

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

The Quiet Work of God

Summer has a different rhythm. Schools break up, holidays begin, gardens are in full bloom, and for many of us life slows down a little. It can also be a time when we notice things we have hurried past for much of the year.

Jesus often drew people's attention to the quiet things of life. He spoke about seeds growing in the ground, yeast working unseen through dough, and tiny mustard seeds becoming large shrubs. These are not dramatic images. In fact, they are almost unremarkable. Yet Jesus used them to describe the Kingdom of God.

We live in a world that celebrates the spectacular. We admire instant success, visible achievement and measurable results. It is easy to assume that if we cannot see something happening, then nothing is happening at all. But that is rarely how God works.

A gardener does not dig up seeds every morning to see whether they are growing. Growth takes place quietly, beneath the surface, hidden from view. Only after weeks or months do we begin to see what has been happening all along. Perhaps our own faith is often like that. There are times when our prayers seem to make little difference. We wonder whether God is listening. We worry that we are not growing as Christians, or that our small acts of kindness and faithfulness count for very little.

Yet God is often at work in ways we cannot immediately recognise. A kind word spoken at the right moment. A visit to someone who is lonely or someone in hospital. A prayer said for someone's well-being. An act of forgiveness. A child learning the Lord's Prayer. An act of generosity. These things may seem small, but they are the places where God's Kingdom is taking root.

Looking back over our lives, many of us can recognise moments when God was quietly guiding us long before we realised it. Doors opened unexpectedly. Friendships appeared at just the right time. Strength was given for a difficult season. We may not have seen it then, but we can see it now; God at work, God's kingdom growing. The Psalmist writes, "*Be still, and know that I am God.*" Sometimes being still allows us to notice what God has been doing all along.

As summer unfolds, perhaps we can resist the temptation to measure every day by how much we have achieved. Instead, we can trust that God continues his quiet work—in our lives, in the lives of those we love, and in the world around us. The seeds are growing, even when we cannot yet see the harvest.

We Prayer

Lord God, help us to trust your quiet work within us. Give us patience when we cannot see the way ahead, faith to believe that you are always at work, and eyes to recognise your presence in the ordinary moments of each day. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

With every blessing

Vicar Jane



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 23rd July at the home of Barbara Harris 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

Church Hall cleaning and maintenance

The next hall cleaning is on Friday 3rd July, starting at 9:00am. New volunteers welcome. Anna Betts



Church Diary July 2026

Wednesday 1st 10:45 am Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's Church

Sunday 5th 5th Sunday of Trinity

9:30 am Holy Communion at St Matthew's Church
10.30am Service of Morning prayer at Christ Church
11.00 am Holy Communion at St Michael & All Angels.

Wednesday 8th 10:45 am Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's Church

Sunday 12th 6th Sunday of Trinity

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's Church

Wednesday 15th 10:45 am Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's Church

Sunday 19th 7th Sunday of Trinity

9.30 am Service of Morning Prayer at St Matthew's Church
10.45 am Holy Communion at Christ Church
11.00 am Service of Morning Prayer at St Michael & All Angels.

Wednesday 22nd 10:45 am Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's Church

Saturday 25th 10:00 am Prayer Breakfast at St. Matthew's church hall

Sunday 26th 8th Sunday of Trinity

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 29th 10:45 am Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's Church





Haslington Women's Institute

Our June meeting was very interesting. Heather Hulse told us all about how to have a Wildlife Garden.

The competition was "Gardening Footware" What a wonderful display.

The meal at The Old Hall was excellent, 18 of us went to enjoy the food and company.

A number of ladies had a wonderful day out at David Austin Rose's, the weather was wonderful as well.

The book club, forever popular. This time was a members choice, any book with a name in the title.

Coming up, we have the Vintage Afternoon Tea, a farm walk and a game of paddle.

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

Janet Dake.....Haslington WI



St. Matthew's Social Committee

Our next coffee morning is on Friday 24th July in the church hall between 10.00am and 12.00 noon. All are welcome.

We look forward to seeing you at our next social event which is a Strawberry Tea on Saturday 18th July, in the church hall, commencing at 2.00pm.

A date for your diary, Saturday 15th August, a walk and lunch, further details next month.

Anna Betts



*United Benefice
Mothers Union*

Haslington & Crewe Green Branch

This month's meeting was held at Celia's home on a bright and breezy day, unfortunately too chilly for sitting outside. We were a small group in this month of holidays and following the usual notices and prayers we discussed many things that worried us, supporting each other in the process. Finishing with the ubiquitous tea and gorgeous cake.

Our next meeting will be our Strawberry Tea at 2pm on Wednesday 15th July at my home, hopefully in the garden. EVERYONE is invited. The cost will be £5 and the proceeds will help with the continuation of the Church Hall Refurbishment. If you are able to join us, please bring a friend and mention to one of the members to expect you.

In August we are arranging our day out for Afternoon Tea, this year at Bridgemere Garden Centre on Wednesday 19th. Let's hope the weather is kind to us.

We are a small group of ladies (gentlemen you are most welcome to join us) part of the 4,000,000 members of the MU and we are always pleased to welcome new members into our company. Our activities help us and supports the Mothers' Union in their worldwide work supporting families all around the world.

Best wishes

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.hcng Anglican.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 10:45—11:45

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

Café Church / Open table 2nd Sunday in the month at 4:00pm



Greek style no bake cheesecake with yogurt

Ingredients

260g/ 9 oz. digestive biscuits

100g/ 3.5 oz. melted butter

1 tsp vanilla essence

450g/ 16 oz. cream cheese

150g/ 5 oz. Greek yogurt (thick)

120g/ 4 oz. icing sugar

2 tbsps honey

280ml double cream

160grns to 320grms of jam of your choice (depends how thick you want it to be)



Instructions

To make the base, butter a 23cm loose-bottomed tin (you can also use individual small tins). Place the biscuits in a food processor and pulse until crumbs remain. Transfer the crumbs to a bowl, then pour over the melted butter. Mix thoroughly until the crumbs are completely coated. Tip them into the tin and press firmly down into the base in an even layer. Put the tin in the fridge while you make the filling.

Place the cream cheese, Greek yogurt, vanilla, icing sugar and honey in a bowl, then beat with an electric mixer until smooth. Tip in the double cream and continue beating until the mixture is completely combined.

Pour the mixture into the biscuit crust and top the cheesecake with the jam. Refrigerate overnight, or for at least 6 hours. Enjoy!



Church Rotas
For St. Matthew's



**St. Matthew's
Reading Rota**

05/07/2026	Colin Booth
12/07/2026	Pat Hills
19/07/2026	Jane Peach
26/07/2026	Chris Wheeler
02/08/2026	Bradley McKay

**St. Matthew's
Intercession Rota**

05/07/2026	Arleine Bloor
12/07/2026	Alan Wheeler
19/07/2026	Helen Pearce
26/07/2026	Anna Betts
02/08/2026	Colin Booth

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

05/07/2026	Shelagh Hauksson
12/07/2026	Jane McCombie
19/07/2026	---
26/07/2026	Roger Pearce
02/08/2026	Tom Lloyd

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

05/07/2026	Janet D & Shelagh
12/07/2026	Sheila M & Will
19/07/2026	Jane & John McC
26/07/2026	Jean T & Ann F
02/08/2026	Jean C & Janet D

**St. Matthew's
Flower Rota**

04/07/2026	Barbara Harris
11/07/2026	----"----
18/07/2026	Viv Grunner
25/07/2026	----"----
01/08/2026	Jane McCombie

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

05/07/2026	Colin Booth
12/07/2026	Steve Grunner
19/07/2026	Sheila Hauksson
26/07/2026	Roger Pearce
02/08/2026	John Brassington

July Sudoku

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

Easy

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

Medium

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

Hard



St. Michael's PCC

P.C.C. 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 on Wednesday 8th July at 7.00 pm in church



St. Michael's Social Committee



**ST. MICHAEL'S BRUNCH COFFEE MORNING
SATURDAY 8TH AUGUST 10.00 AM - 12 NOON
COME AND JOIN US FOR
TASTY SAUSAGE OR BACON BAPS
A LOVELY MORNING TO CHAT AND MAKE NEW FRIENDS**



Many thanks to everyone who came to support St Michael's Strawberry Fair on 13th June. We were blessed with a lovely day and raised valuable funds towards church projects.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support our weekly car wash, which raises valuable funds which are shared between our church and a local charity.



Church Rotas
For St. Michael's



**St. Michael's
Prayer Rota**

05/07/2026	Ron
12/07/2026	Nancy
19/07/2026	Anne
26/07/2026	Helen
02/08/2026	Ron

**St. Michael's
Reading Rota**

05/07/2026	Ron
12/07/2026	Helen
19/07/2026	Anne
26/07/2026	Linda
02/08/2026	Ron

**St. Michael's
Cleaning Rota**

04/07/2026	Ron & Irene
11/07/2026	Anne
18/07/2026	Barrie/Janette
25/07/2026	Linda
01/08/2026	Ron & Irene

**St. Michael's
Coffee Rota**

05/07/2026	Ron & Irene
12/07/2026	Helen
19/07/2026	Barrie/Janette
26/07/2026	Linda
02/08/2026	Ron & Irene

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

05/07/2026	Margaret
12/07/2026	Barrie
19/07/2026	Helen
26/07/2026	Margaret
02/08/2026	Barrie

June Sudoku Solutions

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

Easy

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

Medium

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

Hard



Prayer Subjects for Trinity

Glory be to the Father,
Who by His almighty power and love created me,
making me in the image and likeness of God.

Glory be to the Son,
Who by His Precious Blood delivered me from hell,
and opened for me the gates of heaven.

Glory be to the Holy Spirit,
Who has sanctified me in the sacrament of Baptism,
and continues to sanctify me
by the graces I receive daily from His bounty.

Glory be to the Three adorable Persons of the Holy Trinity,
now and forever.

Amen.

Grant me the gift of knowledge,
so that I may know the things of God and,
enlightened by Your holy teaching, may walk,
without deviation, in the path of eternal
salvation.

Grant me the gift of understanding,
so that I may apprehend the divine mysteries
and by contemplation of heavenly things detach my thoughts
and affections from the vain things of this miserable
world.

In Memoriam

Funeral of Robert Livesey, Christ Church, 18th June.



Around The Community

Dates for your Diary

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

Saturday 18th July A strawberry tea

Saturday 15th August A walk and lunch

Saturday 12th September A concert by The Strings and Sunshine Community Ukulele Band

Sunday 4th October A bring and share Harvest Lunch

Saturday 17th October Prize Bingo

Saturday 7th November The Autumn fair and lunch

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

St Matthew's Patronal Choral Evensong.

A date for your diaries: - Sunday 20th September 2026, (4.30pm tbc) in St Matthew's Church. We are preparing a **choral evensong** and **festival** to celebrate the life and work of St Matthew.

The choir are starting to learn the music for this service to take place in September. We would like to make it a memorable service with refreshments following the service and a display about St Matthew his life and work also the life and work of our church!

This would be in St Matthew's Church Hall

For this to happen I would like to ask for some assistance from as many of you as possible. Assistance with providing and serving refreshments; loaning photos, stories and memorabilia that you may have of services or activities that you have taken part in or attended at St Matthew's. Remembering that we celebrated the 200th anniversary of the building in 2010, hopefully someone has something that we could display from weddings, baptisms, special services, nativities, Christmas displays, floral displays etc.

Please could you contact me and let me know how you could help and whether you can loan something for display.

We have been awarded a grant towards the cost of creating a festival so we should be able to put together something worthwhile.

Thank you in advance.

Arleine – (email aam.bloor@gmail.com mobile 07963 347931)

Copy of picture in
the Church porch





Around The Community

Prayer Breakfast

Saturday 25th July, 10:00am

St. Matthew's Church Hall



Front page photograph

Painting of the Church Bell Tower of St. Nicholas Church

By kind permission of Alicia Howard

St. Nicholas Church is the central landmark and spiritual heart of Halki, famous for its iconic bell tower, The bell tower stands tall as one of the tallest in the Dodecanese.

A Poem about Poems.

My favourite Poems are quite a mix,
From Benjamin Zephaniah to Shakespeare,
Pam Ayres, W.H. Auden and T.S. Elliot,
And the nonsense Poems of Edward Lear.



I feel the heat, and rough winds of **"Sonnet 18"**,
"To Autumn" leaves a taste of fruit on the vine;
And I hear the muffled sounds of city streets,
Of **"London Snow"** set in winter time.

Then there are Poems that make me think,
Like **"Rosa Parks"** and Racial Segregation;
And Betjeman's well known **"Christmas"** Poem,
That sums up the true reason for the celebration.

George R. Sims' Poem **"In the Workhouse"**
Is so sad, it makes me want to cry;
And **"The Charge of the Light Brigade"**
Leaves me pondering the question why?



I love the rhythm of the speeding train,
As it carries the post in **"Night Mail"**;
I feel the sea's spray and hear the wind's song,
As the tall ship in **"Sea Fever"** sets sail

"Macavity the Mystery Cat" and **"A Smuggler's song"**,
Conjure up wrong doing and wicked deeds;
While the humorous **"Talking Turkeys"**
Implores us to consider their needs.



I journey with **"The Owl and the Pussycat"**
And **"The Ning Nang Nong"** makes me smile;
I feel sorry for **"The Dolly on the Dustcart"**,
As she travels with the rubbish for mile after mile.

These are some of my favourite Poems,
And yours will be different from mine;
But whatever your mood or situation,
You'll find one to suit and all in rhyme.

Christine Wheeler. June 2026.



July Quick View Diary

Wednesday	1 st	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club
Thursday	2 nd	7:30pm	No Gardening Club in St. Matthew's church hall
Friday	3 rd	9:00am	Church Hall Cleaning party
Sunday	5th	5th Sunday of Trinity	
Tuesday	7 th	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park
		7:30pm	Haslington WI meet at the Cosy Club
Wednesday	8 th	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club
Sunday	12th	6th Sunday of Trinity	
Tuesday	14 th	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park
Wednesday	15 th	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club
		2:00pm	MU Strawberry Tea at the home of Jane McCombie
Thursday	16 th	1:00pm	CAMEO in St. Matthew's church hall
Sunday	19th	7th Sunday of Trinity	
Tuesday	21 st	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park
Wednesday	22 nd	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club
Friday	24 th	10:00am	Coffee Morning at St. Matthew's church hall
Saturday	25 th	10:00am	Prayer Breakfast at St. Matthew's church hall
Sunday	26th	8th Sunday of Trinity	
Tuesday	28 th	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park
Wednesday	29 th	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club



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