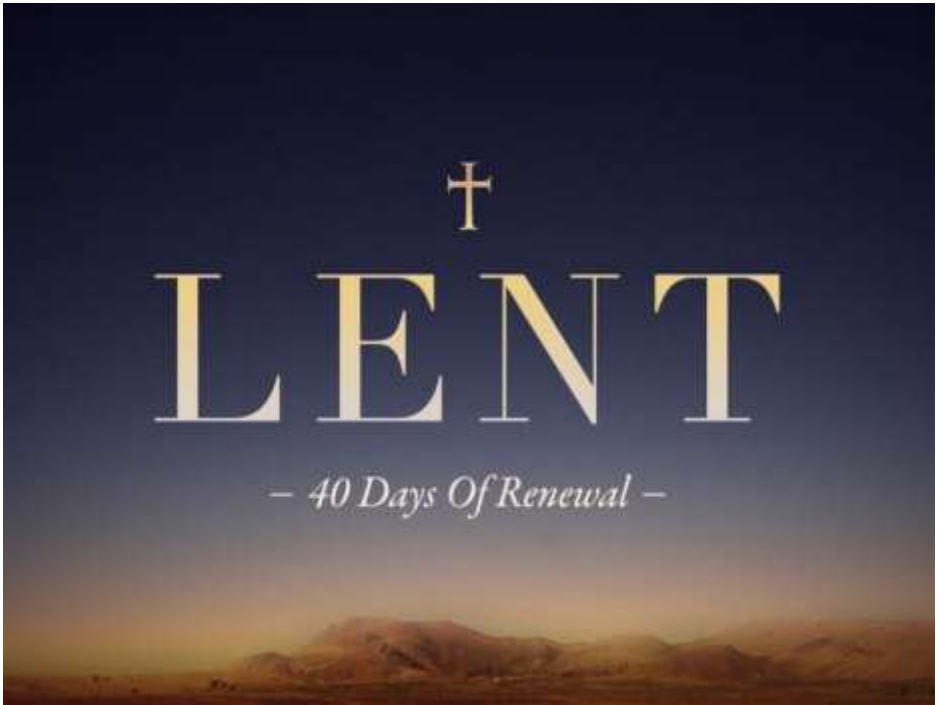


Parish News

Church and Community News for Haslington and Crewe Green



St. Matthew's Haslington



St. Michael's Crewe Green



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Pastoral Letter

It's easy to say sorry

I've long been an admirer of Katherine Fox; we studied her Advent course in 2019, she's been a main speaker at The Clergy Conference, she's also a great Christian writer, and maybe you have some of her books. In a book called "Spring" by Ruth Burgess, I came across this from Katherine, I'm sharing it with you because I found it very thought provoking, and something to think about and pray about during this time of Lent.

It's easy to say sorry

It's easy to say sorry
when we don't think it's our fault
but want words to turn down the heat.

It's easy to offer regret
for unintended consequences
we are convinced couldn't be foreseen.

It's easy to apologise
if all involved do the same -
nothing to lose, and we might gain.

Who minds acting contrite today
when tomorrow is another day
where we will keep on doing the same?

Let us therefore not pray
I'm sorry. I apologise. I regret.

Let us pray instead:

Revealed to us, God, the extent of what we have done.

Provoke us, God, until we understand the hurt.

Inspire us, God, to see how it's possible to live by your principles.

Transform us, God, holding us tight until we believe in fresh starts
and the value of trying again. Amen.

Katherine Fox



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 30th March in the church hall.

St. Matthew's APCM will be held following the 9:30 service on 2nd April. It will be a shortened service to enable the meeting to start early to enable Vicar Jane to take the service at Christ Church .



St. Matthew's Social Committee

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



Easter Afternoon Tea

Come and join us at an Easter Afternoon Tea, in the church hall at 2:30pm on Saturday 1st April. Tickets will be on sale soon at £8.00.

Dates for your diary

Saturday 27th May Quiz Night

Saturday 1st July Strawberry Tea

Saturday 16th September Beetle Drive and Fish and chip supper

Saturday 4th November Autumn Lunch and Fair

Saturday 2nd December Christmas Draw with soup and carols.

Church Diary March 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
Friday	3 rd	2:00 pm	World day of prayer at the URC Church, The Dingle
Sunday	5th	2nd Sunday of Lent	
		9:30 am	Holy Communion at St Matthew's Church
		10:45 am	Service of Morning Prayer at Christ Church
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Sunday	19th	4th Sunday of Lent	
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		10.45 am	Holy Communion at Christ Church
		11.00 am	Service of Morning at St Michael's Church
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	5th 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
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 February meeting was our 14th birthday meeting and was great fun. We had a bring and share buffet of both savoury and sweet items, followed by a game of bingo and a fabulous raffle.

The Afternoon Tea at one of our members' homes in memory of Dorothy was a great success.

Lots of delicious food and of course prosecco. We even had a retired barrister to tell funny stories of his days in Court.

The Escape Room in Newcastle was very successful, a number of ladies attended. In fact it was so successful that we are going to the one in Crewe next month.

Coming up we have Indoor Miniature Golf, Viking Axe Throwing, Llama Walking, The Escape Room in Crewe and also a Chinese Banquet at Chopstix in Nantwich.

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

Janet Dake.....Haslington WI

Facebook.....haslingtonwi

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Service on FRIDAY, 3 MARCH 2023 at 2 pm

at URC CHURCH, THE DINGLE, HASLINGTON

**Theme: 'I HAVE HEARD ABOUT YOUR FAITH'
prepared by the Christian women of Taiwan**

ALL ARE WELCOME



United Benefice Mothers Union

Our meeting was held at Viv's on Wednesday 15th February 2022 and after the opening prayers and an update of the meetings for 2022 was given outlining all the events in which we had participated within the community and church.

The details of the accounts were distributed to everyone and John McCombie had audited them thank you John.

We then proceeded with the main item of the day which was the increased cost of Membership and what we felt we needed to do.

Viv had been in touch with Chester and had received several scenario's. The questions we had asked have been sent to all members

- Should we cease to function as a Mothers' Union Branch
- How can we pay our subs now and in the future years?
- Would there be a benefit in changing our name to a Fellowship and discard Branch?

After much discussion and hearing of the 35 ways our monies are used worldwide it was decided that

- Yes we will continue as part of the Mothers Union
- We will pay our subs in full this year and for the future we will pay £5 at the 8 standard meetings during the year.
- A register of payments will be made at each meeting
We will investigate further the process of changing from Branch to Fellowship feeling this will be more welcoming than the word Branch

The meeting closed with prayers and then tea and cakes

The next meeting will be held at Jane's 15 Shelbourne Close at 2-15pm on 15th March, the topic is still to be decided

Thoughts and Prayers are with you all
Viv and Jane

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

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



Easter biscuits

Ingredients

For the dough

200g/7oz softened butter, plus extra for greasing

150g/5½oz caster sugar

2 large free-range egg yolks

400g/14oz plain flour, plus extra for dusting

1 level tsp ground mixed spice

1 level tsp ground cinnamon

2–4 tbsp milk

100g/3½oz currants

caster sugar, for sprinkling



Method

1. Preheat the oven to 180C/160C Fan/Gas 4. Lightly grease two baking trays lined with baking paper.
2. Measure the butter and sugar into a bowl and beat together until light and fluffy. Beat in the egg yolk. Sieve in the flour and spices and add enough milk to make a fairly soft dough. Bring together, using your hands, to make a soft dough.
3. For the traditional currant biscuits, add the currants to half of the mixture and knead lightly on a lightly floured work surface. Roll out to a thickness of about 5mm/¼in. Cut into rounds using a circular cutter. Place on the prepared baking trays. Sprinkle with caster sugar.
4. Bake in the preheated oven for 15 minutes, or until pale golden brown. Keep a careful eye on the biscuits – it doesn't matter if you open the oven door to check. Sprinkle with more caster sugar and lift onto a wire rack to cool. Store in an airtight container.



Church Rotas
For St. Matthew's



**St. Matthew's
Reading Rota**

05/03/2023	John McCombie
12/03/2023	Pat Hills
19/03/2023	Alan Wheeler
26/03/2023	Chris Betts
02/04/2023	Helen Pearce

**St. Matthew's
Intercession Rota**

05/03/2023	Alan Wheeler
12/03/2023	Helen Pearce
19/03/2023	Chris Wheeler
26/03/2023	Peter Robertshaw
02/04/2023	Chris Wheeler

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

05/03/2023	Joe Philpot
12/03/2023	N/A
19/03/2023	Arleine Bloor
26/03/2023	N/A
02/04/2023	Steve Grunner

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

05/03/2023	Pat L & Jean T
12/03/2023	Viv & Steve G
19/03/2023	Anna & Chris B
26/03/2023	Hazel B & Janet D
02/04/2023	Dennis & Jane Mc

**St. Matthew's
Flower Rota**

05/03/2023	Lent – no flowers
12/03/2023	———""———
19/03/2023	———""———
26/03/2023	———""———
02/04/2023	———""———

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

06/03/2023	Steve Grunner
13/03/2023	Vicar Jane
20/03/2023	Chris Betts
27/03/2023	Alan Wheeler
03/04/2023	Jenny Silcher

March Sudoku

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

Easy

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

Medium

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

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

Thank you to all who supported St. Michael's Pancake Coffee Morning on Saturday 18th February.

It was such a lovely social occasion and the pancakes were enjoyed by all. Vital funds were raised for the upkeep of our beautiful church.


 BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND !
 DYNAMO DUE IN CONCERT
 SATURDAY 18TH MARCH AT 7.00 P.M. AT THE
 YOXALL HALL
 COME AND JOIN US FOR A FANTASTIC EVENING OF
 60s AND 70s MUSIC AND MORE !
 LIGHT REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED IN THE TICKET
 PRICE OF £8.00
 Tickets from Nancy - 07791 911 385 or pay on the door
 or Helen - 07707 948 005




DATE FOR YOUR DIARY
SATURDAY 8TH APRIL AT 3.00 P.M.
ST. MICHAEL'S EASTER EGG HUNT AND CRAFT
IN AND AROUND THE CHURCH
COME AND JOIN THE FUN !
More information to follow





Church Rotas
For *St. Michael's*



**St. Michael's
Prayer Rota**

05/03/2023	Ron
12/03/2023	Roz
19/03/2023	Linda
26/03/2023	Anne
02/04/2023	Ron

**St. Michael's
Reading Rota**

05/03/2023	Ron
12/03/2023	Helen
19/03/2023	Anne
26/03/2023	Linda
02/04/2023	Ron

**St. Michael's
Cleaning Rota**

04/03/2023	Ron & Irene
11/03/2023	Barrie & Jeanette
18/03/2023	Anne
25/03/2023	Helen
01/04/2023	Ron & Irene

**St. Michael's
Coffee Rota**

05/03/2023	Ron & Irene
12/03/2023	Helen
19/03/2023	Cindy
26/03/2023	Linda
02/04/2023	Ron & Irene

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

05/03/2023	Helen
12/03/2023	Cindy
19/03/2023	Nancy
26/03/2023	Margaret
02/04/2023	Barrie

February Sudoku Solutions

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

Easy

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

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

Hard



Prayer Subjects

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

Some easy prayers you can say to feel connected to God during Lent:

God, may Your light guide my day, and your spirit bring me peace.
Amen.

God, may my thought of today remind me of my dependence on You for all the blessings I enjoy.
Amen.

May I stand in solidarity today with all my brothers and sisters around the world who are suffering. May we be united in your love, and may I work to build your kingdom here on earth.

Heavenly Father, I'm truly sorry for the moments today where I missed the mark. I ask for your forgiveness and the strength to better follow Your call tomorrow.
Amen.

God, I lift up the people on our prayer lists today. I ask that you bless them abundantly today and throughout Lent.
Amen.

Oh Jesus, I surrender myself to you, take care of everything.
Amen.

In Memoriam

Funeral of Marion Adams, 1st February, St Michael & All Angels,
Funeral of Pamela Hempton, 3rd Feb. at Crewe Crem. St Michael & All Angels.
Funeral of Marion Malam, 7th Feb. at Crewe Crem, St Michael's & All Angels.
Funeral of Catherine Yates, 21st Feb. St Matthew's church. Followed at crem.
Funeral of Vincent Massey, 23rd Feb. St Matthew's. at Crewe Crem.
Funeral of Walton Bowyer, 24th Feb. St Matthew's, at Vale Royal Crem.

LENT.

SHROVE TUESDAY.

The day before Lent begins,
When we are shriven for our sins;
We use up sugar, flour, eggs and milk,
And beat the batter smooth as silk.
Then toss the pancake in the pan,
Before covering with honey or jam.



ASH WEDNESDAY.

The first day of 40 days of fasting,
Self – denial, good intentions, never lasting.
Resolutions to do something more,
To help the needy and the poor.



MOTHERING SUNDAY.

Refreshment Sunday, a mid lent break,
Mother church, and simnel cake.
Cards for mums that say I love you,
Chocolates, gifts and flowers too.



PASSIONTIDE.

Performance plays that tell the story,
Of Jesus death and risen glory.



PALM SUNDAY.

Holy week, the crowds cheer,
Sing Hosanna, Jesus is here.
Cloaks and palms adorn the road,
A simple donkey, a precious load.



MAUNDY THURSDAY.

Jesus and his disciples meet,
Passover meal, washing feet.
Jesus is betrayed, sent to trial,
Three cock crows, three times denial.



GOOD FRIDAY.

A solemn day with music sacred,
Angry crowds, full of hatred.
Hosanna cries turn to crucify,
On a cross, Jesus sent to die.



Grand Easter Draw

St. Matthews church are having a Grand Easter Draw for hampers full of items which you will be able to enjoy at Easter. Tickets are on sale, at £1.00 each, available from either Anna Betts or Chris Wheeler. The draw will take place at the Easter Afternoon Tea on Saturday 1st April.

Easter Hamper.



Contents.

A packet of breakfast tea bags.

A jar of Coffee.

A jar of Marmalade.

A jar of mint sauce.

A jar of tartare sauce.

A jar of pickled onions.

Cans of Gordons gin and tonic.

An Easter egg.

Crème eggs.

A bar of chocolate.

Chocolate bunnies.

A selection of Easter tableware. (Napkins and tablecloth)

A tin of Salmon.

A jar of lamb and mint gravy.

A packet of sugar free jelly.





Around The Community



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 **0800 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: 0800 196 3651

Free and confidential

For more information please visit:

redcross.org.uk/coronavirus-support-line

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The power of kindness

**Haslington & District
Gardening Club
Programme 2023**

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

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 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,

Prayer Breakfast

Saturday 25th March, 10:00am



March Quick View Diary

Wednesday	1 st	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club
Thursday	2 nd	2:00pm	Whist Drive at 65 Club
		7:30pm	Gardening Club meet in the Church Hall
Friday	3 rd	2:00 pm	World day of prayer at the URC Church,
Sunday	5th	2nd Sunday of Lent	
Tuesday	7 th	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park
Wednesday	8 th	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club
		2:30pm	Mothers Union Meeting
Thursday	9 th	2:00pm	Whist Drive at 65 Club
Sunday	12th	3rd Sunday of Lent	
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
Thursday	16 th	2:00pm	Whist Drive at 65 Club
Sunday	19th	4th Sunday of Lent	
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	2:00pm	Whist Drive at 65 Club
Friday	24 th	10:00am	Coffee Morning St. Matthew's Church Hall
Sunday	26th	5th Sunday of Lent	
Tuesday	28 th	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park
Wednesday	29 th	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club

Parish News Deadline for the **April** edition is **Wednesday 22nd March**
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