

# Parish News

*Church and Community News for Haslington and Crewe Green*



**Church of Saint Thekla at Pondamos Beach Chalki**



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## St. Matthew Haslington

### Church Wardens:

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## *Pastoral Letter*

### The YMCA in Crewe.

Like many of you, I've driven past the YMCA Crewe building, on Gresty Road, many times, with little appreciation of the sort of work they do and how they support needy people in our community. In fact, now I think of it, my understanding of the YMCA is shaped loosely by the "the song", Y.M.C.A 1978 by The Village People, and my long-ago experiences of an aerobics class at the YMCA in Birkenhead. For some people, the song Y.M.C.A is an anthem for the LGBTQ+, many of whom would have found, and would find today, support and understanding from the YMCA. Others see the song an invitation to simply hang out with others, maybe through playing basketball or volleyball – both of which the YMCA invented!

At Deanery Synod we heard from Mark Hills, Chief Executive Officer of the YMCA Crewe, as he spoke about his life with the YMCA and future vision for the YMCA. Mark's father, turned aside from his career in medicine, to work full time for the YMCA, and Mark has inherited his father's vision and passion. The YMCA, founded in 1844, is now found in 120 countries and has 65 million members, there are 83 YMCAs in this country. Under Mark's leadership, YMCA Crewe is becoming YMCA Cheshire, and so naming its widening scope and ambition to help and support people in need. YMCA Cheshire is an inclusive Christian organisation, and works with many faith groups, businesses and other organisations, to provide support and accommodation for local people experiencing homelessness, for care leavers, unaccompanied asylum-seeking children and refugees. They provide a lot of opportunities for personal development, and a range of community activities for children, families and the socially isolated.

YMCA Cheshire believes "Everyone deserves the chance to discover who they are and what they become", and part of Crewe's context is a shocking level of child poverty. But we can make a difference because with the YMCA there's much scope for voluntary work, charitable giving and prayer. If you'd like to know more, then there is an open invitation to the GLO Café at Gresty Road, CW2 6EL

We Pray:

Watch, dear Lord, with those who wake or weep tonight, and let Your angels protect those who sleep. Tend the sick. Refresh the weary. Sustain the dying. Calm the suffering. Pity the distressed. We ask this for Your love's sake.

*Augustine of Hippo (354–430)*

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.

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

Our next PCC meeting will be held on 18<sup>th</sup> July at 10:00am in the church hall.

*Happiness cannot be travelled to, owned, earned, worn, or consumed. Happiness is the spiritual experience of living every minute with love, grace, and gratitude*

### **Church Hall cleaning and maintenance**

We look forward to seeing you at our next hall cleaning party on Friday 5th Junely at 10:30am. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments served after the clean.

Anna Betts



# Church Diary July 2024

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Trinity</b>	
		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	10 <sup>th</sup>	10:45 am	Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's Church
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Trinity</b>	
		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	17 <sup>th</sup>	10:45 am	Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's Church
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Trinity</b>	
		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	24 <sup>th</sup>	10:45 am	Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's Church
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Trinity</b>	
		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	31 <sup>st</sup>	10:45 am	Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's Church



Our June monthly meeting was very special. A Pimms and Strawberry garden party at Clayhanger Farm.

The author Caroline James came to tell us about her life, especially being an author. We read her latest book at the Book Club. What a wonderful evening it was.

17 ladies went to The Hawk with our dining club. A great time of good food and company.

The outing to Trentham gardens was very good, the dogs loved it.

Our next meeting is "Coffee Tasting".

Coming up are the trips to Bletchley Park and Saltaire, also Afternoon Tea at The Bhurtpore.

The WI meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at The Cosey, 7.30pm.

Janet Dake.....haslingtonwi

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*St. Matthew's*

We hope you can join us at the next monthly coffee morning on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July, in the church hall between 10:00am and 12:00 noon.

There will be a strawberry tea on Saturday 6th July , between 2:00pm and 4:00pm at 3 Park Road, all are welcome.

The next social event is a skittles evening at The Bickerton Poacher on Saturday 7th September. The cost for the evening is £18 which includes a carvery supper.



A date for your diary on Saturday 28th September David Green will be giving a talk about old Haslington.



*United Benefice  
Mothers Union*

Our meeting this month had the title 'Space Tourism'! This caused a great discussion on the benefits, necessity, morality and extreme cost of these flights. None of our members will be applying to join one!

Our next month's meeting will be our Strawberry Bash and held on Wednesday 17th July from 2.15 pm at Ann Faulkner's home.

See you there.

Jane McCombie

Brenda Hughes would like to thank all who prayed, visited and sent cards and goodwill messages during her recent unfortunate fall and stay in hospital



*Sing the song that only you can sing, write  
the book that only you can write, build the  
product that only you can build... live the  
life that only you can live.*

# *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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday in the month

Prayer Breakfast 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday every 2 months

Café Church / Open table 2nd Sunday in the month





## Fresh Strawberry Cake

### Ingredients

210grms plain flour  
1½ teaspoons baking powder  
½ teaspoon salt  
6 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened,  
plus more for greasing the tin  
200grms plus 2 tablespoons sugar, divided  
1 large egg  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
120ml milk  
About 350grms strawberries, hulled and halved



### Instructions

Preheat the oven to 350°F and butter a 9-inch deep dish pie tin (or 9-inch round cake tin).

In a medium bowl, whisk together the flour, baking powder and salt. Set aside.

In the bowl of an electric mixer, beat the butter and 200grms of the sugar until pale and fluffy, about 3 minutes. Add the egg and vanilla and beat on low speed until well combined. Gradually add the flour mixture, alternating with the milk, and beat on low speed until smooth. (Note: the batter will be thick.)

Transfer the batter to the prepared tin and smooth with a spatula. Arrange the strawberries on top, cut side down, so that they completely cover the batter (the recipe calls for approximately 350grms of strawberries; use more or less if necessary). Sprinkle the remaining 2 tablespoons of sugar over the strawberries.

Bake for ten minutes, then reduce the heat to 325°F and bake until the cake is lightly golden and a tester comes out clean, about an hour. Let the cake cool in the tin on a rack. Serve with sweetened whipped cream or vanilla ice cream, if desired.





*Church Rotas*  
For St. Matthew's



**St. Matthew's  
Reading Rota**

7th July	Steve Grunner
14th July	Doris Farrell
21st July	Helen Pearce
28th July	Darren Evans
4th Aug	John McCombie

**St. Matthew's  
Intercession Rota**

7th July	Colin Booth
14th July	Chris Wheeler
21st July	Darren Evans
28th July	Viv Grunner
4th Aug	Pat Hills

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

7th July	Joe Philpot
14th July	-
21st July	Chris Betts
28th July	-
4th Aug	Alan Wheeler

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

7th July	Anna & Chris
14th July	Janet D & Shelagh
21st July	Jane & John Mc
28th July	Sheila & Anne A
4th Aug	Jean T & tba

**St. Matthew's  
Flower Rota**

7th July	Kath Proudlove
14th July	———”———
21st July	Viv Grunner
28th July	———”———
4th Aug	Jane McCombie

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

7th July	Vicar Jane
14th July	Chris Betts
21st July	Colin Booth
28th July	John Brassington
4th Aug	Jenny Silcher

## July Sudoku

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

Easy

		9		7	1			5
	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), 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 3rd July at 7.00pm. in church



## *St. Michael's Social Committee*

### **DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**



### **ST. MICHAEL'S STRAWBERRY FAIR**

SATURDAY 6TH JULY 2.00 - 4.00 P.M.

IN AND AROUND THE CHURCH

MANY STALLS. TOMBOLA, RAFFLE, GAMES

..AND OF COURSE ALL THINGS STRAWBERRY !

COME AND JOIN US FOR A FUN AFTERNOON

AND DELICIOUS FOOD





*Church Rotas*  
*For St. Michael's*



**St. Michael's  
Prayer Rota**

7th July	Ron
14th July	Nancy
21st July	Roz
28th July	Anne
4th Aug	Ron

**St. Michael's  
Reading Rota**

7th July	Ron
14th July	Linda
21st July	Helen
28th July	Anne
4th Aug	Ron

**St. Michael's  
Cleaning Rota**

7th July	Ron & Irene
14th July	Barrie & Janette
21st July	Linda
28th July	Helen
4th Aug	Ron & Irene

**St. Michael's  
Coffee Rota**

7th July	Ron & Irene
14th July	Cindy
21st July	Linda
28th July	Helen
4th Aug	Ron & Irene

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

7th July	Nancy
14th July	Barrie
21st July	Cindy
28th July	Margaret
4th Aug	Helen

## 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*

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

### ***Prayers 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 Gwyneth Morgan, St Matthew's, 14th June.

Burial of ashes of Beryl Leech, St. Matthew's 20th June.

Funeral of Mary Beckett, Christ Church, 27th June.

Funeral of Norman Nevitt, St Matthew's, 28th June.



## *Around The Community*

**Meeting God at the Movies is on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July.**

**2.00pm in St Matthew's church hall**



**Please bring your interval drinks and pop corn!**

*Prayer Breakfast*

*Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July, 10:00am*

*St. Matthew's Church Hall*





## Auction Fever.

There are lots of antique shows on the T.V.  
Where people bring their objects for experts to see;

A painting, a clock, or an old wooden truck,  
The question, is it valuable or is it junk?

There's cash in the attic or so we're told,  
So they search the house for something old;  
And there in a drawer right at the back,  
There is a pocket watch from Uncle Jack.

So off they go to some historic location,  
To show their treasures to the nation.  
Bags of Moorcroft Vases and Tiffany Lamps,  
Albums of Postcards, Photographs and Stamps.



Still in their boxes Toy Cars and Planes,  
And a complete set of Hornby Trains.  
All four of the Beatles' autographs,  
But are they the real deal? Well perhaps.

You need the provenance to prove that it's old,  
Or a hallmark that tells you it's 9 carat gold.  
The maker's name of stamp under the pot,  
A signature on a painting, is it real or not?

Then a dusty book that's a rare 1<sup>st</sup> edition,  
But shall we flog it? That's the decision.  
Yes let's do it and the reserve is set,  
What it will make is anyone's bet.

There are bidders at the Auction and online,  
And the price climbs one bid at a time.  
Two bidders on the phone battle it out,  
At a thousand pounds feel the tension mount.



At one thousand five hundred, the Auctioneer calls,  
"No other bids", and at last the gavel falls.  
The smile on the seller's face is clear to see,  
They bought it in a charity shop for 50p.



Christine Wheeler. June 2024

## Safeguarding

St. Matthew's and St. Michael's now have a dedicated email address for any safeguarding matters that need to be reported. [hcg safeguarding@gmail.com](mailto:hcg safeguarding@gmail.com). This is for any one to use to send any questions or concerns they may have of a safeguarding nature in our benefice. We now have three persons who are responsible for safeguarding activities, they are myself, Arleine Bloor as Parish Safeguarding Officer, Viv Gruner as Deputy Safeguarding Officer for St Matthew's and Margaret Hepburn as Deputy Safeguarding Officer for St Michael's. We all have access to the email address and can respond directly to any enquiries that are sent without the need for using our personal emails.

Many thanks  
Arleine

**Confirmation.** I'm planning to run confirmation classes.

If anyone would like to be confirmed, would you please have a chat with me. Thank you.

Vicar Jane

### 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](mailto:hcganglican@gmail.com)

### Church website:

*The church website is now updated with all services and activities on a regular basis, see [www.hcganglican.org](http://www.hcganglican.org). if you would like anything advertised for church activities on the site please contact Chris Betts. [chris\\_betts@hotmail.com](mailto:chris_betts@hotmail.com)*



## *Around The Community*

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to the church family for the generous gift you gave to me for my work as church warden. Your thoughtfulness and generosity truly touched me. When I use the gift voucher, I will be reminded of your kindness and friendship. Thank you so much for brightening my day with your thoughtful gesture.

I would hope that you give Colin the new warden the same help and support you gave to me during my term as church warden.

Thank you  
Chris Betts



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You can now support St Matthew's  
Haslington online.



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Crewe Green online.

*Front page photograph*

*Church of Saint Thekla at Pondamos Beach Chalki*

The Church is named in honour of Saint Thekla, a 1st-century Christian martyr and a disciple and companion of the Apostle Paul. She was also the first female martyr of the Christian Faith.

# *July Quick View Diary*

Tuesday	2 <sup>th</sup>	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park
Wednesday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club
Thursday	4 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm	Gardening Club meet in the Church Hall
Friday	5 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am	Church Hall Cleaning party
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Trinity</b>	
Tuesday	9 <sup>th</sup>	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park
		7:30pm	Haslington WI meet at the Cosy Club
Wednesday	10 <sup>th</sup>	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club
Thursday	11 <sup>th</sup>	2:00pm	Whist Drive at 65 Club
		2:00pm	Meet God at the Movies St. Matthew's church hall
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Trinity</b>	
		4:00pm	Café Church in Church Hall
Tuesday	16 <sup>th</sup>	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park
Wednesday	17 <sup>th</sup>	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club
		2:15pm	MU meeting,
Thursday	18 <sup>th</sup>	2:00pm	Whist Drive at 65 Club
		1:00pm	CAMEO in St. Matthew's church hall
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Trinity</b>	
Tuesday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park
Wednesday	24 <sup>th</sup>	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club
Thursday	25 <sup>th</sup>	2:00pm	Whist Drive at 65 Club
Friday	26 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	Coffee Morning in the Church Hall
Saturday	27 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	Prayer Breakfast in the Church Hall
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Trinity</b>	
Tuesday	30 <sup>th</sup>	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park
Wednesday	31 <sup>st</sup>	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club

Parish News Deadline for the **August** edition is **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July**  
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