

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

Palm Sunday: A Day of Triumph and Tears

Palm Sunday is a profoundly special day for Christians, filled with both jubilation and solemn reflection. It marks the day Jesus entered Jerusalem, not as a conventional warrior king would, with grandeur and might, but humbly, riding on a donkey. This profound act was a clear message: Jesus was a different kind of king.

In the gospels, Jesus seemed to avoid public spectacle and told those he healed to keep quiet about His miracles. Yet, on Palm Sunday, Jesus embraced public praise. This was not a pursuit of fame; rather, it was a declaration of His divine mission and the nature of His kingdom, a kingdom of love and sacrifice.

The crowds that day waved palm branches—an ancient symbol of victory—and cried out "Hosanna," which means "save us." Their cries acknowledged Jesus as king, though many may not have grasped how he was going to save people – as we see it was through his death on the cross.

Jesus highlighted the significance of this moment. He said that if the people remained silent, the stones themselves would cry out (Luke 19:40). By this he means that the entire creation recognized his kingship and the fulfilment of God's promises, even if the people didn't fully understand.

The celebration soon gave way to a sombre reality. Jesus wept over Jerusalem, mourning the city's coming suffering and rejection of him. He also cleansed the Temple, driving out those who were exploiting the sacred space, demonstrating his commitment to purify and renew God's house. These actions showed of his kingship—a king committed to justice, purity, and compassion.

Palm Sunday, therefore, is not merely a joyful parade; it is the beginning of Holy Week, the lead-up to Jesus's crucifixion. It points up the royal celebration of Jesus as Messiah with the path of suffering He would endure out of love for us.

Palm Sunday reminds us of the complexity of Jesus's mission. He came as a king but in a manner that turned worldly expectations upside down. His entry into Jerusalem was a fulfilment of the prophecy in Zechariah 9:9, which speaks of a king who comes "righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey." It was a clear sign that His kingdom was not of this world—it was not established by force and dominance but through humility, service, and sacrifice.

As we wave our palm branches, we do so not only to celebrate but also to prepare our hearts for the passion of Jesus. We remember that the true nature of Jesus's kingship involves profound love and sacrifice—the ultimate sacrifice on the cross, where Jesus died for our sins, showing us the greatest love of all.

This Palm Sunday, let us prepare our hearts to walk through Holy Week, with a deeper understanding and appreciation of what Jesus' kingship and what it means for us when we recognize him as our king.

Vicar Jane



St. Matthew's PCC

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

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

Our next PCC meeting will be held on Thursday 5th June 2025 at 10 am In Church.

St. Matthew's A.P.C.M will be held on Sunday 6th April following the morning service.

Church Hall cleaning and maintenance

The next hall cleaning is on Friday 4th April, starting at 9:00am. New volunteers welcome.

Anna Betts



Parish email address

Please note that a parish email account has been set up for emails of a parish nature could you please use this address. hcganglican@gmail.com

Church website:

The church website is now updated with all services and activities on a regular basis, see www.hcganglican.org. if you would like anything advertised for church activities on the site please contact Chris Betts. chris_betts@hotmail.com

Church Diary April 2025

Wednesday	2 nd	10:45 am	Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's Church
Sunday	6th	5th Sunday of Lent	
		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	9 th	10:45 am	Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's Church
Sunday	13th	Palm Sunday	
		9:30 am	Holy Communion at St Matthew's Church
		10:45 am	Service of Morning prayer at Christ Church
		11.00 am	Holy Communion service at St Michael's Church
		4.00 pm	Café Church, in St Matthew's church Hall.
Wednesday	16 th	10:45 am	Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's Church
Thursday	17 th	7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Last Supper at Christ Church
Friday	18 th	10:00 am	Good Friday Service at St. Matthew's Church
		2:00 pm	Good Friday Service at Christ Church
		6:30pm	Service of Shadows at Christ Church
Sunday	20th	Easter Sunday	
		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 & All Angels.
Wednesday	23 rd	10:45 am	Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's Church
Sunday	27th	2nd 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	Holy communion at St Michael & All Angels
		4.30 pm	Service of Evening Prayer at Christ Church
Wednesday	30 th	10:45 am	Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's Church

Our March meeting was most entertaining when Eric Newton came to explain "Life and Times of a Busker"

The meal at the Legs of Man was enjoyed by all. Great company and good food.

The "snowdrop walk" at Rode Hall was enjoyed by both members and dogs. The book club have chosen " Under the Whispering Door" as their next book.

Coming up is our Afternoon Tea to Jenny's Tea Room in Sandbach, a visit to Bents Garden Centre and also the Elvis tribute night.

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

Janet Dake.....haslingtonwi

Facebook.....haslingtonwi



*St. Matthew's
Social Committee*

Thanks to everyone who supported the quiz night and also to our quiz master Alan. Congratulations to the winning team, The Boomers.

The next monthly coffee morning is on Friday 25th April between 10:00am and 12:00noon. All are welcome to enjoy a cup of coffee and a morning of fellowship.

Tickets are now available for the Easter afternoon tea on Saturday 19th April commencing at 2:00pm. Costing £10:00. The Easter draw will take place during the tea.

Date for your diary

A new addition to the Social calendar, on Saturday 17th May, there will be a book sale and coffee morning, in the church hall, between 10:00am and 12:00 noon. We have both reference books and novels available, so please let as many people know about this event as possible.





United Benefice Mothers Union

Last month we met at the home of Colin & Celia. Following Notices and Prayers we welcomed two visitors to the meeting. It was an afternoon centred around the Ukelele which we have enjoyed hearing and seeing them play in the Church Hall. Firstly, Colin told us all about the history, showing us the various types of ukulele and the different sounds they make. Then, he and Celia played and sang us some well known tunes for us to join in with.

The afternoon was finished off with beautiful cake and tea.

Our thanks to them both.

Our next meeting is planned for Wednesday 16th April.

Visitors are always welcome.

Jane McCombie Branch Leader



Lent course

Rev Jane will be running a Lent course this year based "On the Third Day" York course, with Bishop's Libby Lane & Tom Wright, and Prof. Paul Valley, looking at Jesus' resurrection. The course will begin on Wednesday, 5th March 7.30pm, at the Vicarage, it's 5 sessions. There won't be a meeting on 12th March, so it will take us to 9th April.

The course will major on the Alpha course and the Confirmation.



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	16:30 – 17:30	Mrs Maria Pickersgill Tel: 258821 haslingtonbrownies@yahoo.co.uk
Brownies	Wednesday	17:45 – 19:00	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

Pre School Dance Thursday 10:45—11:45

Friday 10:45—11:45

God at the Movies 2nd Thursday in the month (*Postponed for a few months*)

Prayer Breakfast 4th Saturday every 2 months

Café Church / Open table 2nd Sunday in the month



Easter Egg Brownies

Ingredients

5 creme eggs
175g/6oz dark chocolate, broken into small pieces
175g/6oz unsalted butter, plus extra for greasing
2 tbsp cocoa powder
3 large free-range eggs
150g/5½oz caster sugar
150g/5½oz light brown sugar
1 tsp vanilla bean paste
115g/4oz plain flour
½ tsp fine sea salt
150g/5½oz shortbread biscuits, roughly chopped
(optional)



Method

Place the chocolate eggs in the freezer. (This will make them easier to cut cleanly and means they won't melt too much in the oven.) Grease and line a square 20cm/8in cake tin. Preheat the oven to 180C/160C Fan/Gas 4.

Place the chocolate, butter and cocoa powder in a heatproof glass bowl and set it over a saucepan of gently simmering water, making sure the water does not touch the bowl. Stir until completely melted and then remove from the heat. In a separate bowl, whisk together the eggs, caster sugar, light brown sugar and vanilla until smooth. Pour into the chocolate mixture and mix well. Add in the flour and salt and mix until smooth. Stir in the shortbread. Pour the mixture into the prepared tin.

Take the chocolate eggs out of the freezer and slice them in half vertically. Nestle them into the brownie mixture, with the insides of the eggs facing up, and bake for 27–30 minutes until just set. Remove from the oven and leave to cool completely before slicing into squares.





Church Rotas
For St. Matthew's



**St. Matthew's
Reading Rota**

06/04/2025	Colin Booth
13/04/2025	Arleine Bloor
20/04/2025	Chris Betts
27/04/2025	Alan Wheeler
04/05/2025	Doris Farrell

**St. Matthew's
Intercession Rota**

06/04/2025	Arleine Bloor
13/04/2025	Alan Wheeler
20/04/2025	Helen Pearce
27/04/2025	Anna Betts
04/05/2025	tba

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

06/04/2025	Steve Grunner
13/04/2025	Chris Betts
20/04/2025	---
27/04/2025	Alan Wheeler
04/05/2025	tba

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

06/04/2025	Viv & Steve G
13/04/2025	Anna & Chris B
20/04/2025	Dennis H & Jane Mc
27/04/2025	Janet D & Shelagh H
04/05/2025	tba

**St. Matthew's
Flower Rota**

05/04/2025	Lent No Flowers
12/04/2025	----"----
19/04/2025	----"----
26/04/2025	Easter Flowers
03/05/2025	----"----

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

06/04/2025	Jenny Slicher
13/04/2025	John Brassington
20/04/2025	Arleine Bloor
27/04/2025	Vicar Jane
04/05/2025	Colin Booth

April Sudoku

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

Easy

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

Medium

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

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,

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

St. Michael's next PCC Meeting will be held on Wednesday 14th May at 7.00 pm in the Vicarage.

St. Michael's A.P.C.M will be held on Sunday 27th April at 12 noon following the morning service.



St. Michael's Social Committee

ST MICHAEL'S EASTER EGG HUNT, CRAFTS AND EASTER STORY

SATURDAY 19TH APRIL 2.00 - 4.00 PM

IN AND AROUND THE CHURCH

GREAT AFTERNOON OF FAMILY FUN WITH REFRESHMENTS

AND LOTS OF CHOCOLATE !!



ST. MICHAEL'S PANCAKE COFFEE MORNING

Thank you to all who came to support our Pancake Coffee Morning. It was a really special social occasion and 90 pancakes were enjoyed!!





Church Rotas
For *St. Michael's*



**St. Michael's
Prayer Rota**

06/04/2025	Ron
13/04/2025	Roz
20/04/2025	Nancy
27/04/2025	Helen
04/05/2025	Ron

**St. Michael's
Reading Rota**

06/04/2025	Ron
13/04/2025	Linda
20/04/2025	Anne
27/04/2025	Helen
04/05/2025	Ron

**St. Michael's
Cleaning Rota**

05/04/2025	Ron & Irene
12/04/2025	Helen
19/04/2025	Anne
26/04/2025	Barrie & Janette
03/05/2025	Ron & Irene

**St. Michael's
Coffee Rota**

06/04/2025	Ron & Irene
13/04/2025	Linda
20/04/2025	Helen
27/04/2025	Barrie/Janette
04/05/2025	Ron & Irene

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

06/04/2025	Nancy
13/04/2025	Barrie
20/04/2025	Margaret
27/04/2025	Helen
04/05/2025	Nancy

March Sudoku Solutions

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

Easy

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

Medium

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

Hard



Prayer Subjects

EASTER PRAYER

Thank you for the gift of new life

Lord God,

We bless your holy name for the love
you've shown us

We bless the name of our Lord, Jesus
Christ,

Who was crucified for our sake

Today, as we celebrate his resurrection,

We are more than grateful to know such
love

Thank you for the gift of new life through
his resurrection

Thank you for the privilege to come close
to you through your son

Fill our hearts with joy on this day and all
the days of our lives

Amen

In Memoriam

Funeral of June Newton, at the crem. St Matthew's. 4th March.

Funeral of Vivienne Waldron, St Matthew's, 11th March.

Funeral of Anne Harrison, Christ Church, 14th March.

Burial of Ashes of June Newton, St Matthew's, 20th March.

Funeral of Evelyn Kirkham, St Michael & All Angels, Friday 21st March.

Funeral of Mark Crowson, St Michael & All Angels, 25th March.

Burial of Ashes of David Bloor, from St Matthew's, 26th March.



Around The Community

Dates for your Diary

St. Matthew's Social Committee have held a meeting, and the following programme for the year was decided,

June 28th Skittles Evening at The Bickerton Poacher

July 19th Strawberry Tea

August 16th Walk and Lunch

October 5th Harvest Lunch

October 11th Bingo

November 1st Autumn Fair and Lunch

December 6th Soup and Carols

There may be amendments and additions to the programme, but with the support of the church family, we hope that all events will go ahead.

Regards Anna Betts

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

ST. MICHAEL'S STRAWBERRY FAIR

SATURDAY 5TH JULY 2.00 - 4.00 PM IN AND AROUND CHURCH

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW



The meaning of Easter

What does Easter mean to you?
A long weekend with no work to do,
The Lenten fast is nearly done,
Fish on Friday and a hot cross bun.
On Saturday a trip out with friends,
Or doing the gardening that never ends.
D.I. Y. jobs that won't wait another day,
Or visiting family who live far away.
Sunday a visit to Church for some,
For the children a day of fun.
Searching the garden, there's eggs to be found,
Until a sudden shower soaks the ground.
Monday a long lie in with any luck,
Then an afternoon of telly or a good book,
Because of simnel cake you've had your fill,
And so much chocolate it makes you feel ill.
But Easter is so much more than this,
Our Lord betrayed with a kiss.
Arrested, tried and condemned to death,
Who forgave his enemies with his last breath.
In a strangers tomb his body was laid,
A heavy stone sealed the grave.
But with the rising of the sun,
The women knew what must be done.
The sealed tomb was opened once more,
The folded grave clothes lay on the floor.
The body had gone, but where?
Instead they find an angel sitting there.
But this is not the end of the story,
For Jesus rose again and reigns in glory.
This is what Easter means because,
Jesus died and rose for each one of us.



Christine Wheeler.

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 19th April.

HAPPY
EASTER



EASTER AFTERNOON TEA

**IN ST. MATTHEW'S
CHURCH HALL**

ON SAT. 19TH APRIL

2:00PM

TICKETS £10:00 EACH



Around The Community

ST. MICHAEL'S CHARITY CAR WASH



*EVERY TUESDAY FROM
10.00 AM TO 3.00 PM*

On The Church Main Car Park - £5 Per Car

FREE REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE



MARRIOT HOUSE VETERANS MONDAY CLUB



Come and join us on a Monday afternoon 2pm - 4pm
for a few games of Bingo, Tea/Coffee and Biscuits

55 years and over from surrounding areas

You will find us behind the Library in Sandbach CW11 1FJ

Free Parking

For more information please call
07944 335096

All Welcome

April Quick View Diary

Tuesday	1 th	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park
Wednesday	2 th	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club
Thursday	3 th	7:30pm	Gardening Club meet in the Church Hall
Friday	4 th	9:00am	Church Hall Cleaning party
Sunday	6th	5th Sunday of Lent	
Tuesday	8 th	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park
		7:30pm	Haslington WI meet at the Cosy Club
Wednesday	9 th	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club
Sunday	13th	Palm Sunday	
Tuesday	15 th	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park
Wednesday	16 th	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club
			MU Meeting
Thursday	24 th	1:00pm	CAMEO in St. Matthew's church hall
Sunday	20th	Easter Sunday	
Tuesday	22 th	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park
Wednesday	23 th	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club
Friday	28 th	10:00am	Coffee Morning St. Matthew's Church Hall
Sunday	27rd	2nd Sunday of Easter	
Tuesday	29 th	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park
Wednesday	30 th	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club

Parish News Deadline for the **May** edition is **Wednesday 23rd April**

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