

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

Alpha: A Journey of Faith and Growth

Why Christians Need to Grow in Faith

As Christians, we are called not only to believe but to grow in our faith, deepening our relationship with God and strengthening our understanding of His Word. Faith is not a static element in our lives; it is a journey, a continuous process of spiritual growth and transformation. By growing in faith, we become better equipped to navigate life's challenges, reflect God's love to others, and fulfil the unique calling He has placed on each of our lives. Through spiritual growth, we align ourselves more closely with God's will, allowing His presence to shape and guide us in all that we do.

Exploring Faith Through Alpha

Alpha is an excellent resource for those who wish to explore or deepen their Christian faith. It provides a welcoming and non-judgmental environment where people can ask questions, share their thoughts, and learn about the foundations of Christianity. Whether you are new to faith or have been a believer for years, Alpha offers an opportunity to grow, connect, and rediscover the joy and depth of following Christ. The course spans 10 sessions and will begin on Thursday, 24th April. It will be held in St Matthew's church hall and will start at 7.00pm with a hot meal. **Alpha is particularly appropriate for people wanting to explore the Christian faith, so bring a friend. It is also suitable for those preparing for confirmation, with the opportunity to be confirmed by the Bishop of Chester, Bishop Mark, on 30th November.**

Each session focuses on a different aspect of the Christian faith. Topics such as "Who is Jesus?" and "How and why should I pray?" invite participants to reflect deeply on their beliefs and experiences. These sessions are accompanied by open discussions, fostering a sense of community and shared exploration.

Alpha also creates a space for practical application, encouraging attendees to integrate their learning into their daily lives. Through this, faith becomes more than an abstract concept—it becomes a living, breathing reality that influences thoughts, actions, and relationships.

In a world where faith can often be sidelined or misunderstood, Alpha provides a beacon of clarity and hope. It reminds us that growth in faith is not only possible but essential, as we strive to live lives that honour God and bless those around us.

We pray:

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gift of faith and the opportunity to grow closer to You. As we pray about this opportunity of Alpha, we ask for Your guidance and wisdom. Open our hearts and minds to Your truth, and help us to deepen our understanding of Your love and purpose for our 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 27th March 2025 at 10:00am Location TBA.

St. Matthew's A.P.C.M will be held on Sunday 6th April at following the morning service.

Church Hall cleaning and maintenance

The next church hall cleaning party is on Friday 7th February 2025. Please note the starting time of 9:00am. New volunteers are 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 February 2025

Sunday	2nd	Presentation of Christ	
		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	5 th	10:45 am	Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's Church
Sunday	9th	4th Sunday before Lent	
		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	12 th	10:45 am	Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's Church
Sunday	16th	3rd Sunday before Lent	
		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	19 th	10:45 am	Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's Church
Sunday	23rd	2nd Sunday before Lent	
		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	26 th	10:45 am	Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's Church

Please Note the new pattern of services which the PCC has agreed.

*Keep your face always
toward the sunshine, and
shadows will fall behind you*



Haslington Women's Institute

Our first meeting of the year was well attended. The speaker was Christina, who taught us how to do "face yoga". Lots of fun.

Eight of our ladies attended St. Matthews carol service, where our new President read one of the lessons.

We are looking forward to our first Book Club, along with a selection from our Dining club and Afternoon Tea club. February is our Birthday meeting.

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

Janet Dake.....haslingtonwi
Facebook..... haslingtonwi



St. Matthew's Social Committee

The next monthly coffee morning is in the church hall on Friday 28th February between 10:00am and 12 noon. Come And Enjoy The Fellowship.

St. Matthew's Social Committee have held a meeting, and the following programme for the year was decided,

Some Dates for your Diary *(for full list see pg 16)*

March 22nd Quiz Night

April 20th Easter Afternoon Tea





United Benefice Mothers Union

In January we held our annual Christmas/New Year meal and this year this was held at the Royal Oak at Worleston. We all enjoyed a good time with good food and good company. Our next meeting, on 19th February, will be our AGM which will be at Jane's home.

Anyone interested in joining the Mothers' Union is welcome at any of our meetings. The Mothers' Union is a world wide Christian charity supporting marriage and family life. Our local meetings are in support of the charity and offer friendly fellowship support to local friends.

Best wishes for a blessed and happy New Year
from
Viv Grunner and Jane McCombie
Joint Branch Leaders.

Lent course

Rev Jane will be running a Lent course this year based "On the Third Day" York course, with Bishop's Libby Lane & Tom Wright, and Prof. Paul Valley, looking at Jesus' resurrection. The course will begin on Wednesday, 5th March 7.30pm, at the Vicarage, it's 5 sessions. There won't be a meeting on 12th March, so it will take us to 9th April.

The course will major on the Alpha course and the Confirmation.



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



Nutella Crostoli: Italian Carnival Pastries

Ingredients

450 g All-purpose flour
40 g Granulated white sugar
1 pinch Salt
40 g Butter at room temperature
2 Eggs
Lemon Zest from 1 lemon
1 tsp Vanilla Essence
300 ml Water
Light oil vegetable/sunflower
Nutella
Icing Sugar Powdered Sugar



Instructions

Use a standing mixer. Mix the flour, sugar and salt together.
Add the lemon zest, butter cut into small chunks and eggs.
Turn the mixer on a low speed and add the water in a steady stream until the dough clumps together.
Knead the dough for 5 minutes until it is elastic and smooth.
Cover the bowl with a cloth and leave it to sit for at least one hour.
Roll out the dough on a floured surface until it is about 1/4 cm thick.
Cut the dough into rectangles, approximately 10 cm by 7 cm.
Add 1/2 tsp of Nutella to one half of the rectangle, then fold the other half of the dough on top of it and close the opening firmly around the edges.
Add enough oil to a large pot to allow the crostoli to float. Heat the oil and once hot, drop the crostoli in a few at a time. Turn them over to allow them to brown on both sides. The frying will only take a few minutes.
Take the crostoli out of the oil with a slotted spoon and drain them on kitchen paper.
Sprinkle the crostoli with icing sugar before serving.





Church Rotas
For St. Matthew's



**St. Matthew's
Reading Rota**

02/02/2025	Colin Booth
09/02/2025	Pat Hills
16/02/2025	Jane Peach
23/02/2025	Chris Wheeler
02/03/2025	Steve Grunner

**St. Matthew's
Intercession Rota**

02/02/2025	Helen Pearce
09/02/2025	Anna Betts
16/02/2025	Colin Booth
23/02/2025	Chris Wheeler
02/03/2025	Darren Evans

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

02/02/2025	Chris Betts
09/02/2025	-
16/02/2025	Alan Wheeler
23/02/2025	-
02/03/2025	Arleine Bloor

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

02/02/2025	Sheila M & Anne A
09/02/2025	Jean Trigger & tba
16/02/2025	Viv & Steve Grunner
23/02/2025	Anna & Chris Betts
02/03/2025	Dennis H & Jane McC

**St. Matthew's
Flower Rota**

01/02/2025	TBA
08/02/2025	Lent No Flowers
15/02/2025	----"----
22/02/2025	----"----
01/03/2025	----"----

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

03/02/2025	Chris Betts
10/02/2025	John Brassington
17/02/2025	Colin Booth
24/02/2025	Jenny Slicher
03/03/2025	Arleine Bloor

February Sudoku

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

Easy

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

Medium

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

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,

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 12th March at 7.00 pm in the Vicarage.

St. Michael's A.P.C.M will be held on Sunday 27th April at 12 noon following the morning service.



St. Michael's Social Committee

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

ST. MICHAEL'S PANCAKE COFFEE MORNING
SATURDAY 1ST MARCH 10.00 - 12.00 IN CHURCH

**COME AND ENJOY FELLOWSHIP
AND DELICIOUS PANCAKES.**



ST MICHAEL'S EASTER EGG HUNT AND EASTER CRAFTS
SATURDAY 19TH APRIL IN AND AROUND THE CHURCH
DETAILS TO FOLLOW





Church Rotas
For St. Michael's



**St. Michael's
Prayer Rota**

02/02/2025	Ron
09/02/2025	Linda
16/02/2025	Anne
23/02/2025	Roz
02/03/2025	Ron

**St. Michael's
Reading Rota**

02/02/2025	Ron
09/02/2025	Helen
16/02/2025	Anne
23/02/2025	Nancy
02/03/2025	Ron

**St. Michael's
Cleaning Rota**

01/02/2025	Ron & Irene
08/02/2025	Anne
15/02/2025	Barrie & Janette
22/02/2025	Linda
01/03/2025	Ron & Irene

**St. Michael's
Coffee Rota**

02/02/2025	Ron & Irene
09/02/2025	Barrie/Janette
16/02/2025	Helen
23/02/2025	Linda
02/03/2025	Ron & Irene

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

02/02/2025	Helen
09/02/2025	Nancy
16/02/2025	Barrie
23/02/2025	Margaret
02/03/2025	Helen

January Sudoku Solutions

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

Easy

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

Medium

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

Hard



Prayer Subjects

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

Some Epiphany Prayers

Lord, may Your light shine brightly upon me today and always. Help me to follow the guidance of Your Holy Spirit, so that I may grow in wisdom and understanding. Open my heart to receive the grace You offer and help me to recognize Your presence in the small moments of life. May my actions reflect the love and faithfulness You've shown me, and may I always seek Your truth. Amen.

Dear Lord, as we celebrate the Epiphany, I come before You, asking for spiritual insight and enlightenment. Open my eyes to see the wonders of Your truth and grace. Let Your light guide me through the darkness of confusion, and may I always walk in the path of righteousness. I pray that, like the Magi, I may recognize and honour the presence of Christ in my life.

Lord, I seek Your wisdom and guidance today. Lead me on a path of righteousness, and help me to follow Your direction in all aspects of my life. Give me the strength to remain steadfast in my faith and the courage to make choices that bring glory to Your name. Thank You for being the light that guides me through the darkness. Amen.

In Memoriam

Funeral of Raymond Thorley, Christ Church, 3rd January.

Funeral of Freda Claridge, St Matthew's church, 9th January.

Funeral of Irene Price, St Michael & All Angels, 10th January.

Funeral of David Boor, St Matthew's church, 10th January.

Funeral of Marion Scallan, St Matthew's church, 14th January.

Burial of Ashes of Heimir Hauksson's, St Matthews church, 18th January.

Funeral of Harold Adams, St Matthew's church, 28th January.

Funeral of Carole Ashley, St Matthew's church, 31st January.



Around The Community

Dates for your Diary

St. Matthew's Social Committee have held a meeting, and the following programme for the year was decided,

March 22nd a Quiz Night

April 20th Easter Afternoon Tea

June 28th a Skittles Evening at The Bickerton Poacher

July 19th a Strawberry Tea

August 16th a Walk and Lunch

October 5th Harvest Lunch

October 11th Bingo

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



Photo of road to Haslington Hall by courtesy of Tony Astbury

No Fork Friday.



Its Friday lunch at the Primary School,
That means fish and chips as a rule.
All topped off with lots of tomato sauce,
And there's lots of takers, of course.



So dinner is ready, the tables are up,
There's juice or water in every cup.
Of knives and spoons we have plenty,
But the container of forks is almost empty.



Stocks were low, so more were bought,
That solved the problem or so we thought.
But they too seem to have disappeared,
What is going on? It's really weird.



So where do all the forks go?
The Kitchen Staff just don't know.
Does the dishwasher swallow them whole?
Sucked down the pipes into a black hole.



Do the children take them home to mum?
Because she said that she needed some.
Do we not notice, above all the din?
As the forks are chucked in the bin.

Or are they taken through the staff room door?
And once in there, are seen no more.
Perhaps they are up for sale on E-Bay,
Leaving us short every Friday.



But now, there's a turn for the worst,
It seems our forks are under a curse.

It's not only on Friday's that the forks are gone,
Now every day of the week, there are none.



And the cutlery pots, that keep them together,
Two have gone missing, perhaps forever.
We need a detective with a magnifying glass,
To search every room and every class.



Miss Marple herself couldn't crack this case,
The forks are gone, there is no trace.
For no fork Friday is now every day,
And Finger Food is here to stay!



Christine Wheeler December 2024.

St Matthew's Church Hall
Refurbishment project.

Present:



**Strings & Sunshine Ukulele
Community Band**
To lead some



February Fun Frolics

Entry by ticket only

Tickets £10 each

Under 16's £5 each

Including hot-pot supper.

At

St Matthew's Church Hall
Park Road Haslington.

Bring your own wine /
soft drink

Glasses provided.



On Saturday 15th February.

6.30pm until 10.00 pm

Doors open 6.00pm

Tickets available from—Viv Grunner—01270 501538

or Arleine Bloor—01270 216548



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

For more information please call
07944 335096

Free Parking

All Welcome

We are pleased to announce Alan's fun quiz will take place at St Matthew's church hall on Saturday 22nd March. Starting at 7:30pm. As usual teams of up to a maximum of four people are welcome to take part at a cost of £5 per person. There is a supper available for £5:00 per person. Please bring your drink, glasses and cutlery. As ever Alan will stretch our knowledge with rounds on music, sport, general knowledge, current affairs and the Bible. The prize for the winning team will be a hamper and as usual a booby prize for the quizzically challenged.

Please complete the slip below and return it to Anna Betts by 19th March.
Please enter my team as follows

Team name _____

1st member 2nd member.....

3rd member..... 4th member.....

Team contact name and phone number

Number of suppers required.....

Cheques made payable to St Matthew's PCC

February Quick View Diary

Sunday	2nd	Presentation of Christ	
Tuesday	4 th	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park
Wednesday	5 th	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club
Thursday	6 th	7:30pm	Gardening Club meet in the Church Hall
Friday	7 th	9:00am	Church Hall Cleaning party
Sunday	9th	4th Sunday before Lent	
Tuesday	11 th	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park
		7:30pm	Haslington WI meet at the Cosy Club
Wednesday	12 th	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club
Thursday	13 th	1:00pm	CAMEO in St. Matthew's church hall
Sunday	16th	3rd Sunday before Lent	
Tuesday	18 th	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park
Wednesday	19 th	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club
			MU AGM which will be held at Jane's home
Sunday	23rd	2nd Sunday before Lent	
Tuesday	25 th	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park
Wednesday	26 th	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club
Friday	28 th	10:00am	Coffee Morning St. Matthew's Church Hall

Parish News Deadline for the **March** edition is **Wednesday 20th February**
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