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Parish News

Church and Community News for Haslington and Crewe Green



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Pastoral Letter

Assisted Dying.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, writing in *The Church Times*, has expressed strong opposition to the proposed legislation on assisted dying, describing it as “dangerous” and warning of a potential “slippery slope”. He argues that legalizing assisted dying could lead to vulnerable people, such as the elderly and terminally ill, feeling pressured to end their lives to avoid being a burden. The Archbishop emphasizes that this could undermine the inherent value of every person, regardless of their condition or usefulness to society.

He also highlights concerns that no number of safeguards could fully protect vulnerable people at their most critical moments. The Archbishop’s stance is part of a broader opposition from Church leaders across the UK, who fear the implications of such legislation.

Bishop Mark, the Bishop of Chester writes:

“Whilst I recognise that there will be a breadth of opinion, it would be somewhat disingenuous to write without expressing my own concern around this question. I reflect on my own experience of sitting with those who are dying and caring for the bereaved and, as I imagine you do, I find something deeply profound and precious in those last stages of life. I note the reports we hear from elsewhere in the world who have taken this path, and I am worried. I also call to mind the discussions at the General Synod which has twice voted, with a significant majority, against the legalisation of assisted suicide (2012 and 2022). This opposition has always been grounded in a concern for the welfare of the most vulnerable in society, for the widow, the orphan and the stranger, for the elderly, those living in poverty, those whose disability puts them at risk, and those in coercive relationships”.

We pray..

Guide our leaders and lawmakers with wisdom and discernment as they consider legislation that impacts the sanctity of life. Help them to protect the vulnerable and uphold the dignity of every individual.

We pray for those who are struggling with difficult decisions about their health and well-being. Grant them clarity, courage, and the assurance that they are not alone. May Your grace and mercy be evident in their lives. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.



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.

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

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

Church Hall cleaning and maintenance

The next church hall cleaning party is on Friday 1st. November. Please note the new starting time of 9:00am. New volunteers are welcome. Refreshments served after the clean.

Anna Betts



Meeting God at the Movies is on Thursday 14th November.

2.00pm in St Matthew's church hall



Please bring your interval drinks and pop corn!



*Haslington Women's
Institute*

The October meeting was "Being a Dementia Friend". David came to talk to us and many ladies were very interested.

Our evening at The White Lion in Weston was very social, lots of good friendship and talking.

The ladies decorated St Matthews Church for the harvest festival. What a great job they did again.

The book club is growing in popularity, reading a wide variety of titles.

Our next meeting is our Annual General Meeting.

Coming up we have Axe throwing, a visit to Chatsworth, paddle boarding, Remembrance weekend, the WI Link meeting, and The Vintage Afternoon Tea, followed by the Christmas activities.

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

Janet Dake.....haslington WI

Facebook.....haslington WI



*St. Matthew's
Social Committee*

Thank you

A big thank you to all who brought tickets and donated items for the Macmillan draw, £400 was raised. The first prize was won by Tom Bloor. £300 was raised at the coffee morning, making total of £700 to be sent to the Macmillan charity.

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday 2nd November at the Autumn fair and Lunch in the church hall between 11:00am and 2:00pm. All are welcome.

The monthly coffee morning is in the church hall on Friday 22nd November between 10:00am and 12:00 noon.

Dates for your diary

Saturday 7th December Soup and carols including the Christmas draw.

Saturday 25th January Beetle drive and fish and chip supper





United Benefice Mothers Union

Our October Meeting was held at Viv's Crewe Road and our speaker was Peter Robertshaw, this was a continuation from the last time he came to speak about his life in Music.

Once again he played music that made us all remember many interesting things e.g. one of the records was by the Beverley sisters which instigated thoughts about swapping dresses, nylons and homemade dresses not bought from a shop back in the 50,s/60's. We finished the meeting with Ken Dodds "Happiness" which is wished to everyone

Branch Leaders

Viv and Jane

Advent is a season of looking back, thinking how it must have been, waiting for the promised salvation of God, not knowing what to expect. And, at the same time, Advent is a season of looking ahead, preparing ourselves to meet Jesus at his Second Coming.



Rev. Jane will be running an Advent Course called "Joy to the World" starting Wednesday 20th November, 7:00pm at the Vicarage Crewe Road All Welcome.



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
Pre School Dance	Thursday	10:45—11:45
	Friday	10:45—11:45
God at the Movies	2 nd Thursday	in the month
Prayer Breakfast	4 th Saturday	every 2 months
Café Church / Open table	2 nd Sunday	in the month



Chocolate self-saucing pudding

Ingredients

175g/6oz unsalted butter, at room temperature,
plus extra for greasing the dish
300g/10½oz soft light brown sugar
3 large free-range eggs, beaten
1 tsp vanilla extract
175g/6oz plain flour
40g/1¼oz cocoa powder, plus 2 tbsp
1 tsp bicarbonate of soda
pinch salt
3 tbsp milk
icing sugar, for dusting
double cream, to serve



Method

Preheat the oven to 170C/150C Fan/Gas 3. Grease the inside of an ovenproof dish with a little butter and set aside.

Cream the measured butter with 225g/8oz of the soft light brown sugar until pale and light, scraping down the sides of the bowl with a rubber spatula from time to time.

Gradually add the beaten eggs, mixing well between each addition and then add the vanilla extract and mix again to combine.

Sift the flour, 40g/1¼oz cocoa, bicarbonate of soda and a pinch of salt into the mixture and mix again until just combined.

Add the milk and mix again until smooth. Spoon the mixture into the prepared dish and level with the back of a spoon.

In a small bowl mix together the remaining 75g/2½oz soft light brown sugar, 2 tablespoons of cocoa powder and 6 tablespoons hot water. Spoon this chocolatey syrup over the chocolate sponge mixture and place the dish in a large, deep roasting tin.

Boil the kettle and pour boiling water into the tin, around the dish so that the water comes halfway up the sides of the dish. Carefully slide the roasting tin into the oven on the middle shelf.

Bake for about 45 minutes, or until the pudding is well-risen, the top is nicely cracked and a skewer inserted into the middle of the pudding comes out with a moist crumb.

Dust with icing sugar and serve immediately with double cream.



Church Rotas
For St. Matthew's



**St. Matthew's
Reading Rota**

3rd Nov	Colin Booth
10th Nov	Arleine Bloor
17th Nov	Chris Betts
24th Nov	Alan Wheeler
1st Dec	Doris Farrell

**St. Matthew's
Intercession Rota**

3rd Nov	Arleine Bloor
10th Nov	Alan Wheeler
17th Nov	Helen Pearce
24th Nov	Anna Betts
1st Dec	Colin Booth

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

3rd Nov	Arleine Bloor
10th Nov	
17th Nov	Steve Grunner
24th Nov	
1st Dec	Chris Betts

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

3rd Nov	Sheila M & Anne A
10th Nov	Jean T & tba
17th Nov	Viv & Steve
24th Nov	Anna & Chris
1st Dec	Dennis & Jane McC

**St. Matthew's
Flower Rota**

3rd Nov	Ann Faulkner
10th Nov	———”———
17th Nov	Jean Trigger
24th Nov	———”———
1st Dec	Christine Wheeler

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

3rd Nov	Vicar Jane
10th Nov	John Brassington
17th Nov	Jenny Silcher
24th Nov	Colin Booth
1st Dec	Arleine Bloor

November Sudoku

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

Easy

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			5				2	
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	1				9			
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Medium

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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, 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 13th November at 7.00 pm in church.



St. Michael's Social Committee



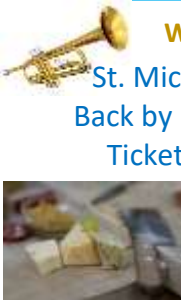
ST. MICHAEL'S CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 9th November 11.00 am-2.00 pm in the
Haslington Yoxall Village Hall.

Delicious hot lunches

Many Stalls, Games, and Crafts

Join us for lots of festive fun, food and fellowship



WINTERLEY METHODIST BRASS BAND CONCERT

St. Michael's Church Saturday 7th December at 7.00 pm
Back by popular demand , a musical evening to remember
Tickets £8 including Cheese and Wine and soft drinks.



ST. MICHAEL'S CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING





Church Rotas
For *St. Michael's*



**St. Michael's
Prayer Rota**

3rd Nov	Ron
10th Nov	Linda
17th Nov	Roz
24th Nov	Anne
1st Dec	Ron

**St. Michael's
Reading Rota**

3rd Nov	Ron
10th Nov	Anne
17th Nov	Linda
24th Nov	Nancy
1st Dec	Ron

**St. Michael's
Cleaning Rota**

2nd Nov	Ron & Irene
9th Nov	Linda
16th Nov	Helen
23rd Nov	Anne
30th Nov	Barrie & Janette

**St. Michael's
Coffee Rota**

3rd Nov	Ron & Irene
10th Nov	Barrie/Janette
17th Nov	Helen
24th Nov	Linda
1st Dec	Ron & Irene

**ST. MICHAEL'S
CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING**

Saturday 14th December
10:00am— 12:00 noon

With Christmas Nativity Story and
Crafts

Christmas Tree Decorating
Festive Fun For All The Family
We look forward to seeing you all

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

3rd Nov	Margaret
10th Nov	Helen
17th Nov	Nancy
24th Nov	Barrie
1st Dec	Margaret

October Sudoku Solutions

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

Easy

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

Medium

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

Hard



Prayer Subjects

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

Heavenly Father, We come before You with hearts full of gratitude for the gift of life. We thank You for the inherent value and dignity You have bestowed upon each person, regardless of their circumstances.

Lord, we lift up those who are vulnerable, the elderly, the terminally ill, and all who feel burdened by their conditions. Surround them with Your love and peace and grant them the strength to endure their difficulties. May they feel Your comforting presence and the support of a compassionate community.

Dear God, We thank you for the freedom you have given to us, and for the price that was paid by Christ so that we could live free. We remember today. The cost of it all. The great sacrifice for freedom. We thank you for the brave men and women who have fought, and continue to fight, so courageously for our nation.

A prayer of petition for those affected by war

God of justice and peace,
we pray for those who have been injured
or disabled through war.
For those who have lost homes
and security through conflict;
for those who have lost loved relatives in wars;
for those who face danger and take risks for peace;
for all those, especially children, caught up in current conflicts;
for refugees and all those in need of aid and other help.

God of encouragement
and Saviour of the despairing,
**comfort those who remember past sacrifices and guide us in building
a just and peaceful community for all. Amen**

In Memoriam

Burial of Ashes of Vera Farrow St Matthew's 3rd October

Burial of Ashes of David Henshall, St Michael & All Angels, 16th October

Funeral of Jeanette Clorley, St Matthew's. 29th October



Around The Community



Harvest Bring
and Share
Lunch
Photos of an
enjoyable
lunch of good
food and
fellowship



Table Top Rummage sale



MacMillan Coffee Morning





The Autumn Fair.

It's Autumn Fair time once again,
Held every year in sunshine or rain;
Where we're hoping for lots of shoppers,
To help fill up the Church's coffers.



On the Tombola give your luck a try,
Lots of prizes that money can't buy.
A five or a nought and that's a win,
Anything else chuck it in the bin!



The Craft Stall is full of handmade goods,
From jam and pickles to cards and gloves;
And the Cake Stall is laden with lots to eat,
Scones, pies and sponge cake for a special treat.

A Second Hand Bookstall is piled high,
They're three for two, so come and buy.
There's a Raffle with prizes to tempt you,
With tickets of yellow, pink, white and blue.



There are different coloured sweets in a jar,
But can you guess how many there are?
Then a Teddy Bear that needs a name,
And a find the Hidden Treasure Game.



A cosy corner where you can stop for a brew,
And if you fancy lunch, there's plenty of stew.
Lots of fun and fellowship to share,
So come along, we'd love to see you there.



Christine Wheeler. 2024.

Prayer Breakfast

Saturday 22nd November, 10:00am
St. Matthew's Church Hall



MARRIOT HOUSE VETERANS MONDAY CLUB



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

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55 years and over from surrounding areas

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

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Free Parking

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For more information please call
07944 335096

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All Welcome



Around The Community

Advance Notice for Christmas Raffle.

St. Matthew's Social Committee will be holding their annual Christmas Raffle, with soup and Carols on Saturday 7th December.

The theme this year will be Christmas Songs and carols, and there will be 12 hampers.

- 1. *Joy to the World.*** Containing Gingerbread, Stollen, Panettone, Shortbread, Linz biscuits etc.
- 2. *Mistletoe and Wine.*** Containing a selection of wines and some mistletoe.
- 3. *Santa Claus is coming to town.*** A Children's hamper containing toys, etc.
- 4. *I saw mommy kissing Santa Claus.*** A ladies hamper containing mistletoe, lipstick, toiletries etc.
- 5. *All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth.*** Containing chocolate and sweets.
- 6. *White Christmas.*** Containing white wine, white chocolate, tinsel etc.
- 7. *In the bleak mid-winter.*** Containing bob hats, gloves, hot water bottle, ice scraper etc.
- 8. *We wish you a merry Christmas.*** Containing mince pies, Christmas cake, Christmas pudding etc.
- 9. *Deck the halls with boughs of holly.*** Containing decorations, cards, paper etc.
- 10. *God rest you merry Gentlemen.*** A man's hamper containing beer, cider, chocolate, toiletries etc.
- 11. *Here we come a Wassailing.*** Containing mulled wine, nibbles etc.
- 12. *Silent Night.*** Containing hot chocolate, bed socks, teddy, night time tea etc.

There will be books at the back of church, detailing individual items to donate. In the meantime, if you have any items which would be suitable for the hampers, please let me know.

Many Thanks Chris Wheeler.



November Quick View Diary

Friday	1 st	9:00am	Church Hall Cleaning party
Sunday	3rd	All Saints— 4th Sunday before Advent	
Tuesday	5 th	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park
Wednesday	6 th	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club
Thursday	7 th	7:30pm	Gardening Club meet in the Church Hall
Sunday	10th	Remembrance Sunday—3rd Sunday before Advent	
		11:00am	Remembrance Service at the Haslington war memorial
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
Thursday	14 th	2:00pm	Meeting God at the movies St. Matthew's Church hall
Sunday	17th	2nd Sunday before Advent	
Tuesday	19 th	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park
Wednesday	20 th	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club
			Mothers Union Meeting
Thursday	21 st	1:00pm	CAMEO in St. Matthew's church hall
Friday	22 nd	10:00am	Coffee Morning in the Church Hall
Sunday	24th	Christ the King	
Tuesday	26 th	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park
Wednesday	27 th	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club



Parish News Deadline for the **November** edition is **Wednesday 23rd October**

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