

# Parish News

*Church and Community News for Haslington and Crewe Green*



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## St. Matthew Haslington

### Church Wardens:

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## *Pastoral Letter*

### **Our hair tells our story and God's story.**

I spent 10 years researching into all things hair and making hair products. I learned much about hair and its importance. Hair in our “crowning glory” because it links to our self-image and how we think other people perceive us. A “bad hair day” suggests that if our hair isn’t how we like it, the whole day is set back. A drastic change in our hair often accompanies a life change, for example, I grew my hair long when I was thinking about leaving my last church, I was signalling a change, and my hairdresser understood that.

There are some great hair moments in the Old Testament. The bride’s hair is described as “like a flock of goats descending from the hills of Gilead”. What a compliment! There’s Absalom, David’s son, whose handsomeness and vigour is proved by the fact that his yearly haircut results in more than two kilograms of hair lying on the floor around his barber’s chair.

The most famous head of hair in the Bible is Samson’s. From birth, Samson is dedicated to God as a Nazirite. Among other things, this means he will never cut his hair, it’s a sign of holiness and devotion, and his hair tells a story about God. Samson’s vow also means that God gives him miraculous strength. When Samson shares this secret with his treacherous lover Delilah and his hair gets cut off, this strength—and God’s Spirit—leaves him. Telling Delilah about his hair suggests that Samson has begun to take God for granted. When his hair is cut off, it symbolises the end of his vow. Samson is turning his back on God and that’s why he loses his strength. Yet God does not abandon Samson altogether, his hair begins to grow back, and this seems to be a sign of returning favour. When Samson prays for one last moment of strength, it is granted: in his dying moments he pulls a building down to defeat God’s enemies.

The most important meaning of hair in the Bible is when Jesus teaches that God knows the number of hairs in our head. There are a lot of hairs on the human head, up to 150,000. Yet Jesus tells us that God has counted every hair on your head, meaning that God knows each one of us that intimately. Jesus’ application of this is: “Don’t be afraid”.

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## *Pastoral Letter*

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This is because hairs on the head is not just a big number but it's also how much God values the lives of those who love him. The hairs on our heads can remind us of our eternal security in Jesus. We may, like Samson, fail to keep our vows and be unfaithful to God. We may lose all our hair. But God is still faithful and promises us life everlasting.

With every blessing,  
Vicar Jane



## *St. Matthew's Social Committee*

Our next coffee morning will be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> September, in the church hall between 10:00am and 12:00 noon. As in previous years, the proceeds from our September coffee morning, will be donated to the Macmillan cancer charity. As well as selling coffee we will also have a cake sale, so if you are able to make a cake please bring it along.



There are still a few tickets available for the beetle drive and fish and chip supper, which is on Saturday 16th September. This is a ticket only event, please see Anna if you would like to join us at this event.

### **Dates for your diary**

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October Bring and Share Harvest Lunch

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October Quiz Night

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November Autumn Lunch and Fair

Saturday 18th November Prize Bingo

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Draw with soup and carols (*NEW DATE*)

# Church Diary     September 2023

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Trinity 13</b>	
		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	6 <sup>th</sup>	9:45 am	No Service at St Michael's Church
		10:45 am	Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's Church
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Trinity 14</b>	
		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
Wednesday	13 <sup>th</sup>	9:45 am	No Service at St Michael's Church
		10:45 am	Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's Church
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Trinity 15</b>	
		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	20 <sup>th</sup>	9.45 am	No Service at St Michael's Church
		10:45 am	Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's Church
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Trinity 16</b>	
		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	27 <sup>th</sup>	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 Literary Lunch in Chester was a great success and entertaining. The meeting this month was most interesting, "First Steps Podiatry" came to tell us all about our feet and how to keep them healthy.

The Farm Walk in Middlewich was wonderful and very well attended. We watched cows being milked and of course we had calves to look at. We finished off with homemade cakes, tea and coffee.

The Afternoon Tea at the Golf Club was very successful, 73 members attended. Delicious food and great company.

Next month our meeting is "Phases of the Moon". Coming up we also have a Saturday Brunch, a visit to Dorothy Clive gardens and a trip to Chester Races.

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

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**Beetle Drive & Fish and Chips Tea**

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2023

St Matthew's Church Hall, Park Rd, Haslington

2:30pm

Tickets £10.00 per person

includes a Beetle Drive card, Fish & Chip Tea, tea, or coffee.





## *United Benefice Mothers Union*



Mary Sumner was the founder of the Mothers' Union and we remember her every year on 9th August with a special event. This year a group of members and friends enjoyed a

wonderful Afternoon Tea at the Boat House Café Bar at Tattenhall Marina. The weather was beautiful, the company was great, the service wonderful and the food sumptuous. A lovely afternoon of fellowship to be remembered.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 20th September 2023, venue and subject to be advised. Contact Viv (501538) or Jane (581769) for further details.

Everyone is welcome (gentlemen too – the Mothers' Union is open to all).



## *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 21<sup>st</sup> September 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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





## Easy fluffy scones

### Ingredients

350g self-raising flour, plus more for dusting

¼ tsp salt

1 tsp baking powder

85g cold butter, cut into cubes

4 tbsp golden caster sugar

150g Greek full-fat yogurt

4 tbsp full-fat milk

1 tsp vanilla extract

1 egg beaten with 1 tbsp milk, to glaze



### Method

#### STEP 1

Put a baking sheet in the oven at 220C/200C fan/gas 7. Put the flour, salt and baking powder into a food processor, then whizz in the butter until it disappears. Pulse in the sugar, tip into a large bowl, then make a well in the middle.

#### STEP 2

Warm the yogurt, milk and vanilla together in the microwave for 1 min or in a pan; it should be hot and may well go a bit lumpy-looking. Tip into the bowl and quickly work into the flour mix using a cutlery knife. As soon as it's all in, stop.

#### STEP 3

Tip the dough onto a floured surface, then, with floured hands, fold the dough over a few times – just enough to create a smoothish dough. Press out to about 4cm/1½in thick, dip a 7cm cutter into more flour, then stamp out 4 rounds, flouring the cutter each time. Squash the remainder lightly together, then repeat until the dough is used up. Brush tops with egg wash, scatter flour over the hot sheet, then lift the scones on. Bake for 12 mins until risen and golden. Best eaten just-warm, or on the day.



*Church Rotas*  
For St. Matthew's



**St. Matthew's—Reading Rota**

03/09/2023 Helen Pearce  
 10/09/2023 Alan Wheeler  
 17/09/2023 Helen Pearce  
 24/09/2023 Doris Farrell  
 01/10/2023 Viv Grunner

**St. Matthew's—Intercession Rota**

03/09/2023 Chris Wheeler  
 10/09/2023 Darren Evans  
 17/09/2023 Viv Grunner  
 24/09/2023 Pat Hills  
 01/10/2023 Rev Jane

**St. Matthew's— Server Rota**

03/09/2023 Arlene Bloor  
 10/09/2023 -  
 17/09/2023 Steve Grunner  
 24/09/2023 -  
 01/10/2023 Joe Philpot

**St. Matthew's—Sides-person Rota**

03/09/2023 Anna & Chris  
 10/09/2023 Dennis H & Jane Mc  
 17/09/2023 Janet D & Shelagh  
 24/09/2023 Jane & John Mc  
 01/10/2023 Colin & Celia Booth

**St. Matthew's—Flower Rota**

03/09/2023 Jean Trigger  
 10/09/2023 ——"—  
 17/09/2023 Arleine Bloor  
 24/09/2023 ——"—  
 01/10/2023 Harvest Flowers

**St. Matthew's—Church Locking up**

04/09/2023 Arleine Bloor  
 11/09/2023 Steve Grunner  
 18/09/2023 Vicar Jane  
 25/09/2023 Chris Betts  
 02/10/2023 Steve Grunner

**St. Matthew's—Cleaning Rota**

25/09/2023 Vicar Jane  
 23/10/2023 Viv & Steve  
 27/11/2023 Pam & Joe  
 18/12/2023 TBA

## September Sudoku

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

Easy

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

Medium

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

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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 will be on Wednesday 13th September at 7.00 pm in church



## *St. Michael's Social Committee*

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, CREWE GREEN  
INVITE YOU TO AN EVENING OF MUSIC AND REFRESHMENT:



WINTERLEY METHODIST BRASS BAND CONCERT  
IN CHURCH ON SATURDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER 7.00 P.M.



TICKETS £7 ON THE DOOR - INCLUDING LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Next Coffee Morning**

**Saturday 14th October 10 - 12 in church**

**Christmas Fair**

**Saturday 2nd December 11- 2 at the Yoxall Hall**

**Christmas Tree Decorating with mulled wine and coffee**

**Saturday 16th December 10 - 12 in church**





*Church Rotas*  
For *St. Michael's*



**St. Michael's  
Prayer Rota**

03/09/2023	Ron
10/09/2023	Helen
17/09/2023	Linda
24/09/2023	Nancy
01/10/2023	Ron

**St. Michael's  
Reading Rota**

03/09/2023	Ron
10/09/2023	Helen
17/09/2023	Nancy
24/09/2023	Anne
01/10/2023	

**St. Michael's  
Cleaning Rota**

02/09/2023	Ron & Irene
09/09/2023	Helen
16/09/2023	Barrie & Janette
23/09/2023	Anne
30/09/2023	Linda

**St. Michael's  
Coffee Rota**

03/09/2023	Ron & Irene
10/09/2023	Helen
17/09/2023	Cindy
24/09/2023	Linda
01/10/2023	Ron & Irene

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

03/09/2023	Barrie
10/09/2023	Helen
17/09/2023	Nancy
24/09/2023	Cindy
01/10/2023	

## August Sudoku Solutions

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

Easy

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

Medium

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

Hard



## *Prayer Subjects*

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

Majestic Creator, on the International Day of Peace, I come before You with a yearning for global harmony. Grant us the wisdom and courage to foster understanding, bridge divides, and work together as Your children. Kindle within every heart the desire for peace; may nations abandon violence and choose unity in addressing our world's challenges. In Your grace, guide our steps toward a brighter future of serenity and love for all. Amen.

Almighty Father, inspired by Psalm 147:3, "He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds," I come to You on World First Aid Day. I humbly ask for Your guidance as we strive to learn and apply life-saving first aid skills. Bless the caregivers, healthcare professionals, and trainers who help us in our quest to create safer communities through preparedness. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Loving Creator, on the International Day of Charity, I am reminded of Your word in Proverbs 19:17, "Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward them for what they have done." Graciously inspire all hearts to partake in charitable acts today and every day. United as one global family, may we persevere diligently in working towards eradicating poverty worldwide and fostering sustainable development. May our acts of love reverberate as a symphony of hope, faithfulness, and unity that pleases You immensely. Amen.

### **In Memoriam**

Funeral of Jean (Marjorie) Dodd, 16th August, St Michael's Church.

Funeral of George Farrall, 18th August, St Matthew's.

Funeral of Hazel Looker, 22nd August, St Matthew's.

Burial of Ashes of Denis Mosely. 22nd August, St Matthew's.

Burial of Ashes of Russell Hodgkinson. 25th August, St Matthew's.

## A day at the Cricket / 20th August, 2023.

While many watched the Lioness's on T.V.  
The Wheelers had somewhere else to be.  
They drove all the way to Altrincham,  
And from there a short journey by tram;  
Through leafy suburbs to their destination,  
Alighting at Old Trafford Station.

It's the Hundred they had come to see,  
A fantastic view from the top of stand D.

The sun shone down from on high,  
Manchester's tall towers scraped the sky.  
They spotted Man United's football ground,  
In the distance the Pennines shimmered all around.

"The Hundred" two cricket games in one day,  
Manchester Originals and Northern Superchargers play.

The clock strikes eleven, and it's the ladies first,  
Music plays, flares and fireworks burst.  
Originals at home with a partisan crowd,  
Every wicket taken cheered long and loud.

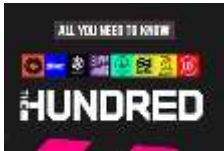
The game turns into a close affair,  
Originals win with one ball to spare.  
A break for lunch and a shower of rain,  
That clears in time for the men's game.  
Originals bat and post a very good score,  
Peppered with sixes and the occasional four.

The Superchargers don't start too well,  
4 balls in and the 1st wicket fell.  
Originals are on a roll, as wickets tumble,  
Catches mostly held, apart from the odd fumble.

With 5 for 11, Calvin Harrison is on fire,  
Leaving the Superchargers feeling dire.

Eighty three all out, the game is won,  
An exciting day out in the summer sun.

Then 18,000 very happy cricket fans,  
All head in one direction, to the trams!



*(Christine Wheeler—August 2023)*





St Michaels and all Angels Crewe Green  
and  
Christ church Wheelock SPONSORED RUN

On the 8th October I will be running in the Chester metric marathon 26.2km, along with Carleton Morris, we are raising funds through sponsorship for our church buildings and church yards to help us continue to be a place for all in the community as they are always in need of renovation and repairs. The list of jobs to do seems endless as we try to keep on top of them all.

Many of our church friends and church family are gifted with organisational skills for arranging coffee mornings, musical events and making beautiful cakes/cards all of which help to raise much needed funds but I feel that I was gifted with a pair of legs that just want to run. So on Sunday the 8th October Carleton and I will take on this 16 miles challenge and we would very much value your prayers as we do so.

Yours in Christ Anne and Carleton





## *Around The Community*



### **First Aid Course**



Several members of St. Matthew's congregation have expressed an interest in taking some First Aid training so that we have a number of people willing and able to help, should the need arise for a qualified First Aider. I am willing and able to run a course so that those who attend can attain the Emergency First Aid at work qualification (one day (six hours)course) or the Full First Aid at work qualification (3 day (18hours) course). Those who took the Emergency course with me last time are now out of date as it only lasts for three years.

If anyone from any of our churches and associated groups would like to join the course please could you let me know with your preferred times /days when you could attend so I can work out the best time and day for the majority. We could split each course into 2 or 3 hour sessions or go for a whole day whichever would be preferable. The course would be run at cost , which would be about £10 for the digital certificate and a book. In order to take the course you would need to be prepared to learn and practice CPR so an ability to kneel down on the floor would be necessary. There is not as much practical work as in the past (we no longer make doughnuts!) , the emphasis is now on giving you the knowledge to be able to have the confidence to know how to help.

Please get in touch with me if you are interested or have any questions. My email address is [christine.dennel@btinternet.com](mailto:christine.dennel@btinternet.com)

Chris Dannel



Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September

10:00am

# *Prayer Breakfast*

*St. Matthew's Church Hall*

*Transformation*



# September Quick View Diary

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Trinity 9</b>	
Tuesday	5 <sup>th</sup>	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park
Wednesday	6 <sup>th</sup>	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Trinity 10</b>	
Tuesday	12 <sup>th</sup>	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park
		7:30pm	Haslington WI meet at the Cosy Club
Wednesday	13 <sup>th</sup>	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Trinity 11</b>	
Tuesday	19 <sup>th</sup>	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park
Wednesday	20 <sup>th</sup>	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club
		2:15pm	Mothers Union Meeting
Thursday	21 <sup>st</sup>	1:00pm	CAMEO meet in St. Matthew's church hall
Friday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	10:00am	Coffee Morning St. Matthew's Church Hall
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Trinity 12</b>	
Tuesday	26 <sup>th</sup>	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park
		7:30pm	Haslington WI meet at the Cosy Club
Wednesday	27 <sup>th</sup>	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club

## It's time for a Macmillan Coffee Morning and you're invited

Let's do whatever it takes  
to support people living with cancer.

Place: **St. Matthew's Church hall**

Date: **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**

Time: **10:00am –12:00 noon**



Parish News Deadline for the **October** edition is **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September**

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