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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

Pentecost: The Holy Spirit for All

Pentecost is one of the great turning points in the story of the Church. Fifty days after Easter, we remember the moment when the Holy Spirit was given to the disciples. They were gathered together, uncertain and perhaps a little afraid, when suddenly the Spirit came among them like a rushing wind, and tongues of fire rested upon them. They began to speak in many different languages, and people from many nations heard the good news of Jesus in their own tongue.

What happened that day was extraordinary, but its meaning is wonderfully simple: the gift of the Holy Spirit was not just for a few people, but for everyone. The Spirit was given so that all believers might know the presence of God, be strengthened in faith, and be sent out to share the love of Christ with the world.

Pentecost is sometimes described as the birthday of the Church, because from that moment the disciples moved outwards with confidence and joy. The Spirit empowered ordinary people to live extraordinary lives of faith, courage and compassion.

This year, Pentecost also marks something new in the life of our church community. Beginning on Pentecost Sunday, we will be introducing a new All Age Service. The aim of this service is simple: to create a new form of worship in which people of every generation can share worship together in ways that are engaging, accessible and rooted in the life of faith.

We are particularly grateful to Chris Betts, who was recently licensed as an Occasional Worship Leader (OWL). As part of his training course, Chris has been developing and preparing this new service, and we are thankful for the thought, care and commitment he has brought to it. We look forward to seeing how this new act of worship grows and develops in the months ahead. Pentecost reminds us that the Spirit of God is not limited by age, background or experience. The same Spirit who inspired the disciples continues to guide and renew the Church today. As we begin this new All Age Service, we pray that the Spirit will help us to grow together in faith, welcome one another with joy, and discover again the life God gives to his people.

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 4th June at Colin & Celia's home at 10 am.

Church Hall cleaning and maintenance

The next hall cleaning is on Friday 1st May, starting at 9:00am.

New volunteers welcome.

Anna Betts

Easter Raffle 2026.

	<u>Name.</u>	<u>Winning Ticket Number.</u>
1. Large Easter Hamper.	ARLEINE BLOOR .	229 .
2. Bouquet of Chocolate.	CHRISTINE FINNEMORE .	51
3. Children's Hamper.	JO-ANNE HILL	8 .
4. Easter Eggs.	JOAN FRANCE	47
5. Lady's Hamper.	STEVE GRUNNER .	139
6. Afternoon Easter Tea.	PAT HILLS .	83
7. Easter Treats.	VAL BOWYER .	109
8. Dessert Hamper.	KATH BURGESS .	316
9. Easter Eggs.	BRENDA HUGHES .	101
10. Simnel Cake.	VAL BOWYER .	341
11. Baking Hamper.	DR .MCKAY	86

Church Diary May 2026

Sunday	3rd	5th Sunday of Easter	
		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	6 th	10:45 am	Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's Church
Sunday	10th	6th 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's Church
Wednesday	13 th	10:45 am	Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's Church
Saturday	16 th	10:00am	Prayer Breakfast in the church hall
Sunday	17th	7th Sunday of Easter	
		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	20 th	10:45 am	Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's Church
Sunday	24th	Pentecost	
		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	27 th	10:45 am	Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's Church
Sunday	31st	Trinity Sunday	
		10:30	United Benefice Service at Christ Church





*Haslington Women's
Institute*

The April meeting welcomed Stephen Shakeshaft to give us a virtual tour of Chester. Most interesting.

Our ladies decorated St Matthews Church with beautiful flowers for Easter. Very much appreciated by everyone.

The Mercia Link meeting was hosted by Haslington WI at The Cosey Club. More than 90 ladies attended. The speaker, Lesley Smith, told us about sex and The Tudors. Very entertaining, whilst we ate lots of home made cakes.

A number of ladies went to the pottery painting session. So skillful and great fun.

The Book Club is very popular. This month reading "Two Women and Rome"
Haslington WI attended the Area Quiz, doing very well, coming 2nd.

Coming up we have a meal at The Old Hall, a jigsaw race, our own vintage afternoon tea, and trips to David Austin Roses and The National Arboretum.

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 22nd May in the church hall, between 10:00am and 12.00 noon. All are welcome.

The next social event is a wine and cheese evening all are welcome, on Saturday 27th June, in the church hall, commencing at 7.00pm. Please bring your own wine and we will provide a cheese themed buffet. There will a talk about English wines, and also wine-based activities. Tickets £10:00.

Haslington & Crewe Green Branch

On a very wet and windy day we met to think about all the Flowers of Spring. After notices and prayers we discussed the various ancient attribution applied to the flowers of our gardens and hedgerows called Floriography. Members had bought wonderful selections of flowers from their gardens and we set about making small arrangements. They looked beautiful and we decided it would be a good idea to place them in the cool in Church.

Our next meeting will be the Mothers' Union Wave of Prayer. A worldwide continuous prayer cycle. Details and venue to be arranged. Anyone is welcome to join us for this short service of prayer, just ask a member for details.





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 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



Pentecost Cookies

Ingredients

100ml vegetable oil (or any mild-tasting cooking oil)

200g granulated sugar

1 egg

100g crystallised ginger, chopped – how big the pieces are is up to you!

200g plain flour

1 tsp turmeric

1 tsp cinnamon

½ tsp bicarbonate of soda Method



Method

Preheat the oven to 170°C.

In a bowl, mix together the oil and sugar. Beat in the egg. Stir in the chopped ginger.

Into another bowl, sieve the flour and bicarbonate of soda and stir in the turmeric and cinnamon.

Add the flour mixture to the bowl containing the wet mixture, and mix together until it forms a dough.

Make the dough into balls – the size depends on how big you want your cookies to be.

Put the balls onto a lined baking sheet, spaced to allow for spreading, and squash them slightly.

Bake for about 14 minutes. Leave to cool on the tray for 10 minutes or so before transferring them to a cooling rack.

Pentecost cookies – they're yellow with a reddish inside and spicy with warming cinnamon and fiery ginger, to remind us of the Spirit coming like flames of fire. hope you enjoy them !



Church Rotas
For St. Matthew's



**St. Matthew's
Reading Rota**

03/05/2026 Jane Peach
10/05/2026 Pat Hills
17/05/2026 Darren Evans
24/05/2026 Chris Wheeler
31/05/2026 Arleine Bloor

**St. Matthew's
Intercession Rota**

03/05/2026 Helen Pearce
10/05/2026 Anna Betts
17/05/2026 Colin Booth
24/05/2026 Chris Wheeler
31/05/2026 Tba

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

03/05/2026 Steve Grunner
10/05/2026 Alan Wheeler
17/05/2026 —
24/05/2026 Colin Booth
31/05/2026 Tba

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

03/05/2026 Dennis & Jane McC
10/05/2026 Janet D & Shelagh H
17/05/2026 Sheila M & Will
24/05/2026 Jane & John McC
31/05/2026 Jean T & Ann F

**St. Matthew's
Flower Rota**

03/05/2026 Ann Faulkner
10/05/2026 TBA
17/05/2026 ——"——
24/05/2026 Chris Wheeler
31/05/2026 ——"——

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

03/05/2026 John Brassington
10/05/2026 Sheila Hauksson
17/05/2026 Colin Booth
24/05/2026 Steve Grunner
31/05/2026 Vicar Jane

May Sudoku

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

Easy

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

Medium

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

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 6th May at 2.30 pm in church



St. Michael's Social Committee

Thank you to all who supported St. Michael's Easter Egg Hunt -lots of lovely families came and enjoyed the Easter Story with crafts and a lot of fun hunting for eggs in the copse.

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**

03/05/2026	Ron
10/05/2026	Nancy
17/05/2026	Anne
24/05/2026	Linda
31/05/2026	Nancy

**St. Michael's
Reading Rota**

03/05/2026	Ron
10/05/2026	Helen
17/05/2026	Anne
24/05/2026	Linda
31/05/2026	Ron

**St. Michael's
Cleaning Rota**

03/05/2026	Ron & Irene
09/05/2026	Linda
16/05/2026	Helen
23/05/2026	Anne
30/05/2026	Ron & Irene

**St. Michael's
Coffee Rota**

03/05/2026	Ron & Irene
10/05/2026	Helen
17/05/2026	Barrie/Janette
24/05/2026	Linda
31/05/2026	Ron & Irene

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

03/05/2026	Helen
10/05/2026	Barrie
17/05/2026	Helen
24/05/2026	Margaret
31/05/2026	Barrie

April Sudoku Solu-

Easy

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

Medium

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

Hard

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

Prayer Breakfast

Saturday 16th May, 10:00am





Prayer Subjects for Pentecost

Prayer for Guidance in Decisions

Heavenly Father, I come before You seeking guidance through Your Holy Spirit. Illuminate my mind and heart so that I may make decisions aligned with Your will. Remove confusion, doubt, and fear, and replace them with clarity and peace. Help me discern what is good, right, and pleasing in Your sight. Strengthen my faith as I trust Your wisdom in every choice I make. May Your Spirit guide my thoughts, actions, and words, so I walk in Your ways. Fill me with courage and understanding to follow the path You have prepared for me.

Amen.

Prayer for Spiritual Renewal

Lord God, I ask for Your Holy Spirit to renew my heart, mind, and soul during this Pentecost season. Revive my spirit with Your love and power, removing weariness, fear, and doubt. Fill me with joy, hope, and a renewed passion for Your purposes. Strengthen my faith so I may serve You with courage and dedication. Help me rely on Your Spirit daily for guidance, wisdom, and strength. May Your renewal inspire me to love others deeply and follow Your will faithfully in all that I do.

Amen.

Prayer for Healing

Heavenly Father, I ask for Your Holy Spirit to bring healing into my life. Restore my body, mind, and spirit according to Your will. Remove pain, fear, and doubt, and replace them with Your peace and strength. Guide the hands and hearts of those who care for me, and fill me with faith that Your power works in every part of my being. May Your Spirit renew me, bring wholeness, and strengthen me to serve You with a healthy and grateful heart.

Amen.

In Memoriam

Funeral of Mike Sadler, St Matthew's, 14th April,

Funeral of Rupert Irvine, St Matthew's, 14th April

Burial of Ashes of Margaret Lewis and John Lewis. St Matthew's 24th April.

Burial of Ashes of Jane Mary Pover, St Matthew's, 29th April.



Around The Community

Dates for your Diary

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

Saturday 27th June A wine and cheese evening.

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 Mathew'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)

Church Hall Refurbishment

Our next fundraising event is on Friday 22nd May in St Matthew's church hall.

A classic disco evening with DJ Chris Knibbs. Doors open 6.00pm

Music starts at 6.30 pm. Simple refreshments available. Bring your own drink if wished.

Tickets now available- adults £10. persons under 16 £5 there will also be a raffle.

Look for posters around the village.

Arleine and Vlv

In the middle of the night.



It's the middle of the night,
And everyone's asleep in bed,
While I'm wide awake and restless,
With a million thoughts inside my head.



My mind replays the day's events,
All its worries and its cares;
That I thought I'd left behind me,
When I climbed up the stairs.

I stare at the bedside clock,
As one by one the minutes tick away,
And I wonder why times passes slowly,
When you're waiting for the coming day.



In my head I'm counting sheep,
But I can't seem to get past eight.
Then like the sheep my mind wanders,
And I'm back to being wide awake.



Then I begin to think and plan,
And I mentally prepare a list,
Of all the little jobs and tasks,
That I should have done, and missed.

Next I consider the question,
Should I get up or not?
And have a drink, or read a book,
But I just lie there watching the clock.



I could start to tackle my list of jobs,
But the ideas not all that appealing.
It's too cold to get up anyway,
So I continue staring at the ceiling.

I toss and turn and close my eyes,
But no matter how hard I try,
Sleep still alludes all my efforts,
As gradually there is a lightening of the sky.



The sun creeps over my windowsill,
The dawn chorus of birds begin to cheep,
My alarm clock rings loud and clear,
But I'm afraid I am fast asleep.



St Matthew's Church Hall
Refurbishment project.



Present:



Entry by ticket only

With DJ Chris Knibbs

Tickets £10 each

St Matthew's Church Hall

Under 16's with an adult £5 each

Park Road Haslington.

First drink and snack included in
ticket price.

On FRIDAY 22nd May 2026.

Further refreshments available –
donations please

6.30pm until 10.00 pm

Bring your own if preferred.

Doors open 6.00pm

Glasses provided.

Tickets available from

Viv Grunner—01270 501538

or Arleine Bloor—01270 216548

May Quick View Diary

Friday	1 st	9:00am	Church Hall Cleaning party
Sunday	3rd	5th Sunday of Easter	
Tuesday	5 th	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park
Wednesday	7 th	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club
Thursday	8 th	7:30pm	Gardening Club in St. Matthew's church hall
Sunday	10th	6th Sunday of Easter	
Tuesday	12 th	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park
		7:30pm	Haslington WI meet at the Cosy Club
Wednesday	13 th	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club
Saturday	16 th	10:00am	Prayer Breakfast in St. Matthew's Church Hall
Sunday	17th	7th Sunday of Easter	
Tuesday	19 th	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park
Wednesday	20 th	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club
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Thursday	21 st	1:00pm	CAMEO in St. Matthew's church hall
Friday	22 nd	10:00am	Coffee Morning at St. Matthew's church hall
Sunday	24th	Pentecost	
Tuesday	26 th	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park
Wednesday	27 th	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club
Sunday	31st	Trinity Sunday	



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To Make a Donation



Parish News Deadline for the **June** edition is **Wednesday 13th May**

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