

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

Inspired by "Grace in the Manger" by Rev John W Stevens (This is my Advent devotional, and is available on Amazon).

"Swords into ploughshares and spears into pruning-hooks"

On Remembrance Sunday we often hear the words from Micah the prophet, chapter 4, verse 3:

"He shall judge between many peoples, and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore;"

Micah opposed war and preached hope in God for the future – a future of peace, justice and wellbeing for all people. Micah's vision is of a house of God in the mountains. Everyone, from all nations, friends and foes, will stream to God's house to learn God's laws, and to walk in God's paths. God will be the judge who peacefully settles disagreements, even among mighty nations.

So, with God as the judge, there is no need for warfare and no need for **weapons of war**. Instead, the weapons will be turned into ploughshares and pruning hooks. What was once used to harm, will be used to bring life in the garden. Young people will not have to leave home to learn the art of war but instead will learn how to bring life from the ground. The gardener will replace the soldier.

Like God's ancient people before us, we are inspired by Micah's vision. I love the image of "swords into ploughshares, and spears into pruning-hooks"; but since I'm neither a farmer, nor a soldier, I don't really understand what it means and how to go about making peace.

Fortunately, Jesus, The Prince of Peace, sends the Holy Spirit to all God's people, so we're not left alone in this task of peace making. The Holy Spirit transforms us, and guides us, so that we all become instruments of God's peace. We see that the making of "swords into ploughshares and spears into pruning-hooks" is not just a vision we wait for and long for, but a vision we can work for, today, and tomorrow.

We pray,

Heavenly Father, in this difficult world of war and violence, we need your help to be peacemakers. Transform us, all your people, by your Holy Spirit. Guide our hands and our feet, and renew our minds, that we may bring Your Kingdom of peace. Amen.



St. Matthew's Social Committee

Our next coffee morning will be held on 24th November, in the church hall between 10:00am and 12:00 noon. Every one is welcome

We look forward to seeing you at the Autumn Lunch and fair in the church hall on Saturday 4th November, between 11:00am & 2:00pm. All are welcome. If you are able to make a hotpot please see Anna.



Why not come and join us at the Prize Bingo, in the church hall on Saturday 18th November, eyes down at 2:00pm.

A date for your diary, on Saturday 9th December, the Grand Christmas Draw with soup and carols. (See pg 19)

Church Hall

I am sure that all agree that the church hall is a great asset to the church family. In previous years a small group of volunteers have meet once a month to clean and carry out maintenance if able. I would like to restart the group, so if you could spare a couple of hours each month to join the group, please let Anna know.



Church Diary November 2023

Wednesday	1 st	9:45 am	No Service at St Michael's Church
		10:45 am	Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's Church
Sunday	5th	4th Sunday Before Advent	
		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 th	9:45 am	No Service at St Michael's Church
		10:45 am	Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's Church
Sunday	12th	3rd Sunday Before Advent / Remembrance Day	
		9:30 am	Holy Comm with act of Remembrance at St Matthews
		10:45 am	Remembrance Service at Christ Church
		11:00 am	Remembrance Service at St Michael's Church
Wednesday	15 th	9:45 am	No Service at St Michael's Church
		10:45 am	Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's Church
Sunday	19th	2nd Sunday Before Advent	
		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
		3.30 pm	Remembrance of all who have died at St Matthews
Wednesday	22 nd	9.45 am	No Service at St Michael's Church
		10:45 am	Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's Church
Sunday	26th	Christ the King / Sunday Next Before Advent	
		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	29 th	9:45 am	No Service at St Michael's Church
		10:45 am	Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's Church



*Haslington Women's
Institute*

The monthly meeting was Chance Changing Lives, a local charity. Very informative and what great work they do.

Some ladies attended Bidley Dairy for a tour of the factory, and of course ice cream and cake. what a great time they had.

The Chelsea Flower Show garden has now been reinstated at Stapley. A number of ladies went to enjoy it and also got the chance to see some of the rescue animals.

Our ladies again decorated St Matthews Church for the Harvest Festival. What a wonderful job they did.

Coming up we have a visit to the Clonter Opera, Axe Throwing, The Pie and Pea supper and dining club are going to the newly refurbished Bears Head at Brereton.

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

come.
Janet Dake.....haslingtonwi

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CHILDREN’S SOCIETY

COLLECTING BOXES

I understand that we are using less cash these days but every little is a contribution to the Children’s Society and a much needed source of income for them. So, please, if you have a collecting box for the Children’s Society it is the time of year for me to empty them for you. If possible, please bring them to Church or I will collect, just let me know.

Or, if you don’t at present have a collecting box but would like one, do just let me know. It is such a worthwhile charity to support.

Many thanks on behalf of the Children’s Society.

Jane McCombie



United Benefice Mothers Union

Our meeting this month was held in the church hall. We gathered to enroll two new members to our number and welcoming Celia & Sheila. Membership helps support the worldwide work of the Mothers' Union. We followed the service with refreshments of tea and cake, finishing the afternoon with a 'A call from heaven' by Diana Bancroft.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th November at 2.15 at Jane's home. Viv and Jane look forward to seeing you.



St. Matthew's PCC

PCC Members— Rev Jane(Chair), Alan Wheeler (Warden) Chris Betts (Warden) ,Jane McCombie (Secretary) Arleine Bloor, Joe Philpot, Pam Philpot, 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 next PCC meeting 30th November in the church hall.

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.

Health/Wellbeing/Hobbies

Fitness Group	Tuesday	19:30 – 20:30
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



Toffee Apple Cake

Ingredients

- 125g butter
- 225g dark muscovado sugar
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 225g plain flour
- 2 tsp baking powder
- 200g cooking apples, peeled, cored and diced
- 100g soft toffees, chopped into pieces



TOFFEE FROSTING

100g butter, at room temperature

1 tsp vanilla extract

200g icing sugar

toffee or caramel sauce

Method

STEP 1

Heat the oven to 160C/fan 140C/gas 3. Put the butter and muscovado sugar in a food processor and whizz for a couple of minutes, then blend in the eggs. Add the flour and baking powder and whizz until combined. Stir in the apple and toffee pieces.

STEP 2

Pour into a buttered, base-lined 20cm square tin and bake for 1 hour, or until risen and dark golden. Remove from the tin and cool. To make the frosting beat the butter, vanilla and icing sugar with 3 tbsp of the toffee sauce until smooth. Spread over the cake then drizzle over more sauce to finish.



Church Rotas
For St. Matthew's



St. Matthew's—Reading Rota

05/11/2023 Steve Grunner
 12/11/2023 Jane McCombie
 19/11/2023 Pat Hills
 26/11/2023 Darren Evans
 03/12/2023 Alan Wheeler

St. Matthew's—Intercession Rota

05/11/2023 Anna Betts
 12/11/2023 Colin Booth
 19/11/2023 Chris Wheeler
 26/11/2023 Darren Evans
 03/12/2023 Viv Grunner

St. Matthew's— Server Rota

05/11/2023 Alan Wheeler
 12/11/2023 Steve Grunner
 19/11/2023 Anna Betts
 26/11/2023 -
 03/12/2023 Arliene Bloor

St. Matthew's—Sides-person Rota

05/11/2023 Anna & Chris Betts
 12/11/2023 Dennis & Jane Mc
 19/11/2023 Janet D & Shelagh H
 26/11/2023 Jane & John Mc
 03/12/2023 Colin & Celia Booth

St. Matthew's—Flower Rota

05/11/2023 Ann Faulkner
 12/11/2023 Jean Trigger
 19/11/2023 ——"—
 26/11/2023 Christine Wheeler
 03/12/2023 ——"—

St. Matthew's—Church Locking up

06/11/2023 Colin Booth
 13/11/2023 Jenny Silcher
 20/11/2023 John Brassington
 27/11/2023 Arleine Bloor
 04/12/2023 Steve Grunner

St. Matthew's—Cleaning Rota

27/11/2023 Pam & Joe
 18/12/2023 TBA

November Sudoku

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

Easy

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

Medium

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

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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.

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

Our Next PCC Meeting Wednesday 15th November at 7.00 pm in church



St. Michael's Social Committee

Thank you to all who came and supported our coffee morning on Saturday 14th October. We had a lovely morning and over 300 bulbs were planted in the Copse ! We are looking forward to a beautiful display in the Spring.



ST. MICHAEL'S CHRISTMAS FAIR

SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER 11.00 AM - 2.00 P.M. IN THE YOXALL HALL.

HOT LUNCHESES, RAFFLES, TOMBOLA, CHRISTMAS STALL, GAMES, GREAT PRIZES !

COME AND JOIN THE FESTIVE FUN AND GET IN THE MOOD FOR CHRISTMAS !

COFFEE MORNING AND CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING WITH MULLED WINE

SATURDAY 16TH DECEMBER 10.00 AM. - 12.00 NOON IN CHURCH

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WARM CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIP.



Church Rotas
For *St. Michael's*



**St. Michael's
Prayer Rota**

05/11/2023	Ron
12/11/2023	Roz
19/11/2023	Nancy
26/11/2023	Helen
03/12/2023	Ron

**St. Michael's
Reading Rota**

05/11/2023	Ron
12/11/2023	Linda
19/11/2023	Helen
26/11/2023	Nancy
03/12/2023	Ron

**St. Michael's
Cleaning Rota**

04/11/2023	Ron & Irene
11/11/2023	Anne
18/11/2023	Linda
25/11/2023	Helen
02/12/2023	Ron & Irene

**St. Michael's
Coffee Rota**

05/11/2023	Ron & Irene
12/11/2023	Barrie
19/11/2023	Helen
26/11/2023	Cindy
03/12/2023	Ron & Irene

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

05/11/2023	Margaret
12/11/2023	Helen
19/11/2023	Barrie
26/11/2023	Nancy
03/12/2023	Cindy

October Sudoku Solutions

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

Easy

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

Medium

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

Hard



Prayer Subjects

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

A prayer of commemoration for the fallen

Father of all, remember your holy promise,

and look with love on all your people, living and departed.

On this day we especially ask that you would hold forever

all who have suffered during war, those who returned scarred by warfare,

those who waited anxiously at home,

and those who returned wounded, and disillusioned;

those who mourned, and those communities that were diminished and

suffered loss.

Remember too those who acted with kindly compassion,

those who bravely risked their own lives for their comrades,

and those who in the aftermath of war, worked tirelessly for a more peaceful world.

And as you remember them, remember us, O Lord;

grant us peace in our time and a longing for the day when people of every language, race, and nation will be brought into the unity of Christ's kingdom.

This we ask in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



In Memoriam

Funeral of Ellis Jones, Friday 6th October, St Matthew's.

Burial of Ashes of Cath Yates 13th October St Matthew's.

Burial of Ashes of Terence Nott, 20th October St Matthew's.

Burial of Ashes of Fred/Howard Ollier, 24th October, St Michael's.

Funeral of Beryl Leech, 24th October, St Matthew's, service at the crem.

Sounds of the Playground.

Apart from the rustle of fallen leaves,
And the occasional sound of birds and bees,
The playground lies quiet and still,
A tranquil oasis of calm, that is until;



A door swings open with a creak,
Followed by the thud of many feet.
The silence shattered by shouts and cries,
A startled crow takes to the skies.



Voices that have been controlled all morning,
Suddenly explode without any warning.
With squeals and laughter the excitement builds,
The joys of playtime thrills and spills.

Screams and shrieks fill the space,
As towards the shed the children race,
In a rush to claim skipping ropes and hoops,
The lucky ones give delighted whoops.



Disagreements over what game to play,
And whose turn is it for football day?
Arguments that quickly get out of hand,
Often end with the ball being banned.

Even a sedate game of playground chess,
Can result in an awful lot of stress.
Once things are settled and peace restored,
Comes the inevitable cry of 'I'm bored'.

Then alas too soon, for some I fear,
A school bell rings loud and clear.
The children disappear back through the door,
And the playground is quiet and still once more.



Christine Wheeler, October 2023.

Planning for Advent and Christmas services.

On Sunday 17th December at St Matthew's Church we will be celebrating our service of 9 lessons and carols. The choir and organist have already started sorting the carols to be sung. I am now looking for volunteers who are willing to read a lesson during that service. If you would be willing to read for us, could you please contact me by email so I can sort the order of the lesson readers.

On Sunday 24th December – Christmas Eve- St Matthew's will be performing their nativity service. For this I am hoping to have plenty of volunteers dressing up to take part in the story as it is retold. Again, if you are willing to help please email me, please also suggest who or what you are hoping to dress up as.

We will need: - Mary(s), Joseph(s), Donkey(s), Shepherds, sheep, Angels, Kings/wise men, Herod(?) and any one else you would like to come as. All Ages of participants welcome.

Thank you in advance

Arleine Bloor. (email aam.bloor@gmail.com)





Around The Community

Meeting God at the Movies is on Thursday 8th November.

2.00pm in St Matthew's church hall



Please bring your interval drinks and pop corn!

Prayer Breakfast

*Saturday 18th November, 10:00am
St. Matthew's Church Hall*



St. Matthew's Grand Pantomime Raffle.

With Soup and Carols.



December 9th 2023. St Matthew's Church Hall.

11:00am until 2:00pm

This year we will be holding a raffle, themed on our favourite Pantomimes.

These will include:

1. Jack and the Beanstalk (Gardening Hamper)
2. Red Riding Hood (Baking Hamper)
3. Peter Pan (Children's Hamper)
4. Aladdin Hamper (a Taste of the Orient Hamper)
5. Goldilocks (Breakfast Hamper)
6. Sleeping Beauty (Ladies Hamper)
7. Cinderella (Cleaning Hamper and Buttons)
8. Snow White (Fruit Hamper)
9. Prince Charming (Men's Hamper)
10. Good Fairy (Christmas Hamper)
11. Fairy Godmother (Crafting Hamper)
12. Baddie (Chocolate, Booze and everything bad for you)



All donations to these hampers will be much appreciated, and notebooks at the back of Church will detail any specific items that are needed.

Many thanks.



November Quick View Diary

Wednesday	1 st	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club
Saturday	4 th	11:00am	St Matthew's Autumn Fair & Lunch, in the Church hall
Sunday	5th	4th Sunday Before Advent	
Tuesday	7 th	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park
Wednesday	8 th	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club
Sunday	12th	3rd Sunday Before Advent / Remembrance Day	
		11:00am	Act of Remembrance at Village war Memorial
Tuesday	14 th	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park
		7:30pm	Haslington WI meet at the Cosy Club
Wednesday	15 th	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club
		2:15pm	Mothers Union Meeting
Saturday	18 th	2:00pm	St. Matthew's Bingo, in the Church hall
Sunday	19th	2nd Sunday Before Advent	
Tuesday	21 st	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park
Wednesday	22 nd	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club
Thursday	23 rd	1:00pm	CAMEO meet in St. Matthew's church hall
Friday	24 th	10:00am	Coffee Morning St. Matthew's Church Hall
Sunday	26th	Christ the King / Sunday Next Before Advent	
Tuesday	28 th	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park
		7:30pm	Haslington WI meet at the Cosy Club
Wednesday	29 th	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club



Parish News Deadline for the **December** edition is **Wednesday 15th November**

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