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Parish News

Church and Community News for Haslington and Crewe Green







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Pastoral Letter

When Christmas Isn’t Easy

Christmas is often described as the most wonderful time of the year. There are lights, carols, families gathering and much to enjoy and be thankful for.

But for some people, Christmas isn't easy.

Perhaps this is your first Christmas without someone you love. Perhaps you're worried about health, family or making ends meet. Christmas can make loneliness more painful, even when we're surrounded by people.

There can be pressure to feel cheerful. But we don't have to pretend everything is fine. There is room at Christmas for sadness as well as joy, and for questions as well as faith.

The first Christmas was hardly comfortable. Mary and Joseph travelled to Bethlehem, where Jesus was born in humble circumstances and laid in a manger. Later, they fled from danger. Uncertainty and vulnerability were there from the beginning.

And yet it was into this troubled world that God chose to come.

That's what I find so wonderful about Christmas. In Jesus, God doesn't remain at a distance. He shares our human life, its joys and sorrows. Emmanuel means ‘God with us’ — in difficult times as well as happy ones.

St John writes, ‘The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.’ Suffering doesn't simply disappear, but darkness will not have the last word. Jesus showed God's love to those who were lonely, grieving or overlooked. Through his death and resurrection, he gives us hope beyond death.

If Christmas is difficult this year, please be gentle with yourself. You don't need a perfect Christmas. There may be comfort in a candle, a carol, a kindness or a conversation with a friend.

And you are warmly welcome at our churches this Christmas, whether you come often, haven't been for years or are simply thinking of coming.

The good news of Christmas isn't that life is always easy. It's that God loves us and has come to be with us in Jesus Christ.

I wish you peace, comfort and God's blessing this Christmas.

Jane

Vicar, The United Benefice



St. Matthew's PCC

PCC Members— Rev Jane (Chair), Colin Booth (Warden), Jane McCombie (Secretary)
Chris Betts (Warden / Treasurer) Arleine Bloor, Roger Pearce, Barbara Harris, Viv Grunner, Anna Betts, Steve Grunner, Celia Booth, Shelagh Haukinson, Alan Wheeler
Our next PCC meeting will be held on Thursday 28th January 2027 at the home of ..... at 10 am.

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



St. Matthew's Social Committee

Tickets are now on sale for our Christmas raffle, the theme for this year's draw will be Pantomimes and Christmas Shows. The draw will take place at the Soup and Carols on Saturday 5th December. Should you wish to donate items for the hampers please see the books at the back of church.

We look forward to seeing you at the next monthly coffee morning in the New Year on Friday 22nd January between 10.00am and 12.00 noon. Our next social event is the soup and carols on Saturday 5th December. We will meet at 11.00am and enjoy singing our favourite carols. Soup will be served from 12.00 noon, after which the Christmas draw will take place.

A date for your diary Saturday 23rd January Beetle drive and fish and chips tea. The Social Committee will be meeting in January to plan the events for 2027, so if you have any suggestions or ideas for future social events, please let Anna know.



Church Diary December 2026

Wednesday 2nd

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

Sunday 6th **2nd Sunday of Advent**

9:30 am Holy Communion at St Matthew's Church

10.45am Service of Morning prayer at Christ Church

11.00 am Nine Lessons & Carols at St Michael & All Angels.



Wednesday 9th

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

Sunday 13th **3rd Sunday of Advent**

9:30 am Holy Communion at St Matthew's Church



10.45 am Service of Morning prayer at Christ Church

11.00 am Christingle followed by shortened Holy Communion at St Michael & All Angels.

4.30 pm Lighting of Remembrance Tree at Christ Church

Wednesday 16th

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

Sunday 20th **4th Sunday of Advent**

9:30 am Service of Morning prayer at St Matthew's

10.45am Holy Communion at Christ Church

11.00 am Service of Morning prayer at St Michael's

3.00 pm Nine Lessons & Carols at St Matthew's



Wednesday 23rd

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

Thursday 24th **Christmas Eve**

3.00 pm Nativity at St Matthew's

4:30 pm Nativity at Christ Church

10:00 pm Midnight Mass at St. Matthew's

Friday 25th **Christmas Day**

10:00 am Holy Communion at St Matthew's Church

10:00 am Mattins at Christ Church

Sunday 27th **1st Sunday of Christmas**

10.30 am United Benefice Holy Communion at St Michael & All Angels.

Wednesday 30th

10:45 am No Services at St Matthew's Church

Haslington Women's Institute

The November meeting was our AGM, where the new committee and president were elected.
Our meal at The Fox was very sociable. Lots of delicious food and good company.
A number of ladies went to the Axe Throwing evening. Great fun, but how can it be so difficult.
The Book Club are reading and discussing any book to do with Fireworks.
Our ladies decorated the village with poppies, how beautiful they looked. We also provided refreshments at The Cosey Club for Remembrance Sunday. our President laid a wreath on behalf of the WI.
The Queen tribute act at the Nantwich Civic was very well received, lots of fun and dancing.
Coming up we have the trip to Bents garden centre, the Coldplay tribute act, the Panto, as well as the Christmas meal at the Golf Club, and our Christmas party.

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

Janet.....Haslington WI

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Thursday 24th Christmas Eve

3.00 pm Nativity at St Matthew's

Mothers' UNION 150 years

Haslington & Crewe Green Branch

United Benefice Mothers Union

Due to holidays, there is no report this month.
Our December Meeting will be on Wednesday 16th

Jane McCombie





St. Matthew's Church Hall

If you require any information, please contact any of the below. Church Hall Bookings for Parties etc. Please See following https://www.hcganglican.org/calandar.

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

Health/Wellbeing/Hobbies

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 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)

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

Pre School Dance `	Thursday	10:45—11:45
	Friday	9:30—10:30

Prayer Breakfast — 4th Saturday every 2 months at 10:00am

Church Hall cleaning and maintenance

The next hall cleaning is on Friday 4th December. If you are free why not come and join us at 10.30am, to help keep our church hall clean and tidy.







Christmas Muffins



Ingredients

250 grams of plain flour
2½ teaspoons baking powder
½ teaspoon bicarbonate of soda
100 grams caster sugar
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
¼ teaspoon ground nutmeg (or fresh nutmeg, grated)
2 clementines (or satsumas)
Approx. 125 millilitres full-fat milk
75 mm of vegetable oil (or melted butter, slightly cooled)
1 large egg
175 grams of dried cranberries
3 teaspoons demerara sugar (for topping)

Method

Preheat your oven to 200°C/180°C Fan/gas mark 6/400ºF. Line a 12-bun muffin tin with muffin papers or use silicone inserts.

In a large bowl, measure and combine the flour, baking powder, bicarbonate of soda, caster sugar, ground cinnamon, and ground nutmeg.

Grate the zest of the clementines (or satsumas) over the dry mixture and mix well. If preparing in advance, leave the zesting for Christmas morning.

Squeeze the juice from the clementines into a measuring jug. Add milk until the total volume reaches 200ml (halfway between the ¾ cup and 1 cup marks).

Add the vegetable oil (or melted butter) and the egg to the milk and juice mixture. Lightly beat until just combined.

Pour the liquid mixture into the bowl of dry ingredients. Stir until everything is just combined—avoid overmixing to keep the batter lumpy, which helps make the muffins light and fluffy.

Gently fold in the dried cranberries.

Spoon the batter into the prepared muffin cases. Sprinkle the demerara sugar evenly over the top of each muffin.

Bake in the preheated oven for 20 minutes. The muffins should be golden brown and fragrant.

Enjoy the muffins plain or with a spread of unsalted butter and marmalade.



Church Rota's For St. Matthew's

Reading Rota

06/12/2026		Pat Hills
13/12/2026		Jane Peach
20/12/2026		Chris Wheeler
27/12/2026		Helen Pearce
03/01/2027		TBA

Intercession Rota

06/12/2026		Arleine Bloor
13/12/2026		Alan Wheeler
20/12/2026		Helen Pearce
27/12/2026		Anna Betts
03/01/2027		Colin Booth

Eucharist Server Rota

06/12/2026		Steve Grunner
13/12/2026		Alan Wheeler
20/12/2026		_
27/12/2026		Colin Booth
03/01/2027		Celia Booth

Sides-Person Rota

06/12/2026		Janet D & Shelagh H
13/12/2026		Sheila M & Will
20/12/2026		Jane & John McC
27/12/2026		Jean C & Janet D
03/01/2027		Viv & Steve G

Flower Rota

05/12/2026		Chris Wheeler
12/12/2026		
19/12/2026		Christmas Flowers
26/12/2026		----"----
02/01/2027		

Church Locking Up Rota

06/12/2026		Chris Betts
13/12/2026		John Brassington
20/12/2026		Steve Grunner
27/12/2026		Vicar Jane
03/01/2027		Chris Betts

December Sudoku

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St. Michael's PCC

PCC Members: Rev Jane (Chair), Helen Ledward (Secretary, Deanery Rep), Thelma Malabar (Treasurer) Linda Clarke (Deanery Rep), Nancy Kay, 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 in January 2027, date to be advised, in the Church Vestry



St. Michael's Social Committee

ST MICHAEL'S TREE DECORATING MULLED WINE/COFFEE MORNING

WITH NATIVITY STORY AND CRAFTS

SATURDAY 12TH DECEMBER 10.00 - 12.00

SUCH A LOVELY FAMILY OCCASION

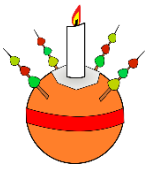






ST MICHAEL'S CHRISTINGLE SERVICE WILL BE ON

SUNDAY 13TH DECEMBER AT 11.00 AM





THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT AT OUR SOCIAL EVENTS AND CAR WASH THIS YEAR.

WISHING YOU A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS FROM ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH FAMILY X



Church Rota's For St. Michael's

Prayer Rota

06/12/2026		Ron
13/12/2026		Nancy
20/12/2026		Anne
27/12/2026		Helen
03/01/2027		Ron

Reading Rota

06/12/2026		Ron
13/12/2026		Helen
20/12/2026		Anne
27/12/2026		Linda
03/01/2027		Ron

Cleaning Rota

05/12/2026		Ron & Irene
12/12/2026		Barrie/Janette
19/12/2026		Helen
26/12/2026		Linda
02/01/2027		Ron & Irene

Coffee Rota

06/12/2026		Ron & Irene
13/12/2026		Linda
20/12/2026		Helen
27/12/2026		Barrie/Janette
03/01/2027		Ron & Irene

Sides-Person Rota

06/12/2026		Barrie
13/12/2026		Helen
20/12/2026		Margaret
27/12/2026		Barrie
03/01/2027		Helen

November Sudoku

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Easy

Medium

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Prayer Subjects For Trinity

Prayers for Advent:

Loving God, in this season of waiting, help me to embrace the stillness that allows Your voice to be heard. As the days grow darker, may Your light shine brightly within me, guiding my thoughts and actions. Instill in my heart a sense of anticipation, reminding me that every moment is an opportunity to draw closer to You. Let me prepare my soul for the joy that is to come.
Amen

Lord of Peace, as I light each candle during Advent, may I remember the hope that Jesus brings into our world. Help me to reflect on the struggles around me and be a beacon of Your love. Grant me the strength to share kindness and compassion with those in need, knowing that in doing so, I honour the gift of Your Son. Fill my heart with gratitude and a yearning for Your presence.
Amen

Gracious Creator, in this sacred time of preparation, I seek to deepen my faith and understanding of Your love. Open my eyes to the beauty in everyday moments, reminding me that even in the mundane, Your grace abounds. Help me to nurture my spirit through prayer and reflection, creating space for Your transformative power. May my journey through Advent be one of renewal and joy.
Amen

Heavenly Father, I come before You, seeking to cultivate a heart of expectancy. As Advent unfolds, may I be reminded that every day is a step closer to Your promised arrival. Help me to cherish moments of solitude and community, allowing Your Spirit to fill me with hope and joy. Let this season be a transformative journey, leading me to a deeper understanding of Your unfailing love.
Amen



Burial of Ashes of Michael Woolrich, St Matthew's, 17th November.



Around The Community

Dates for your Diary

Following a meeting of the Social Committee, please see list below our programme for 2026,

Saturday 5th December Soup and carols
Saturday 23rd January 2027 Beetle drive and fish and chips tea

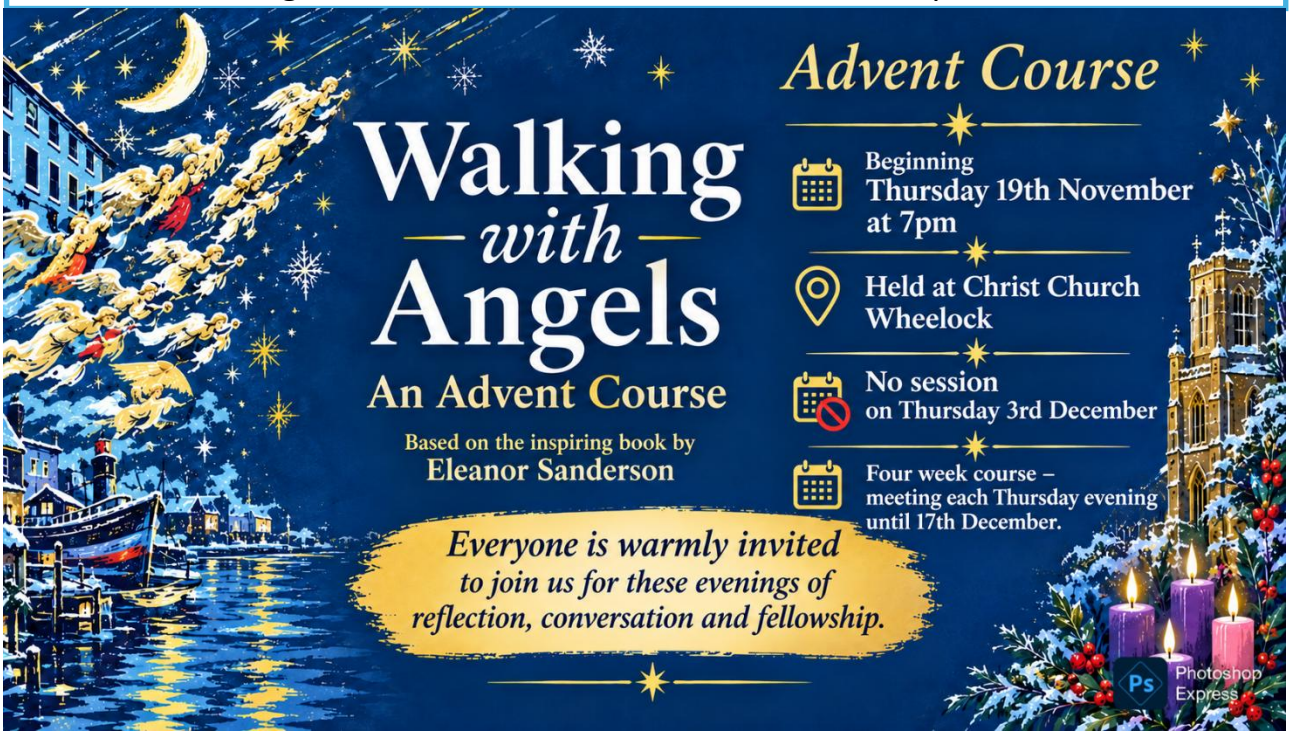
We hope that we will have lots of support at these events.
St. Matthew's Social Committee





Around The Community

Our Advent Course – Walking with Angels will begin on **Thursday 19th November at 7.00 pm**, at Christ Church, Wheelock. This will be a four-week course, meeting each Thursday evening until **10th December**. Advent offers us a special opportunity to pause amid the busyness of life, reflect on our faith and prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. Everyone is warmly invited to join us for these evenings of reflection, conversation and fellowship.







Around The Community

Mystery Parcels.



Presents lying under the Christmas tree,
All wrapped in pretty paper with a tag.
Some are big and some are small,
Others hidden inside a gift bag.

Aunt Jennifer's is hard and square,
It's obviously inside a box.
While Simon's is soft and squishy,
Oh no! Not more socks.



My curiosity gets the best of me,
And I decide to give one gift a smell,
Because if it's soap or perfume,
Then surely, I'll be able to tell.

There is no smell, what can it be?
I listen and give it a shake;
But not too hard, just in case,
What's inside could break.

Cousin Fiona, who lives abroad,
Always sends money in a card.
A voucher from Oliver who decided long ago,
That buying for me, was just too hard.



I know what's off Uncle Jack,
The bottle bag gives it away.
A bottle of very fine red wine,
I'll tell him that I prefer white one day.

My Mum always asks what I want,
So her present is no mystery.
And when I open it on the big day,
My delight is plain to see.

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Around The Community

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My Son's gift is beautifully wrapped,
With red ribbon and a great big bow.
It seems such a shame to open it,
He didn't wrap it, that much I know!

The special one from my Husband,
Better not be something practical to use.
I'm hoping for a gift small and sparkly,
Heaven knows I've left enough clues.



So remember open up your presents,
Carefully and slowly, so the tension mounts;
But big or small, love it or hate it,
Don't forget, it's the thought that counts.

Christine Wheeler. November 2026



If you enjoy Chris's, clever poems, please purchase a copy of

"The 12 Poems of Christmas"



Around The Community



St. Matthew's Christmas Raffle 2026.



This year's Christmas raffle will be held on Saturday December 5th. At the Soup and Carols event in the Church Hall. This year's theme will be Pantomimes and Christmas Shows.

1. Jack and the Beanstalk. – A gardening themed hamper with everything to make your garden grow.
2. Cinderella. - A cleaning hamper with everything to make your home sparkle and some chocolate buttons.
3. Peter Pan – A children's hamper containing Toys, Games and some sweet treats.
4. Goldilocks & the 3 Bears. A breakfast hamper containing all you need to start the day.
5. Red Riding Hood – A baking hamper containing baking ingredients and Christmas baked goods.
6. Sleeping Beauty. – A Ladies hamper containing toiletries, perfume, chocolates, wine etc:
7. Aladdin.- A Chinese Food hamper containing noodles, rice, sauce mixes, prawn crackers etc;
8. The Nutcracker – A hamper containing Nuts, sugar mice, or anything nutcracker or sugar plum themed.
9. The Good Fairy – A hamper containing decorations, crackers, wrapping paper, cards, bows, ribbons etc;
10. The Fairy Godmother – An On the Day hamper with crackers, cake, mince pies, stuffing mix, goose far etc;
11. The Prince Charming – A Men's hamper with beer, chocolate, sweets, cider, men's toiletries etc;
12. The Baddie. – Naughty but nice, with chocolates, wine, sweets, biscuits etc







As usual there will books at the back of Church asking for specific items, but if you think you have anything you would like to donate to one of the hampers please let me know.

Many thanks. Chris Wheeler.



Around The Community

The Origin of the Twelve Days of Christmas

You're all familiar with the Christmas song, "The Twelve Days of Christmas" I think. To most it's a delightful nonsense rhyme set to music. But it had a quite serious purpose when it was written. It is a good deal more than just a repetitious melody with pretty phrases and a list of strange gifts.

Catholics in England during the period 1558 to 1829, when Parliament finally emancipated Catholics in England, were prohibited from ANY practice of their faith by law - private OR public. It was a crime to be a Catholic.

"The Twelve Days of Christmas" was written in England as one of the "catechism songs" to help young Catholics learn the tenets of their faith - a memory aid, when to be caught with anything in writing indicating adherence to the catholic faith could not only get you imprisoned, it could also get you hanged, or shortened by a head - or hanged, drawn and quartered, a rather peculiar and ghastly punishment I'm not aware was ever practiced anywhere else.

The song's gifts are hidden meanings to the teachings of the faith. The "true love" mentioned in the song doesn't refer to an earthly suitor, it refers to God· Himself. The "me" who receives the presents refers to every baptized person. The partridge in a pear tree is Jesus Christ, the Son of God. In the song, Christ is symbolically presented as a mother partridge which feigns injury to decoy predators from her helpless nestlings, much in memory of the expression of Christ's sadness over the fate of Jerusalem: "Jerusalem! Jerusalem! How often would I have sheltered thee under my wings, as a hen does her chicks, but thou wouldst not have it so... "

The other symbols mean the following:

2 Turtle Doves = The Old and New Testaments

3 French Hens= Faith, Hope and Charity, the Theological Virtues

4 Calling Birds= the Four Gospels and/or the Four Evangelists

5 Golden Rings= The first Five Books of the Old Testament, the "Pentateuch", which gives the history of man's fall from grace.

6 Geese A-laying= the six days of creation

7 Swans A-swimming = the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, the seven sacraments

8 Maids A-milking = the eight beatitudes

9 Ladies Dancing = the nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit

10 Lords A-leaping= the ten commandments

11 Pipers Piping = the eleven faithful apostles

12 Drummers Drumming= the twelve points of doctrine in the Apostle's Creed

Thanks to Ron Taylor



Around The Community

Advent & Christmas Services across the United Benefice

Christ Church Wheelock • St Matthew's Haslington • St Michael's & All Angels Crewe Green

Thursday 3rd Dec 7.00pm
Christmas Carol Concert at Christ Church Wheelock
£5 entry includes a hot drink and a mince pie.

Sunday 6th Dec
9.30am St Matthew's Haslington
10.45am Christ Church Wheelock
11.00am St Michael's & All Angels Crewe Green
Holy Communion Morning Worship
Nine Lessons & Carols
at St Michael's & All Angels
11.00am

Sunday 13th Dec
9.30am St Matthew's Haslington
10.45am Christ Church Wheelock
11.00am St Michael's & All Angels Crewe Green
Morning Worship at St Matthew's, & Christ Church Wheelock

Sunday 13th Dec 4.30pm
Lighting the Remembrance Tree at Christ Church Wheelock
£2 per name donation as we light a candle and remember loved ones.

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9.30am St Matthew's Haslington
10.45am Christ Churc Wheelock
11.00am St Michael's & All A Crewe Green
Christingle and Shortened Holy Communion at St Michael's & All Angels

Sunday 20th Dec
9.30am St Matthew's Haslington
10.45am Christ Church Wheelock
11.00am St Michael's & All Angels Crewe Green
Holy Communion at St Matthew's, & Christ Church Wheelock

Sunday 20th Dec 3.00pm
Nine Lessons & Carols at St Matthew's, Haslington

Thursday 24th Dec 3.00pm
Nativity Service at St Matthew's, Haslington

Thursday 24th Dec 4.30pm
Nativity Service at Christ Church Wheelock

Thursday 24th De 10.00pm
First Eucharist of Christmas at St Matthew's, Haslington

Friday 25th Dec 10.00am
Christmas Day Matins at Christ Church Wheelock

Friday 25th Dec 10.00am
Christ Day Communion at St Matthew's, Haslington

Sunday 27th Dec 10.30am
United Service at St Michael's & All Angels, Crewe Green

Walking with Angels
An Advent Course
No session on 3rd December
Based on the inspiring book by Eleanor Sanderson

Join us for a four week Advent course exploring the story of the angels, with space for reflection, conversation and fellowship.
All are welcome (starting Thurs 19th Nov)

- Thursday 19th November 7.00pm
- Thursday 26th November 7.00pm
- Thursday 3rd December No session
- Thursday 10th December 7.00pm
- Thursday 17th December 7.00pm

United Benefice

A Letter from St. Pauls Charity Food Bank



Dear All,

This Christmas, we would love you to be part of something simple, powerful and full of hope: The One-Item Christmas Challenge, supporting St Paul's Centre Foodbank and local households across Crewe.

Could your school, church, team or community group dedicate a day in December to a Christmas Jumper Day with a difference?

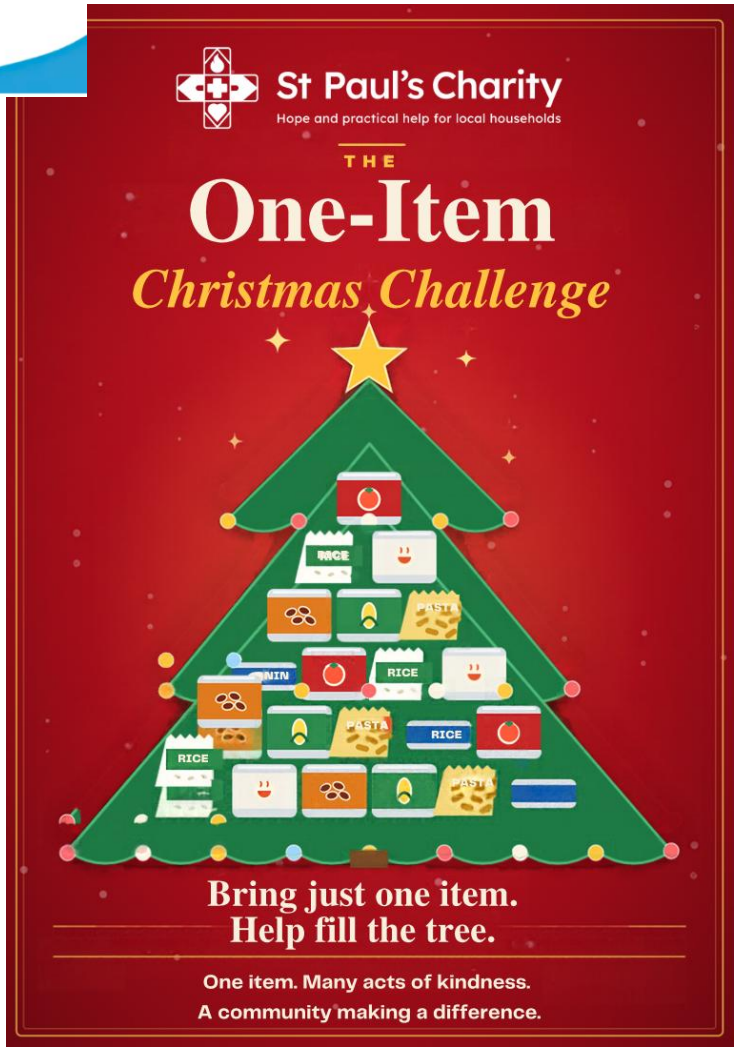
We invite pupils, staff, church congregations, volunteers and community members to organise a festive collection, bringing just one non-perishable food item in exchange for wearing a Christmas jumper or taking part in another festive activity.

Imagine the difference we could make if everyone brought just one item! Every tin, packet and contribution adds up.

We would be delighted to coordinate the collection and transport of donations directly to our Foodbank. A suggested donation list is attached to help you plan.

With foodbank demand continuing to rise, every contribution matters. Together, we can help ensure fewer neighbours face an empty plate this Christmas.

Would you consider taking part? Please get in touch to confirm whether your school, church, team or organisation would like to support this initiative, and we can arrange the details together.



December Quick View Diary

Tuesday	1st	2:00pm	Walking for Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park
Wednesday	2nd	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club
Thursday	3rd	7:00pm	Gardening Club in St. Matthew's Church Hall
Friday	4th	10:30am	Church Hall Cleaning party
Sunday	**6th**	**2nd Sunday of Advent**	
Tuesday	8th	2:00pm	Walking for Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park
		7:30pm	Haslington WI meet at the Cosy Club
Wednesday	9th	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club
Sunday	**13th**	**3rd Sunday of Advent**	
Tuesday	15th	2:00pm	Walking for Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park
Wednesday	16th	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club
		2:00pm	MU, venue and subject matter to be decided.
Thursday	17th	1:00pm	CAMEO in St. Matthew's church hall
Sunday	**20th**	**4th Sunday of Advent**	
Tuesday	22th	2:00pm	Walking for Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park
Wednesday	23rd	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club
Sunday	**27th**	**1st Sunday of Christmas**	

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