/05/2022	Jenny Silcher

St. Michael's Prayer Rota

01/05/2022	Ron
08/05/2022	Linda
15/05/2022	Anne
22/05/2022	Nancy
29/05/2022	Helen

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

Medium

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

Hard

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



Prayer Subjects

Prayer for Inner Peace and Calm

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways;
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,
In purer lives Thy service find,
In deeper reverence, praise.

Drop Thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of Thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and Thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm.

Prayer for Serenity

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change;
courage to change the things I can;
and wisdom to know the difference.
Living one day at a time;
enjoying one moment at a time;
accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;
taking, as He did, this sinful world
as it is, not as I would have it;
trusting that He will make all things right
if I surrender to His Will;
that I may be reasonably happy in this life
and supremely happy with Him
forever in the next.
Amen.

In Memoriam

Burial of Ashes of Betty Stebbing, St Matthew's, 29th March.

Funeral of Arthur Hilditch, St Matthew's, 14th April.

Funeral of Michael Sutton, St Michael 's @ Crem. 26th April.

Funeral of Jean Maddock, St Matthew's, 26th April.

Funeral of Alma Vickers, St Matthew, Wednesday 27th April,

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



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)
Anne Thompson, Linda Clarke (Deanery Rep), Jeanette Allman, Barrie Blood.

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St. Michael's next P.C.C. meeting- Wednesday 4th May 7.00 pm in church

The Arch Deacons visitation this will be on Wednesday 15 June at Christ Church Alsager



St · Michael's Social Committee

ST MICHAEL'S EASTER EGG HUNT/EASTER STORY

Many thanks to all who came along and joined the fun on Saturday 16th April.

Everyone had an amazing time.



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

Medium

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

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

May.

Traditionally we celebrate Mayday,
With Morris Dancers and May Queens,
And we watch the children dance,
Around Maypoles on village greens.



Bluebells carpet the woods,
Cow parsley dances in the breeze;
In the hedgerows the hawthorn blooms,
And green leaves burst upon the trees.

Fruit trees full of colourful blossom,
Then the rough winds do blow.
When it falls down like confetti,
And covers the ground like snow.



May brings the exam season,
And late night revision until,
The realisation begins to dawn,
If you don't know it now, you never will.

We all enjoy warm sunny days,
But do not cast a clout.
Remember what the proverb says,
And wait until May be out.



Christine Wheeler. 2022.



Around The Community



THY KINGDOM COME PRAYER BREAKFAST

Saturday 28th May 10:00am in the Church Hall

I've always loved breakfast, (think coffee, or tea, bacon with toast or croissant or maybe your favourite cereal) and prayer (think addressing the creator of all thinks, as "Heavenly Father") and when we bring these two joys together, we have a prayer breakfast! We gather for a prayer breakfast to lead us into the 10 days of praying "Thy Kingdom Come".

Thy Kingdom come is a global prayer movement, started by the Archbishop of Canterbury in 2016, which invites Christians around the world to pray between Ascension (Thursday 26th May) and Pentecost (Sunday 5th June) for more people to come to know Jesus Christ.

Come and be part of The Kingdom Come, everyone is welcome to the Prayer Breakfast. We come together for fellowship, food and prayer.

With every blessing, Jane (Vicar)

Grand Easter Draw.



The Easter Hamper was won by Mrs Angela Hodgkinson, ticket number 349. Congratulations Angela, and many thanks to all who purchased tickets, £352 was made for church funds.



Just letting you know that St. Matthew's Church - Haslington and St. Michael's Crewe Green are now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 6,000 shops and sites will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself!

These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment.

You can find our easyfundraising page at

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmatthewschurchhaslington/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_medium=email&utm_content=gs-e1

Thank you so much!

The Queen's Party.



We're going to have a party,
For Elizabeth our Queen,
She's reigned for 70 years,
The longest serving monarch there's been.

So we're hanging out the bunting,
In colours of red white and blue;
And up and down this nation,
We'll raise a glass or two.



There'll be parties to celebrate,
With tables and chairs in the street,
With music, joy and laughter,
And lots of goodies to eat.



There will be trooping the colour,
With a parade and fly past.
And a concert at the Palace,
That's going to be a blast.



A service of Thanksgiving,
And beacons lit across the land;
Plus lots of local events,
I hope you've got one planned.

Four days of celebration and fun,
And whatever you choose to do,
Give thanks for 70 platinum years,
And three cheers for Queen Liz II.

Christine Wheeler 2022.

By Royal Appointment Hamper.

St Matthews will be holding a raffle to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The prize will be a hamper full of products that hold the royal warrant; e.g. Cadburys, Twinning's and Tate and Lyle to name but a few. We are asking for donations please for the hamper, and a list of the products required is available in a book, on the bookcase at the back of church.

If you would like to help with this, please pick an item from the book, and write your name alongside.

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.hcganglican.org/sunday-morning-service>

The weekly newsletter (YWoW) is published on the Facebook page and website www.hcganglican.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

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

New Venture, Try a Prayer Breakfast, see page 16

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Supporting the work of our Church

You can now support St Matthew's Haslington online.



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May Quick View Diary

Sunday	1st	3rd Sunday of Easter	
Tuesday	3 rd	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park
Wednesday	4 th	12noon	Wishing Well meet in St Matthew's Church Hall
		2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club
Thursday	5 th	2:00pm	Whist Drive at 65 Club
Sunday	8th	4th Sunday of Easter	
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	12noon	Wishing Well meet in St Matthew's Church Hall
		2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club
Thursday	12 th	2:00pm	Whist Drive at 65 Club
Sunday	15th	5th Sunday of Easter	
Tuesday	17 th	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park
Wednesday	18 th	12noon	Wishing Well meet in St Matthew's Church Hall
		2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club
Thursday	19 th	1:00pm	CAMEO meeting St. Matthew's Church Hall
		2:00pm	Whist Drive at 65 Club
Sunday	22nd	6th Sunday of Easter	
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
Saturday	28 th	10:00am	Prayer Breakfast St. Matthew's Church Hall
Sunday	29th	7th Sunday of Easter	
Tuesday	31 st	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park

Parish News Deadline for the **June** edition is **Wednesday 25th May**

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