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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

Running the Race of Faith

Early in August I ran my very first 10km race at Tatton Park; it was a challenge and a joy.

My journey began well before race day. I had to train — steadily increasing my distances, learning how to pace myself, and running when I didn't feel like it. It wasn't always easy; but each run built my endurance.

On the day itself, I lined up with hundreds of other runners, all different shapes, sizes, and speeds. I found a pace setter — someone with a flag who ran at a steady speed. Keeping her in sight gave me a target and stopped me from going too fast at the start. Along the course were people clapping, shouting encouragement. Those little moments of support lifted my spirits and helped me keep running.

As I crossed the finish line I was handed a medal. I didn't win the race in the traditional sense of coming first, but I had completed what I'd set out to do. Afterwards, I needed time to recover, to rest and let my body repair — because the effort had been real.

The Bible often uses running a race as an image for the Christian life. Hebrews 12:1-2 says:

“Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.”

Just as in running, our faith journey takes training. We need discipline — making time for prayer, reading Scripture, and gathering with other Christians for mutual learning and support. We have our “pace setters” — mentors and examples who help us keep going at the right speed, keeping steady for the long haul. And we have our “cheerleaders” — our Christian brothers and sisters who encourage us when life feels uphill.

At the end, there is a prize — not a medal that tarnishes, but the crown of life, eternal joy in the presence of God. And yes, there may be times we need to pause and recover — times when God restores our souls so we can keep going.

My 10km reminded me that running the race of faith isn't about being the fastest or the strongest. It's about starting, persevering, and finishing — with our eyes on Jesus, who has already run the course before us and waits to welcome us home.

So, whatever “race” you're in just now, keep going. You're not running alone. And there's a medal — an eternal one — at the finish line.

With every blessing

Vicar Jane xx



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, Shelagh Haukinson

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

Our next PCC meeting will be held on Thursday 2nd October 2025 at 10 am at the home of Jane McCombie.

Church Hall cleaning and maintenance

The next hall cleaning is on Friday 5th September, 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 September 2025

Sunday	7th	Trinity 12	
		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	10 th	10:45 am	Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's Church
Thursday	11 th	7:00pm	Come and Explore our Faith – "We Believe" Course St. Matthew's Church Hall

Sunday	14th	Trinity 13	
		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	17 th	10:45 am	Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's Church
Thursday	18 th	7:00pm	Come and Explore our Faith – "We Believe" Course St. Matthew's Church Hall

Sunday	21st	Trinity 14	
		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	24 th	10:45 am	Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's Church
Thursday	25 th	7:00pm	Come and Explore our Faith – "We Believe" Course St. Matthew's Church Hall
Saturday	27 th	10:00am	Prayer Breakfast St. Matthew's Church Hall

Sunday	28th	Trinity 15	
		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





Haslington Women's Institute

The August meeting was a visit from Holly Cottage Preserves. Mel was most entertaining and we were able to buy her products.

Dining Club went to The Horseshoe in Lawton Heath. Excellent food and company.

5 ladies went to play Paddle at The Vagrants Club. Definitely going again.

The outing to Blist Hill and Ironbridge was great fun. Lots to entertain us, making it a very enjoyable day.

Coming up we have the Dining Club and the Mercia Link meeting with other Wis .

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

All Welcome.

Janet Dake.....Haslington WI



St. Matthew's Social Committee

We look forward to seeing you at The MacMillan coffee morning, cake sale and afternoon tea draw is on Friday 26th September, between 10:00am and 12.00 noon. All are welcome to join us for coffee and fellowship.

Unfortunately, the concert by the South Cheshire Concert Band, which was to take place on Saturday 18th October, has been postponed until next year.

Dates for your diary

October 5th Bring and share Harvest Lunch

October 11th Prize Bingo

Anna Betts





United Benefice Mothers Union

Once again our meeting was centred around food and drink. Many members together with Revd Anne Lawson, the Vicar of Church Minshull, joined us for a summer lunch at the Badger Inn in Church Minshull. It was beautiful food, well served in great company. We followed this with a short walk to St Bartholomew's Church where the Church Warden, John Headon, gave us a fascinating history of the Church and explained all its notable features.

Thank you to everyone for coming and to Revd Anne and John for organising such an interesting afternoon.

Jane McCombie
Branch Leader



Come and Explore our Faith – “We Believe” Course

2025 marks the 1,700th anniversary of the original development of the Nicene Creed at the Council of Nicaea in 325. As Christians around the world commemorate this pivotal moment for the church. I hope to run a course relating to the Creed, starting :

Thursday 11 September
7.00 pm – 8.30 pm
St Matthew's Church Hall

Vicar 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	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



In Fellowship

Crumble cake

Ingredients

350g (12oz) self-raising flour
2tsp ground cinnamon
175g (6oz) unsalted butter, chilled and diced
150g (5oz) caster sugar
2 medium eggs, beaten
2 large apples, peeled cored and diced
150g (5oz) blueberries
150g (5oz) blackberries
3tbsp demerara sugar
75g (3oz) mixed chopped nuts



Method

Heat the oven to 190C (170C fan, Gas 5). Place a baking sheet in the oven to heat up. Grease a 20cm x 24cm (8in x 9¹/₂ in) cake tin and line with baking parchment, allowing the edges of the parchment to hang over the side.

Sift the flour and cinnamon into a large bowl. Add the butter and rub into the flour with your fingertips until the mixture resembles coarse breadcrumbs. Remove 175g (6oz) of the crumble mixture to another bowl and set aside.

Stir the caster sugar and beaten eggs into the larger amount of crumble to make a soft and slightly sticky dough. Press evenly into the base of the cake tin using floured hands. Scatter over the diced apple and berries.

Stir the demerara sugar and chopped nuts into the rest of the crumble mixture and spoon over the fruit, pressing down gently.

Bake on the hot baking sheet for 35-45 mins until the cake is golden brown. Leave to cool in the tin for 20 mins, then remove by gently lifting the parchment. Serve warm or cold.



Church Rotas *For St. Matthew's*



St. Matthew's Reading Rota

07/09/2025	John McC
14/09/2025	Chris Betts
21/09/2025	Alan Wheeler
28/09/2025	Doris Farrell
05/10/2025	Helen Pearce

St. Matthew's Intercession Rota

07/09/2025	Arleine Bloor
14/09/2025	Alan Wheeler
21/09/2025	Helen Pearce
28/09/2025	Anna Betts
05/10/2025	Colin Booth

St. Matthew's Eucharist Server Rota

07/09/2025	Arleine Bloor
14/09/2025	Steve Grunner
21/09/2025	----
28/09/2025	Alan Wheeler
05/10/2025	Colin Booth

St. Matthew's Sides-person Rota

07/09/2025	Jane & John McC
14/09/2025	Sheila M & Anne A
21/09/2025	Jean T & Ann F
28/09/2025	Andrea D & Mike
05/10/2025	Jean C & tba

St. Matthew's Flower Rota

06/09/2025	Jean Trigger
13/09/2025	Arleine Bloor
20/09/2025	———”———
27/09/2025	Jean Clothier
04/10/2025	Harvest Flowers

St. Matthew's Church Locking up

07/09/2025	Chris Betts
14/09/2025	Colin Booth
21/09/2025	Jenny Silcher
28/09/2025	Arleine Bloor
05/10/2025	Steve Grunner

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

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 3rd September at 7.00 pm in the Church.



St. Michael's Social Committee

ST. MICHAEL'S COFFEE MORNING/BRUNCH

SATURDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 10.00 AM - 12 NOON

JOIN US FOR A TASTY BREAKFAST/ LUNCH

OR JUST COFFEE AND A CHAT

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU



ST. MICHAEL'S PET BLESSING SERVICE

SATURDAY 4TH OCTOBER

AT 3.30 PM

BRING ALONG YOUR PET FRIENDS

TO THE CHURCH FIELD

(INSIDE CHURCH IF IT'S RAINING)

COME AND JOIN US FOR THIS

SPECIAL OCCASION





Church Rotas *For St. Michael's*



St. Michael's Prayer Rota

07/09/2025	Ron
14/09/2025	Helen
21/09/2025	Anne
28/09/2025	Linda
05/10/2025	Ron

St. Michael's Reading Rota

07/09/2025	Ron
14/09/2025	Linda
21/09/2025	Anne
28/09/2025	Helen
05/10/2025	Ron

St. Michael's Cleaning Rota

06/09/2025	Ron & Irene
13/09/2025	Helen
20/09/2025	Anne
27/09/2025	Barrie/Janette
04/10/2025	Ron & Irene

St. Michael's Coffee Rota

07/09/2025	Ron & Irene
14/09/2025	Barrie/Janette
21/09/2025	Linda
28/09/2025	Helen
05/10/2025	Ron & Irene

St. Michael's Sides-person Rota

07/09/2025	Nancy
14/09/2025	Margaret
21/09/2025	Barrie
28/09/2025	Helen
05/10/2025	

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 prayers used during our cake and prayer meeting for Gaza

Dear God,

We cry out to you on behalf of the people seriously affected by the conflict in Gaza and the Middle East. Our hearts break at the devastation and suffering that we see, and we know it breaks yours, too.

We ask that you stretch out your mighty hand to bring lasting peace.

We cry out for people who are starving, injured or traumatised, who have lost loved ones or their homes. Please provide everything they need and be their comfort, their hope, their healer, and their safe refuge.

We pray for your peace to reign. We look to you as our Saviour and the hope of the world.

Amen.

Pray for peace

We Pray for an immediate, lasting ceasefire and the release of all hostages.

We Pray for lasting peace, healing and the restoration of communities.

Dear God Pray for you to change the hearts of world leaders towards justice, peace and mercy.

Ever lasting God we pray that your peace would fill the hearts and minds of everyone who is suffering as a result of this conflict.

Pray for hope

We Pray for those who are hungry, terrified, mourning and suffering. We ask God to save them from despair – for the trauma and violence they've experienced not to overshadow hope.

Ever lasting God we pray for the families of hostages from Israel and beyond who are desperately awaiting the release of their loved ones.

Dear god pray for the millions of people in Gaza, the West Bank, Lebanon and Israel who have had to leave their homes under horrific circumstances and are dealing with the trauma of the conflict.



Around The Community

Dates for your Diary

St. Matthew's Social Committee programme for the year,

September 26th The MacMillan Coffee morning.

October 5th Harvest Lunch

October 11th Bingo

October 18th The South Cheshire Concert Band (Posponed until next year)

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



ST. MICHAEL'S TUESDAY CAR WASH

Unfortunately, there is a temporary postponement of the car wash until a new supervisor of the CPB team is in place.

PLEASE WATCH THIS SPACE!



Around The Community

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: 26th September 2025

Time: 10:00am to Noon

Contact: Jane McCombie



Don't forget your draw tickets
from Chris Wheeler

St. Matthew's Church Hastings	
Macmillan Draw	
Name	
Address	
Telephone	
Draw tickets will be required for Wednesday 26 th September 2025 10.00am to 12.00pm	
Ticket N°	205

St. Matthew's Church Hastings	
Macmillan Coffee Morning Draw	
Prize <i>Afternoon Tea Hamper</i>	
Draw to take place at the Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 26 th September 2025	
Prize value (Est. 2025) £1000.00 (approx. 2025)	
Tickets £1.00 each	
Ticket N°	205

Prayer Breakfast

Saturday 27th September—10:00am
St. Matthew's Church Hall



I Remember.

I remember a September morning,
Dry, warm and bright,
I remember every detail,
Well almost but not quite.

I remember lots of people,
In small groups all around;
And little excited children,
Filling the space with sound.



I remember a babble of voices,
Nervous with anticipation,
That comes from facing the unknown,
With fear and trepidation.

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I remember a door opening,
And a bell rang loud and clear.

No going back now,
The appointed time is here.

I remember some tears, some smiles,
And hugs and kisses too.

I remember words of encouragement,
And lots of "I love you".

I remember a long line of faces,
All scrubbed bright and clean.
Everyone dressed just the same,
Some reluctant, others quite keen.



I remember waving my hand,
And a small one waved back at me.
Then the line slowly disappeared,
There was nothing left to see.



I remember some people left quickly,
Eager to be on their way;
Others stood around just chatting,
Unsure how to fill their day.

I remember walking home,
And the day had turned quite cool;
But a big adventure had just begun,
My son's first day at school.

Christine Wheeler. 20th July 2012.

Written for Mark on his last day of Primary School, which he will remember;
about his first day which he probably doesn't remember.

September Quick View Diary

Tuesday	2 nd	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park
Wednesday	3 rd	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club
Thursday	4 th	7:30pm	Gardening Club in St. Matthew's church hall
Friday	5 th	9:00am	Church Hall Cleaning party
Sunday	7th	Trinity 12	
Tuesday	9 th	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park
		7:30pm	Haslington WI meet at the Cosy Club
Wednesday	10 th	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club
Thursday	11 th	7:30pm	We Believe Course in St. Matthew's church hall
Sunday	14th	Trinity 13	
Tuesday	16 th	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park
Wednesday	17 th	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club
			MU Meeting TBA
Thursday	18 th	1:00pm	CAMEO in St. Matthew's church hall
		7:30pm	We Believe Course in St. Matthew's church hall
Sunday	21th	Trinity 14	
Tuesday	23 rd	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park
Wednesday	24 th	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club
Thursday	25 th	7:30pm	We Believe Course in St. Matthew's church hall
Friday	26 th	10:00am	McMillan Coffee Morning St. Matthew's Church Hall
Sunday	28th	Trinity 15	
Tuesday	30 th	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park

Parish News Deadline for the **October** edition is **Wednesday 24th September**

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