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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

“The government will be upon his shoulders” (Isaiah 9:6)

Here is one of the better jokes pulled from a Christmas cracker. Good King Wenceslas rings up the local pizzeria. “I’d like a pizza delivered, please.” “Will that be the usual order, sir?” asks the voice at the other end. “Yes”, says Wenceslas, “deep pan, crisp, and even”.

We read about Stephen in Acts of the Apostles. St Stephen’s job in the early church was to organise giving alms to the poor. In Christian tradition St Stephen’s day, (26th December), became a festival when the poor were sort out and gifts were given to them, and Masters waited on servants – hence good King Wenceslas.

The name “Boxing Day” comes from the custom of servants and apprentices breaking open boxes in which they had collected their tips and sharing the money out amongst themselves.

It can’t be coincidence that the church feasts, following Christmas Day, are concerned with the needs of the poor, and a clash with the powers of the day. St Stephen was the first Christian martyr, stoned to death by the authorities, for the claims he made about Jesus Christ. And there is more bloodshed, on December 28th when the King Herod, reacting to the threat of a new king, killed children under the age of 2 years old, (Holy Innocents). And more blood on the 29th December when the church marks the killing of St Thomas Becket by Henry II, following their differing views over church authority.

Amid these remembered conflicts and deaths comes the baby Jesus. From Mary’s Magnificat, we hear that Jesus will “cast down the mighty from their thrones, lift up the lowly, fill the hungry with good things, and send the rich away empty”. Jesus brings the kingdom of heaven; the world is turned upside down by his birth and we’re shocked to discover that God favours the poor. Even the Magi, wealthy and powerful visitors, come to the infant Jesus bearing gifts.

It makes us see again, and think afresh, that the baby born at Christmas brings a new order, his kingdom of heaven. It is an awesome and wonderful kingdom. Have a blessed Christmas.

Vicar Jane xx

This note was taken from Martyn Percy’s essay, “The Powers at Christmas”, in a book called “Darkness Yielding”, by Canterbury Press,



St. Matthew's PCC

PCC Members— Rev Jane(Chair), Alan Wheeler (Warden) Chris Betts (Warden) ,Jane McCombie (Secretary) Arleine Bloor, Joe Philpot, Pam Philpot, Roger Pearce, Barbara Harris, , Viv Grunner, Anna Betts, Steve Grunner.

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

St. Matthew's next PCC meeting will be held on 25th January at 10:00am in the church hall.

Reminder

If you are free on Friday 12th January, why not come join us in the church hall between 10:00am & 12:00 noon, to help with the cleaning and maintenance of the church hall. Coffee and biscuits will be available after the clean.

Anna Betts



Children's Society



On behalf of the children supported by the Children's Society I would like to thank all of you who hold their collecting boxes. Details of how much was raised will be in next months magazine. Thankyou for donations which are much appreciated.

Jane McCombie

Church Diary January 2024

Wednesday	3 rd	10:45 am	Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's Church
Sunday	7th	Baptism of Christ	
		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 th	10:45 am	Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's Church
Sunday	14th	2nd Sunday of Epiphany	
		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	17 th	10:45 am	Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's Church
Sunday	21st	3rd Sunday of Epiphany	
		9:30am	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	24 th	10:45 am	Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's Church
Saturday	27 th	10:00am	Prayer Breakfast in St. Matthew's Church Hall
Sunday	28th	4th Sunday of Epiphany Presentation of Christ	
		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
		4.30pm	Service of Evening Prayer at Christ Church
Wednesday	31 st	10:45 am	Holy Communion (BCP) at St Matthew's Church



Haslington Women's Institute

The monthly meeting was our Christmas Party. What a fun night. lots of good cheer with lots of goodies to eat.

Of course, our famous "Pass the Parcel Secret Santa" and a fabulous Christmas raffle.

WI ladies decorated St Matthews with beautiful Christmas flowers. Very much appreciated by everyone.

The Golf Club Christmas meal was a great success, wonderful food and good company.

17 ladies went to the ABBA tribute night in Nantwich. Lots of singing and dancing and many of us dressed up for the evening.

Next year we have a brunch to look forward to as well as a miniature golf event. Our Book Club has many new titles for the new year.

Looking forward to another successful year.

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

Janet Dake.....haslingtonwi

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Christmas Holly Wreaths

If you place a wreath or decorations on a grave will you please remove them and take them home before the end of January 2024 as we do not have sufficient dustbin space for them.

Thank you for your co-operation



United Benefice Mothers Union

For our Christmas meeting we met at Jane's home and opened with notices and prayers. After lively discussion on Christmas events, cake baking and knitting we attempted a Christmas Carol quiz, matching lines to their Carol. This caused much humming and murmuring and great hilarity. There was no winner but much sighing and 'I should have known that!' at the answers.

Our first meeting of 2024 is, as usual, a lunch and this year we are going to the George and Dragon in Holmes Chapel on Wednesday 17th January. The cost is £23 for 2 courses and £28 for 3 courses. Members are asked to let Jane McC know if they would like to attend (with a £5 deposit).

Wishing all members a very Happy New Year and we look forward to meeting together in 2024.

Jane & Viv



St. Matthew's Social Committee

We look forward to seeing you on Friday 26th January for the next coffee morning, in the church hall between 10:00am and 12:00 noon.

The Social committee will be meeting this month to arrange the social programme for this year. If you have any ideas or suggestions please contact Anna.



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) or Pam Philpot (07564952211) 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

Line Dancing	Tuesday	13:00 – 15:00
Indoor (League)	Thursday	19:00 – 22:00
Bowling Club		
Indoor Bowling	Thursday	14.00 - 17.00
(Yoxall)	Friday	19.00 - 22.00



Rum & raisin shortbread

Ingredients

220g unsalted butter, softened
75g golden caster sugar
200g plain flour
75g cornflour
200g dark chocolate, chopped
80g milk chocolate, chopped

For the caramel

90g salted butter
400g condensed milk
2 tbsp golden syrup
2 tbsp dark brown soft sugar
2 tbsp dark rum
80g raisins



Method

STEP 1—Heat the oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6 and line a 20cm square tin with baking parchment, leaving some overhanging. Make the shortbread by beating 170g of the butter and the sugar using an electric whisk until fluffy. Sift over the flour and cornflour and stir to make a dough. Press into the tin, making sure it's level. Prick all over using a fork and bake for 15-20 mins until set and lightly golden. Leave to cool completely in the tin.

STEP 2—Meanwhile, make the caramel. Put the butter, condensed milk, golden syrup and dark brown sugar in a medium saucepan with a pinch of salt over a medium-low heat, and cook for 10-12 mins, stirring constantly, until thick, darkened and fudgy. Add the rum and stir to combine – it will bubble up so be careful. Remove from the heat, stir in the raisins and leave to cool for 5 mins, before pouring onto the cooled shortbread base. Leave to cool and set completely.

STEP 3—Melt the dark chocolate and the remaining 50g butter together in short bursts in the microwave until glossy, or in a heatproof bowl set over a pan of simmering water, ensuring the bowl doesn't touch the water. Melt the milk chocolate in a separate bowl. Pour the dark chocolate over the set caramel layer then drizzle over the milk chocolate and swirl with a skewer. Put in the fridge to set. Slice into 16 squares and put in a gift box lined with baking parchment.



Church Rotas For St. Matthew's



St. Matthew's Reading Rota

07/01/2024	Alan Wheeler
14/01/2024	Helen Pearce
21/01/2024	Doris Farrell
28/01/2024	Viv Grunner
04/02/2024	John McC

St. Matthew's Intercession Rota

07/01/2024	Arleine Bloor
14/01/2024	Alan Wheeler
21/01/2024	Helen Pearce
28/01/2024	Anna Betts
04/02/2024	Colin Booth

St. Matthew's Eucharist Server Rota

07/01/2024	Joe Philpot
14/01/2024	-
21/01/2024	Chris Betts
28/01/2024	-
04/02/2024	Alan Wheeler

St. Matthew's Sides-person Rota

07/01/2024	Anna & Chris
14/01/2024	Dennis & Jane Mc
21/01/2024	Janet D & Shelagh
28/01/2024	Jane & John McC
04/02/2024	Colin & Celia B

St. Matthew's Flower Rota

07/01/2024	TBA
14/01/2024	———""———
21/01/2024	Jane McCombie
28/01/2024	———""———
04/02/2024	Kath Proudlove

St. Matthew's Church Locking up

07/01/2024	Vicar Jane
14/01/2024	Steve Grunner
21/01/2024	Jenny Silcher
28/01/2024	Arleine Bloor
04/02/2024	Chris Betts

January Sudoku

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

Easy

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

Medium

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

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 10th January 2024 at 7.00 p.m. in church



St. Michael's Social Committee

**ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH FAMILY SEND YOU ALL OUR VERY BEST
WISHES FOR A HAPPY AND HEALTHY 2024**



Many thanks to all who supported St. Michael's Christmas Fair on Saturday 2nd December, and our Mince Pie Coffee Morning with mulled wine and Christmas Tree Decorating on Saturday 16th December

We all really enjoyed the wonderful social occasions and raised much needed funds for our beautiful church.
2 lovely events of festive fellowship

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

ST. MICHAEL'S PANCAKE COFFEE MORNING WILL BE ON
SATURDAY 10TH FEBRUARY FROM
10.00 - 12.00 IN CHURCH.





Church Rotas *For St. Michael's*



St. Michael's Prayer Rota

07/01/2024	Ron
14/01/2024	Roz
21/01/2024	Nancy
28/01/2024	Linda
04/02/2024	Ron

St. Michael's Reading Rota

07/01/2024	Ron
14/01/2024	Linda
21/01/2024	Anne
28/01/2024	Nancy
04/02/2024	Ron

St. Michael's Cleaning Rota

06/01/2024	Ron & Irene
13/01/2024	Barrie & Janette
20/01/2024	Anne
27/01/2024	Linda
03/02/2024	Ron & Irene

St. Michael's Coffee Rota

07/01/2024	Ron & Irene
14/01/2024	Linda
21/01/2024	Barry
28/01/2024	Cindy
04/02/2024	Ron & Irene

St. Michael's Sides-person Rota

07/01/2024	Cindy
14/01/2024	Helen
21/01/2024	Margaret
28/01/2024	Barry
04/02/2024	

December Sudoku Solutions

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

Easy

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

Medium

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

Hard



Prayer Subjects

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

Arise, shine, for the Light of the World has come!

Darkness covers the earth and its people, but the radiance of God's Light burns away its shadows, illuminates the smallest corner, and heralds in the start of a new dawn, where hearts no longer fear, souls might be set free, and sister shall follow brother, nation shall follow nation, and kings and princes bow down in awe before the one who comes to reign.

Arise, shine, for the Light of the World has come!

Alleluia!

“God of surprises and gifts, you revealed yourself as a new-born baby and, with a star, you led the peoples of earth to worship Jesus, your only Son: lead us to see you face-to-face, and help us to discover our gifts and talents so that we may offer them up to you and your service. Let us be Jesus’s light in the world today. Amen.”

The Epiphany of Our Lord (Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:1-12)





Around The Community

Meeting God at the Movies is on Thursday 11th January.

2.00pm in St Matthew's church hall



Please bring your interval drinks and pop corn!

Prayer Breakfast

Saturday 27st January, 10:00am



What a Pantomime.

Come with me to the land of once upon a time,
And I'll tell you a tale of Pantomime;
Where the Principle Boy is a girl it's true,
And there is always a Baddie to Hiss and Boo!

Where the men wear high heels and posh frocks,
And 3 bears entertain a girl called Goldilocks.

Captain Hook is defeated with the help of Peter Pan,
Aladdin finds a lamp and Snow White gets her man.

There's always lots of audience participation to do,
As they sing along and shout out warnings too.
"Look out he's behind you;" "Oh no he's not,"
Concentrate now, don't lose the plot.

The Fairy Godmother grants Prince Charming's wish,
As he awakens Sleeping Beauty with a kiss.

The Wolf gets his comeuppance in Red Riding Hood,
Jack climbs the beanstalk and the giant smells his blood.

The nasty Ugly Sisters are in for a fall,
As downtrodden Cinderella gets to go to the Ball.

There are plenty of jokes and lots of laughter,
As good beats evil, and lovers live happily ever after.

Christine Wheeler, December 2023.



St. Matthew's Grand Pantomime Raffle. 2023

	Prize	Winner
1	Jack and the Beanstalk (Gardening Hamper)	Jean Tomlinson
2	Red Riding Hood (Baking Hamper)	Chris Betts
3	Peter Pan (Children's Hamper)	Ann Faulkner
4	Aladdin Hamper (a Taste of the Orient Hamper)	Barbara Harris
5	Goldilocks (Breakfast Hamper)	Angela Hodgkinson
6	Sleeping Beauty (Ladies Hamper)	George Hill
7	Cinderella (Cleaning Hamper and Buttons)	Anne Armstrong
8	Snow White (Fruit Hamper)	Ruth & Baby Bloor C/O Arleine
9	Prince Charming (Men's Hamper)	Jane Peach
10	Good Fairy (Christmas Hamper)	David Bloor
11	Fairy Godmother (Crafting Hamper)	Pat Hills for Christopher
12	Baddie (Chocolate, Booze and everything bad for you)	Holly Scott, Guides



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The Pantomime Grand Raffle.



On Saturday 3th December, we held our grand raffle at the soup and carols event. This event was very well attended, with everyone enjoying the soup and mince pies and joining in with our favourite carols. Thank you to all who made soup and to Chris Dennel for providing the music. Many thanks to all who contributed to the raffle by donating items, or buying or selling tickets. Congratulations to all who won a Hamper, and we wish you very happy New Year.



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

January Quick View Diary

Tuesday	2 nd	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park
Wednesday	3 rd	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club
Thursday	4 th	2:00pm	Whist Drive at 65 Club
		7:30pm	Gardening Club meet in the Church Hall
Sunday	7th	Baptism of Christ	
Tuesday	9 th	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park
		7:30pm	Haslington WI meet at the Cosy Club
Wednesday	10 th	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club
Thursday	11 th	2:00pm	Meet God at the Movies St. Matthew's church hall
Friday	12 th	10:00am	Church Hall Cleaning party
Sunday	14th	2nd Sunday of Epiphany	
Tuesday	16 th	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park
Wednesday	17 th		MU Lunch at The George & Dragon Holmes Chapel
		2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club
Thursday	18 th	2:00pm	Whist Drive at 65 Club
		1:00pm	CAMEO in St. Matthew's church hall
Sunday	21st	3rd Sunday of Epiphany	
Tuesday	23 rd	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park
Wednesday	24 th	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club
Thursday	25 th	2:00pm	Whist Drive at 65 Club
Friday	26 th	10:00am	Coffee Morning St. Matthew's Church Hall
Saturday	27 th	10:00am	Prayer Breakfast St. Matthew's Church Hall
Sunday	28th	4th Sunday of Epiphany Presentation of Christ	
Tuesday	30 th	2:00pm	Walking For Health meet Waterloo Rd Car Park
Wednesday	31 st	2:00pm	Bingo at 65 Club



Parish News Deadline for the **February** edition is **Wednesday 24th January**
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