

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

Easter victory and love

Below is the closing part of a poem by Trevor Dennis, once a Canon at Chester Cathedral, taken from his book, "Keeping God Company". Trevor reflects beautifully and thoughtfully on God's love shown on the cross and victory of Easter. Let me know what you think and if you'd like to borrow his book.

"It is finished"

Yet here is God with arms stretched wide for our embrace;
here fall heaven's tears of love;
here we catch the beating of God's heart;
here is God's generosity displayed
and here his victory unfurled!

For God is not defeated here.
Love wins this day,
and must win every day.
Nothing can confound the love of God,
nothing deflect it from its course,
or stem its flow.

So here,
in the shadow of the cross,
we are not alone;
here our grief and pain are understood, shared, cherished;
here is healing for our torn souls;
here, where terror might seem to hold such sway,
we have no cause to fear;
here we are loved,
loved still more,
loved eternally
with a Love that has no flaw,
that will not let us down,
that is as large and larger than the universe,
as bright as a kingfisher's back in the summer's sun,
as strong and relentless as the crash of the sea.

We are worth something here!
We are worth everything here!
Let us care for one another.

Have a blessed Easter.
Vicar Jane xx



St. Matthew's PCC

PCC Members— Rev Jane(Chair), Alan Wheeler (Warden) Chris Betts (Warden) ,Jane McCombie (Secretary) Arleine Bloor, Roger Pearce, Barbara Harris, , Viv Grunner, Anna Betts, Steve Grunner.

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

St. Matthew's APCM meeting will be held on 14th April, following the church Service. Our next PCC meeting will be held on 30th May at 10:00am in the church hall.

Church Hall cleaning and maintenance

We look forward to seeing you at our next hall cleaning party on Friday 5th April at 10:30am. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments served after the clean.

Anna Betts



Please be aware...

Due to the outside tap being left running, resulting, in the flooding of the cellar and damage to the boiler. The PCC has decided the outside tap by the vestry cellar be sealed off, and removed, but leaving the pipework in place. This will avoid future flooding of the cellar and further damage to the central heating.

A notice has been put in place to explain the reason.

Church Diary April 2024

Wednesday 3rd 10:45 am No service at St Matthew's Church

Sunday 7th 2nd Sunday of Easter

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 10th 10:45 am Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's Church

Sunday 14th 3rd 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

11:00 am APCM at St. Matthew's Church

Wednesday 17th 10:45 am Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's Church

Sunday 21st 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

4.30 pm Service of Evening Prayer at Christ Church

Wednesday 24th 10:45 am Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's Church

Sunday 28th 5th Sunday of Easter

9.30 am Holy Communion at St Matthew's Church

10.45 am Holy Communion at Christ Church

11.00 am Holy Communion at St Michael's Church

The March meeting was very popular. Mike and Toni came from Francesco Hair to talk to us about looking after our hair. We were lucky enough to have a demonstration. Don't they make it look easy.

The axe throwing was a great success again. We are getting really good now.

Our meal at the Legs of Man was very good. Fabulous food and company.

Coming up at our next meeting is Isabella Locket from The Clonter Opera.

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

Janet Dake.....haslingtonwi

Facebook.....haslingtonwi



*St. Matthew's
Social Committee*

Our next coffee morning on Friday 26th April, we look forward to seeing you there.

Tickets are still available for the Easter Afternoon Tea, on Saturday 6th April at a cost of £8:00.

Entry forms for the quiz night on Saturday 11th May are available from Anna.

We hope to have the church open on Saturday 11th May, during the Village Fun Day. Tea and coffee will be served, if you have a free hour and are able to help please let Anna know.

Dates for your diary

29th June – walk and lunch

6th July – Strawberry tea

10th August – Summer Lunch

7th September – walk and skittles evening at The Bickerton Poacher

Anna Betts





*United Benefice
Mothers Union*

The group met at Anne Armstrong's house for our meeting on the afternoon of March 13th at 2-15pm. The meeting was well attended the discussion was about films we had liked and ones that had made us sad.. The range of films that we discussed was amazing from the classic *Gone with the Wind* to the more recent *Barbie* and *Oppenheimer* .

Anne then provided delicious cake thanks Anne.

Our next meeting is at Helens in Delves Broughton Court on the 17th April when Peter Robertshaw will be speaking about his love of Music and what it means for himself and others.

If there are any changes please check our What's App or speak to Jane or myself.

Take Care

Branch Leaders

Viv Grunner and Jane McCombie

Confirmation. I'm planning to run confirmation classes.

If anyone would like to be confirmed, would you please have a chat with me. Thank you.

Vicar Jane

*Have a great day unless you have other plans
If not now, when?*

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
	Friday	9:00 – 10:00
God at the Movies	2 nd Thursday in the month	
Prayer Breakfast	4 th Saturday every 2 months	



Raspberry Bakewell Cake

Ingredients

140g ground almond
140g butter, softened
140g golden caster sugar
140g self-raising flour
2 eggs
1 tsp vanilla extract
250g raspberry
2 tbsp flaked almond
icing sugar, to serve



Method

- **STEP 1**

Heat oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4 and base-line and grease a deep 20cm loose-bottomed cake tin. Blitz the ground almonds, butter, sugar, flour, eggs and vanilla extract in a food processor until well combined.

- **STEP 2**

Spread half the mix over the cake tin and smooth over the top. Scatter the raspberries over, then dollop the remaining cake mixture on top and roughly spread – you might find this easier to do with your fingers. Scatter with flaked almonds and bake for 50 mins until golden. Cool, remove from the tin and dust with icing sugar to serve.



Church Rotas
For St. Matthew's



**St. Matthew's
Reading Rota**

07/04/2024 Colin Booth
14/04/2024 Doris Farrell
21/04/2024 Helen Pearce
28/04/2024 Darren Evans

**St. Matthew's
Intercession Rota**

07/04/2024 Helen Pearce
14/04/2024 Anna Betts
21/04/2024 Colin Booth
28/04/2024 Chris Wheeler

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

07/04/2024 Joe Philpot
14/04/2024 -
21/04/2024 Chris Betts
28/04/2024 -

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

07/04/2024 Colin & Celia
14/04/2024 Pam & Jo Philpott
21/04/2024 Sheila M & Anne A
28/04/2024 Pat L & Jean T

**St. Matthew's
Flower Rota**

07/04/2024 Easter Flowers
14/04/2024 Ann Faulkner
21/04/2024 ——"—"——
28/04/2024 Chris Wheeler

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

01/04/2024 Colin Booth
08/04/2024 Jenny Silcher
15/04/2024 Steve Grunner
22/04/2024 John Brassington
29/04/2024 Arleine Bloor

April Sudoku

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

Easy

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

Medium

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

Hard



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 A.P.C.M. will be on Sunday 5th May following the 11.00 am service.

St. Michael's next PCC meeting will be on Wednesday 8th May at 7.00 pm in



St. Michael's Social Committee



ST. MICHAEL'S EASTER EGG HUNT

Thank you to all who supported St.

Michael's Easter Egg Hunt on

SATURDAY 30TH MARCH

IN AND AROUND THE CHURCH





Church Rotas
For *St. Michael's*



**St. Michael's
Prayer Rota**

07/04/2024	Ron
14/04/2024	Nancy
21/04/2024	Anne
28/04/2024	Helen
05/05/2024	Ron

**St. Michael's
Reading Rota**

07/04/2024	Ron
14/04/2024	Helen
21/04/2024	Nancy
28/04/2024	Linda
05/05/2024	Ron

**St. Michael's
Cleaning Rota**

06/04/2024	Ron & Irene
13/04/2024	Linda
20/04/2024	Anne
27/04/2024	Helen
04/05/2024	Ron & Irene

**St. Michael's
Coffee Rota**

07/04/2024	Ron & Irene
14/04/2024	Linda
21/04/2024	Cindy
28/04/2024	Helen
05/05/2024	Ron & Irene

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

07/04/2024	Cindy
14/04/2024	Helen
21/04/2024	Margaret
28/04/2024	Nancy
05/05/2024	Cindy

March Sudoku Solutions

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

Easy

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

Medium

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

Hard



Prayer Subjects

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

4 Powerful Daily Prayers to Help You Start Your Morning Off Right

1) Simple, Short Prayer

Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day, be at my side, to light and guard, rule and guide.

— *The Guardian Angel Prayer*

2) Prayer to Affirm Your Hope in God

O My God, relying on Thy infinite goodness and promises, I hope to obtain pardon of my sins, the help of Thy grace and life everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Redeemer.

— *Act of Hope*

3) Prayer for Peace

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope; Where there is darkness, light; Where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; To be understood as to understand; To be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; It is in pardoning that we are pardoned; And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

— *The Prayer of St. Francis*

4) Prayer for Forgiveness

Our Father who is in heaven, uphold the holiness of your name. Bring in your kingdom so that your will is done on earth as it's done in heaven. Give us the bread we need for today. Forgive us for the ways we have wronged you, just as we also forgive those who have wronged us. And don't lead us into temptation, but rescue us from the evil one.

— *The Lord's Prayer*



Around The Community

Meeting God at the Movies is on Thursday 11th April.

2.00pm in St Matthew's church hall



Please bring your interval drinks and pop corn!



The tickets are £8 and are available from
Jane McCombie and Anna Betts.
Everyone is welcome.

That Big Band Sound.



We're listening to that Big Band Sound,
Filling the space all around;
Trumpet, Double Bass and Saxophone,
Drums, Piano and Trombone.



Bringing back to life the music of yesteryear,
The band strikes up and the crowd cheer.
A Fascinating Rhythm is the first tune,
Then the dancers Sway around the room.



So let's Take the A Train to Blueberry Hill,
Then Fly me to the Moon, what a thrill.
We Ain't Misbehavin as we Sing Sing Sing,
Because It don't mean a Thing (if it ain't got that swing).



The Vocalist gets us In the Mood with a song,
What A Wonderful World by Louis Armstrong.
Then we're all aboard the Chattanooga Choo Choo,
As journey's end at Tuxedo Junction, comes into view.

To loud applause the musicians take their bow,
Only the instruments to pack away now.
Still humming the tunes lodged in our head,
We take a Sentimental Journey home to bed.



Christine Wheeler. February 2024.

Question, How many Big Band tunes can you find in this poem?
Answer, Next month.



St. Matthew's Grand Easter Hamper Draw, 2024

	Prize	Winner
1	Childrens Hamper	127. Sheila Mason.
2	Wrapping Hamper	401. Joanne (Colia)
3	Gin & Tonic Hamper	420. Ted Holykinson,
4	Easter Table Hamper	179. David Bloor
5	Easter Baking Hamper	7. Roy Davies,
6	Pamper Hamper	310. Angela Holykinson
7	Basket of Chocolate with Lamb	165. Mrs C. Booth.
8	Cuddley Lamb & Easter Egg	25. Chris Betts.
9	Medium Food Hamper	338. Sami Mason aka Sheila Mason.
10	Chocolate Hamper	235. John McCombie.
11	Simnel Cake	405 357 Layla Newson.
12	Large Food Hamper	110. A. Faulkner.



Church Hall Refurbishment Fund Raiser

An enjoyable Musical fundraising event for the Hall refurbishment was held on March 22nd in the Church Hall. A great night of music, singing, dancing and a pie and Pea supper. A grand total of £753 was raised for the refurbishment fund.

The event was led by the Strings and Sunshine group.



The next fund raiser for the Hall is **The Golf Club Sunday lunch** which is on the 21st April -- 12pm for 12-30pm.

Everyone is welcome.

Please contact Viv Grunner if you'd like to attend.

April Quick View Diary

Tuesday	2 nd	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park
Wednesday	3 rd	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club
Thursday	4 th	2:00pm	Whist Drive at 65 Club
		7:30pm	Gardening Club meet in the Church Hall
Friday	5 th	10:30am	Church Hall Cleaning party
Sunday	7th	2nd Sunday of Easter	
Tuesday	9 th	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park
		7:30pm	Haslington WI meet at the Cosy Club
Wednesday	10 th	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club
Thursday	11 th	2:00pm	Meet God at the Movies St. Matthew's church hall
Sunday	14th	3rd Sunday of Easter	
Tuesday	16 th	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park
Wednesday	17 th	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club
		2:30pm	MU meeting, (<i>The love of Music</i>)
Thursday	18 th	2:00pm	Whist Drive at 65 Club
		1:00pm	CAMEO in St. Matthew's church hall
Sunday	21st	4th Sunday of Easter	
Tuesday	23 rd	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park
Wednesday	24 th	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club
Thursday	25 th	2:00pm	Whist Drive at 65 Club
Friday	26 th	10:00am	Coffee Morning St. Matthew's Church Hall

Parish News Deadline for the **May** edition is **Wednesday 24th April**
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