

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 Chosen, You Are Called.

Our first session of “The Chosen” was titled, “You are called”. It was a very moving account of Jesus meeting Mary Magdalene, (Mary from Magdala), and curing her from possession of 7 demons. We remember that the creators of The Chosen have used the gospel accounts, and some imagination, to see Jesus from the perspective of those who knew him, and Mary’s was the first story we touched upon.

The session begins with a young Mary seeking comfort from her Father. Mary is scared and her father reminds her that when she is scared, she’s to say the words of God, from the prophet Isaiah (43:1).

“But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you O Israel: “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine”

“The Chosen” imagines how Mary’s father had died, and how women without a husband, father or supportive male relative, would turn to prostitution for money, and Mary this is Mary’s story. As a deeply disturbed woman, her community call her “Lilith”, which means “female demons” or “wind spirits”.

In the story the writers of “The Chosen” created, Nicodemus (the Rabbi, the teacher of Israel), tries to help Lileth/Mary, but is unable to. It is Jesus who cures her. As Jesus meets Mary he quotes from Isaiah:

Lilith: Leave me alone!

Jesus: Mary! Mary of Magdala

Mary: Who are You? How do you know my name?

Jesus: Thus says the Lord who created you...and He who formed you: fear not, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are Mine.

Jesus, God in the flesh, Mary’s creator, called her by name, redeemed her and she was healed. It was a moving scene.

Today, we too are fearful of so many things. We fear loss. We fear failure. We fear not being loved. We fear disease, loneliness, neediness, natural disasters, people who may harm us.....the list goes on.

God speaks into our fears “I have called you by name” and as we know this truth so our fears vaporize because being know by God is everything, it is enough, and we are redeemed for eternity.

Let us pray.

We thank you Lord God for coming to us in Jesus, redeeming us through the cross, and for making us your adopted children. Heavenly Father, help us to know that you have called each one of us by name, that you know us and love us. Teach us to trust in this truth, and not to be afraid. Amen.

With every blessing

Vicar Jane xx



S t . M a t t h e w ' s P C C

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.

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

Our next PCC meeting will be held on 26th September at 10:00am in the church hall.

*Do not dwell in the past,
do not dream of the future,
concentrate the mind on the present
moment.*

Church Hall cleaning and maintenance

We look forward to seeing you at our next hall cleaning party on Friday 2nd August at 10:30am. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments served after the clean.

Anna Betts



Church Diary August 2024

Sunday	4th	10th Sunday of Trinity	
		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	7 th	10:45 am	Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's Church
Sunday	11th	11th Sunday of Trinity	
		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
		4:00 pm	Café Church Open Table in St. Matthew's Church Hall
Wednesday	14 th	10:45 am	Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's Church
Sunday	18th	12th 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	Service of Morning Prayer at St Michael's Church
		4.30 pm	Service of Evening Prayer at Christ Church
Wednesday	21 st	10:45 am	Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's Church
Sunday	25th	13th Sunday of Trinity	
		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	28 th	10:45 am	Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's Church





Haslington Women's Institute

The meeting in July was very interesting. Natalie Ashmore came from Starbucks to tell us about the origins of coffee. We also got to taste the different sorts.

We have also been to Cafe 18 at The Burtpore in Aston for a fabulous Afternoon Tea.

Our book club is ever popular, we are reading "The 7¹/₂ Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle"

The cold water swimmers again ventured out.

Coming up we have Andrew Hilditch and sons at our next meeting, and also our outing to Bletchley Park.

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

Janet Dake.....haslington wi

Facebook.....haslington wi



St. Matthew's Social Committee

The only social event to take place during August is the coffee morning, in the church hall, on Friday 23rd August between 10:00am and 12:00 noon. All are welcome.

On Saturday 7th September there will be a skittles evening and carvery supper at The Bickerton Poacher, if you would like to join us please sign the list at the back of church.

On Saturday 28th September David Green is giving a talk about old Haslington, in the church hall, at 2:00pm all welcome.

The cost is £3:00 and will include light refreshments.

Dates for your diary

Sunday 6th October A bring and share Harvest lunch in the church hall.

Saturday 19th October Prize bingo

Anna Betts





United Benefice Mothers Union

An afternoon of all things strawberries was enjoyed by our members on the 17th. Thank you for all the food provided which included cakes, flans, scones and of course Strawberries.

Thank you to Jean and Anne for organising the event, unfortunately we had to use the Church Hall because the weather was unpredictable however it was quite warm.



There is no meeting in August, but we have our summer outing to Tattenhall Boat Marina on the 7th. If you wish to join us let Jane M know asap The September meeting is a visit to Jodrell Bank on September 18th leaving the village by 10am back around 3pm. If you wish to join us on this visit, please give your name to Jane McCombie
Take care Viv and Jane.

*What you spend years building
may be destroyed overnight.
Build anyway.*

Front page photo

The **church of Agios Nikolaos**, the island of Halki's' patron saint, was built in 1861 and whose pride is the imposing bell tower and the wooden altar and beautiful frescoes.. The church is the pride of the island with the highest bell tower in the Dodecanese . An impressive pebble mosaic graces the church's large yard, portraying images inspired by Nature. These elaborate mosaics are called '**chochlakia**' from the round pebbles they consist of and are a typical specimen of the island's **folk art**.

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 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
 Friday 9:00 – 10:00

God at the Movies 2nd Thursday in the month

Prayer Breakfast 4th Saturday every 2 months

Café Church / Open table 2nd Sunday in the month



Fresh Summer Peach Cake

Ingredients

- 188g Plain flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 120ml oil (olive oil, vegetable oil,
- 135g granulated sugar, plus 1 Tbls for the peaches
- 2 large eggs, at room temperature
- 180g plain Greek yogurt, at room temperature
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 Tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon lemon zest
- about 320g sliced fresh peaches (peeled or unpeeled,
about 3 peaches)
- optional: 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- optional: confectioners' sugar for topping



Instructions

Preheat the oven to 350°F (177°C) and grease a 9-inch springform tin.

In a large bowl, whisk the flour, baking powder, baking soda, and salt together until.

In a medium bowl, whisk the oil, sugar, eggs, yogurt, vanilla and lemon juice, and lemon zest together. Pour the wet ingredients into the dry ingredients and whisk until combined.

In a medium bowl, toss the peach slices with 1 Tablespoon of sugar to coat. Divide in half, moving half of the peaches to another bowl. Add cinnamon to the peaches and gently stir to coat. The cinnamon is optional.

Pour and spread half the batter into the prepared pan. Place the cinnamon-sugared peaches in an even layer on top. Spread the remaining batter on top of the cinnamon peach layer. Place remaining peaches on top.

Bake for 50–55 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted in the centre of the cake comes out clean. Around the 30-minute mark, loosely tent with aluminium foil to prevent over-browning.

Remove the cake from the oven and set the pan on a wire rack. Allow to cool for at least 30 minutes before slicing, or cool completely. Dust with confectioners' sugar, if desired, before serving.



Church Rotas
For St. Matthew's



**St. Matthew's
Reading Rota**

04/08/2024	John McC
11/08/2024	Arleine Bloor
18/08/2024	Chris Betts
25/08/2024	Darren Evans
01/09/2024	Colin Booth

**St. Matthew's
Intercession Rota**

04/08/2024	Pat Hills
11/08/2024	Rev Jane
18/08/2024	Arleine Bloor
25/08/2024	Alan Wheeler
01/09/2024	Helen Pearce

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

04/08/2024	Alan Wheeler
11/08/2024	-
18/08/2024	Anna Betts
25/08/2024	-
01/09/2024	Arleine Bloor

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

04/08/2024	Jean Trigger & tba
11/08/2024	Viv & Steve G
18/08/2024	Anna & Chris Betts
25/08/2024	Dennis & Jane Mc
01/09/2024	Janet D & Shelagh

**St. Matthew's
Flower Rota**

04/08/2024	Jane McCombie
11/08/2024	——"———
18/08/2024	Rose Howard
25/08/2024	——"———
01/09/2024	Jean Trigger

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

04/08/2024	Jenny Silcher
11/08/2024	Arleine Bloor
18/08/2024	Steve Grunner
25/08/2024	Vicar Jane
01/09/2024	Chris Betts

August Sudoku

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

Easy

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

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

Hard



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, David Pegg.

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

St. Michael's next P.C.C meeting will be on Wednesday 11th September at 7.00 pm in church.



St. Michael's Social Committee



ST. MICHAEL'S STRAWBERRY FAIR



Thank you to all who joined us for our Strawberry Fair at St. Michael's on Saturday 6th July. We were blessed with dry weather and a good turnout..

We had great fun, great food and fellowship.....and raised much needed funds for the upkeep of our beautiful church.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

St. Michael's Coffee Morning - Saturday 14th September

Winterley Methodist Brass Band Concert - Saturday 7th December 7.00 in

St. Michael's church



Church Rotas
For *St. Michael's*



**St. Michael's
Prayer Rota**

04/08/2024	Ron
11/08/2024	Linda
18/08/2024	Helen
25/08/2024	Nancy
01/09/2024	Ron

**St. Michael's
Reading Rota**

04/08/2024	Ron
11/08/2024	Helen
18/08/2024	Nancy
25/08/2024	Anne
01/09/2024	Ron

**St. Michael's
Cleaning Rota**

03/08/2024	Ron & Irene
10/08/2024	Anne
17/08/2024	Barrie & Janette
24/08/2024	Linda
31/08/2024	Helen

**St. Michael's
Coffee Rota**

04/08/2024	Ron & Irene
11/08/2024	Linda
18/08/2024	Cindy
25/08/2024	Helen
01/09/2024	Ron & Irene

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

04/08/2024	Helen
11/08/2024	Nancy
18/08/2024	Barrie
25/08/2024	Cindy
01/09/2024	Margaret

July Sudoku Solutions

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

Easy

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

Medium

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

Hard



Prayer Subjects

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

Through your efforts, blessed Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we have been redeemed, created, and sanctified. Although we have never understood the fullness of the Trinity, you have granted us new life and have declared us innocent through the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. For this we worship you in humble adoration.

Amen

May today there be peace within.

May you trust your highest power that you are exactly where you are meant to be.

May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith.

May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you.

May you be content knowing you are a child of God.

Let this presence settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance.

It is there for each and every one of you.

Amen.

In Memoriam

Burial of ashes of Gail Abbots, St. Michael's 3rd July.

Burial of ashes of Ellen Speare, Christ Church 5th July.

Funeral of Cyril Grocott, Christ Church, 10th July.

Funeral of Pollie Bell, Christ Church, 11th July

Burial of ashes of Beverley Waddington, St. Michael's 20th July

Burial of ashes of Lily Alcock, Christ Church 23rd July.

Funeral of Ian Rowe, St Matthew's, 24th July.



Around The Community

Project Graveyard

Led by Churchwarden Colin, a small team of volunteers have begun the task of tidying up the graveyard. Many of the graves are overgrown and are a hazard when getting a lawnmower between them. Each time the blade hits a stone it both damages the blade and risks chunks of stone being flung out from under the mower. With the help of the gardener and his petrol strimmer most of the tall grass has been cut back. The volunteers have begun at the front of the church with hand tools and battery strimmers to bring the grass down to a mowable height and to reveal the obstacles. While doing this a few well buried (pun intended) gravestones were cleared and more located for future visits. For example this one was 90% covered by the bush and leaf mould.

After clearing the bush etc. this inscription was revealed.



Sacred
To the Memory of Mary Wife of
Aaron Stubbs of Haslington
Who died June 26th 1835 aged
66 Years.



A number of others have been revealed from a covering of ivy.

Using free resources online some of the families mentioned on the graves have been linked to genealogies. In one case the photo of the grave was emailed to the person who'd compiled the family tree, this enabled her to correct an error and she says she'll visit next year when she's over from the States. A lot of the graves in the graveyard are on a website called findagrave.com but the ones being uncovered now were missed at the time.

Posting what we have been doing on the Facebook pages for the village has generated some interest, offers of help, and suggestions of funding streams.

This will be an ongoing task and all help will be appreciated. Jobs can and will vary from cutting back overgrown trees, taking cuttings etc. to the tip (best done during the week as from 5th August a time slot at weekends has to be booked), to clearing the paths. If you would like to help please have a word with Colin or Alan the Churchwardens.

Ted Harris

Falling apart at the seams.

Time is moving on, and so are you and I,
Age is catching up with us, not gonna lie.
Pains used to come and then go away,
Now they come and mostly they stay.



Hair once black with the odd grey here and there,
Is now grey, with no black anywhere.
Skin creams that claim to turn back time,
Don't seem to work on yours and mine.



Our social diaries once full of social engagements,
Are now full of quite different arrangements;
Like the Doctors, Opticians and Podiatrists,
And the Dentist is not to be missed.



All day long we used to shop and shop,
Now we just shop and then drop.
At night we would paint the town red,
Now we're just happy to be home in bed.



We still enjoy having days out it's true,
As long as we're not too far from a loo.
The high heeled shoes that made us smile,
Are now replaced with comfort over style.



Now I'm not saying that we're getting old,
But we can't stand the heat or the cold.
Still young at heart, if only in our dreams,
But really just falling apart at the seams!

Christine Wheeler. March 2024.

Church Hall Refurbishment Update

This is an update on the progress of the church Hall refurbishment, we have been working on assessing different approaches for the building. We are now of the opinion that, with agreement of the PCC, the best way forward is to refurbish i.e. concentrate on new windows, fire doors and inside wall insulation. The toilet block rebuild which is the most expensive task, will then be rebuilt.

Costing will now take place and grants applied for as soon as possible. The fund raising will continue to take place i.e. the Sunday Lunches at the Golf club for friends and family are included. This will be in September look out for the date.

We are planning to hold a table-top/car boot i.e. Rummage sale (not Jumble) look out for the notices around the village with a contact number, date of the event and time

Thank you for your continued support.

St Matthew's Fund-raising group (co-ordinator)

Viv Grunner



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You can now support St Matthew's
Haslington online.



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Around The Community

MARRIOT HOUSE VETERANS MONDAY CLUB



Come and join us on a Monday afternoon 2pm - 4pm
for a few games of Bingo, Tea/Coffee and Biscuits

55 years and over from surrounding areas

You will find us behind the Library in Sandbach CW11 1FJ

Free Parking

For more information please call

07944 335096

All Welcome

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

August Quick View Diary

Thursday	1 st	7:30pm	Gardening Club meet in the Church Hall
Friday	2 nd	10:30am	Church Hall Cleaning party
Sunday	4th	10th Sunday of Trinity	
Tuesday	6 th	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park
Wednesday	7 th	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club
Thursday	8 th	2:00pm	Whist Drive at 65 Club
Sunday	11th	11th Sunday of Trinity	
Tuesday	13 th	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park
		7:30pm	Haslington WI meet at the Cosy Club
Wednesday	14 th	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club
Thursday	15 th	2:00pm	Whist Drive at 65 Club
		1:00pm	CAMEO in St. Matthew's church hall
Sunday	18th	12th Sunday of Trinity	
Tuesday	20 th	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park
Wednesday	21 st	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club
Thursday	22 nd	2:00pm	Whist Drive at 65 Club
Friday	23 rd	10:00am	Coffee Morning in the Church Hall
Sunday	25th	13th Sunday of Trinity	
Tuesday	27 th	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park
Wednesday	28 th	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club

Parish News Deadline for the **September** edition is **Wednesday 28th August**

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