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Residents should still phone 999 in an emergency and 101 to report a crime and obtain a crime incident number.

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST.CUTHBERT, HALSALL

Parish Surgery

Phone: 0151 526 2292

Parish Mobile: 07518 926086

Email: stthomassteph@btinternet.com

Parish Surgery: Anyone wishing to arrange a Baptism or Wedding should ring the Parish Secretary to make an appointment. The phone number of the office is 0151 526 2292 and the office is staffed Monday-Wednesday 9.00am—1.00pm or you can email at:

stthomassteph@btinternet.com

The Sick: This parish is committed to the care of the sick. Names of those in need of this ministry, either at home or in hospital, should be given to the parish office on 07518 926086 or 0151 526 2292. The Blessed Sacrament (Holy Communion) is reserved in church and can be taken to the housebound or ill. Holy Oil is also kept for the anointing of the sick.

The Dying: Alex can be contacted at any time in order to minister to the dying on 07798 702831 or 01695 422306.

Halsall St Cuthbert Hub website

The website for the St Cuthbert Church community can be viewed at
www.halsallstcuthberthub.co.uk

The website contains information about services and events, archive material including school reports, Halsall Parish Magazines dating from now and back to the 1800's, information and other general news updates.

It also provides a link to *Virginmoneygiving.com* where it is possible to donate to us online. On the spot updates are also available via the Facebook page.

We would love to hear from anyone who may wish to suggest other content that would be relevant and of interest to the community.

General enquiries about the site can be directed by e-mail to:
info@halsallstcuthberthub.co.uk

Basic protective measures against Coronavirus

Stay aware of the latest information on the COVID-19 outbreak, available on the NHS and WHO websites. Most people who become infected experience mild illness and recover, but it can be more severe for others. Take care of your health and protect others by doing the following:

Wash your hands frequently

Regularly and thoroughly clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand rub or wash them with soap and water.

Why? Washing your hands with soap and water or using alcohol-based hand rub kills viruses that may be on your hands.

Maintain social distancing

Maintain at least 1 metre (3 feet) distance between yourself and anyone who is coughing or sneezing.

Why? When someone coughs or sneezes they spray small liquid droplets from their nose or mouth which may contain virus. If you are too close, you can breathe in the droplets, including the COVID-19 virus if the person coughing has the disease.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth

Why? Hands touch many surfaces and can pick up viruses. Once contaminated, hands can transfer the virus to your eyes, nose or mouth. From there, the virus can enter your body and can make you sick.

Practice respiratory hygiene

Make sure you, and the people around you, follow good respiratory hygiene. This means covering your mouth and nose with your bent elbow or tissue when you cough or sneeze. Then dispose of the used tissue immediately.

Why? Droplets spread virus. By following good respiratory hygiene you protect the people around you from viruses such as cold, flu and COVID-19.

Halsall Parish against Coronavirus

“Situation as at time of going to press”

Halsall has a substantial elderly community who may be more at risk from Coronavirus and Halsall Parish Council and Borough Cllr Maureen Mills are very concerned for the health and welfare of everyone within the Parish.

We are looking into measures and assistance which can help vulnerable residents cope with the knock on effects this virus may have.

We are seeking volunteers to help those who may be in self-isolation or ill and may require shopping, or just a simple reassuring phone call. Potentially over the next few months, our normal routines will be disrupted and the community will, we are sure, rally to help our neighbours. It cannot be stressed strongly enough that residents should follow professional advice and keep themselves up to date with news as matters progress:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/your-health-and-wellbeing/coronavirus/>

<https://www.westlancs.gov.uk/more/emergencies/coronavirus.aspx>

The Parish Council has a number of resources that might be needed in a worst case scenario and forward planning is underway. However, we will need your support going forward.

We would also welcome your thoughts on how we can assist the community through these difficult times. The community spirit within Halsall is strong and resilient, and we want to promote that further to help us all through this crisis.

We have compiled a list the local suppliers who are willing to conduct door to door deliveries ranging from the essentials to restaurants and cafes providing hot and cold meals.

Updates and additional information will be added on the Halsall Parish website

www.halsallparish.com

Update—For up to date information and advice please see the new Facebook group.

‘Halsall Area Coronavirus Support Group’

If you would like to volunteer or can help in any way please contact

Neil Campbell 01704 566354 Parish Council Vice Chairman
or
Maureen Mills 01704 840160 Borough Councillor

Below is an updated (24th March 2020) list of Businesses that can offer services at this time.

Please note that some businesses may charge for delivery

Businesses	Contact	Offering
Ainsdale Fruit & Veg	Mandy & Pete 01704 577686	Fruit & Veg, herbs etc.
BSA Foods, Ormskirk	01695 581867	Frozen food, pies, quiches, chilli, lasagne etc. Also dried foods.
Barn Owl Produce	07557 796867 07850 016556	Fruit & Veg
Bates Dairy	01704 567595	Milk, cheese, butter, drinks, yoghurts, bread, eggs etc
Birkdale Cheese Centre	01704 568822	Cheese and will pick up other things if they can source it.
Birkdale Health Shop	01704564353	Health Products
Broughs Butchers, Ainsdale	01704574069	Meats, etc
Cake Creations, Southport	01704 541137	Cakes
Cakes 4 You, Southport.	Carol 07780 356977	Cakes

Continued overleaf.

Businesses	Contact	Offering
Church View Farm, Lydiate	0151 520 2673	Fruit & Veg etc
Hallidays, Birkdale	Joanne 01704 551524 07875 082019	Fresh and frozen fish
Halsall Garage	01704 841188	Groceries and Food from Kelli's Deli
Grimshaw lane Dairy/DC Scott, Ormskirk	01695 577573 01695 572104	Dairy & Meat supplies
J & A Japonicas, Formby	07511 177519	Plants
Jennings Greengrocers, Birkdale	01704 553775	Fruit & Veg
Jo Kelly's Off- Licence	01704 232740	Off Licence & Groceries
Kellen Meats, Southport	01704 807471	Butchers
Londis, Lydiate	0151 526 4412	General Store, Groceries
Massam's Supplies	01704 840265	Depot closed but still delivering logs & coal. Telephone orders.
Peet's Plaice, Southport	Kevin 01704 809340	Fish
Primrose Hill Nurseries, Scarbrick	Ian 07862 275464	Gardening Supplies, shrubs, plants, equine products etc.
Stanley's Fruit Stores, Birkdale	01704 568503	Fruit, veg and some grocery items. Home made soup
The Village Bake House, Halsall	01704 840916	Pies, cakes, bread, sandwiches & home cooked meals.
Wesley Fish, Southport	01704 542778	Fish

Businesses	Contact	Offering
TAKEAWAY		
Master McGrath's	01704 880050	Takeaway food from Monday 23rd March
ORDER/CARRY TO CAR		
Diglake	07807 229736	Text your order/carried to car for Fruit & Veg etc
OTHER OFFERS	OF	SUPPORT
Acorn Cattery, Halsall	01704 841991	Pet boarding/collection and pet Food delivery.
Nellie at Scarisbrick	Sal 01704 841222	
LOCAL	TRADESMEN	
Hesketh Heating & Plumbing	Richard 07761 384052	Emergency Jobs
Down to Earth Electrical	Daniel 07403465409	Emergency Jobs
Nick Ackers	07790037230	Emergency Plumbing Jobs
TAXIS Blueline Five-O taxies	0151 525 5050 / App	24 Hr Service

NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

PLANNING

2020/0191/FUL – 37 Renacres Lane – Extension and remodelling of existing bungalow to include new first floor level within roof space demolition of existing dilapidated outbuilding

PARKING ALONG SUMMERWOOD LANE

Cars parking either side of Summerwood Lane at school times and when funerals and weddings are taking place at St Cuthbert's are causing an obstruction and prevent large vehicles, including the emergency services from passing through.

Please use the Memorial Hall car park whenever possible.



WHEELIE BIN SPEEDING STICKERS

The Parish Council wish to conduct a survey to identify what the demand might be for wheelie bin stickers before purchasing them for distribution free of charge to residents.

Please e mail davebondhpc@aol.com with your address if you would like one.

POLICING

Neighbourhood Policing Sergeant Sgt Carr has indicated that he is happy to answer any queries residents may have and anyone wishing to ask a question should email either himself at Darren.Carr@lancashire.pnn.police.uk or alternatively Paul Austin who is the Community Beat Officer for Halsall at

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However residents should still phone 999 in an emergency and 101 to report a crime and obtain a crime incident number

NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL continued

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Please note that the Halsall Parish Council has taken the responsible decision to cancel the April meeting due to the risk of Coronavirus

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday 13th May 2020 at 7.30 p.m. at The Memorial Hall, Halsall Road, Halsall.

Please note: If you wish to make audio or video recording, or take photographs of the meeting please phone Dave Bond, Parish Clerk on 01704 534090 or email davebondhpc@aol.com in advance of the meeting so that this can be arranged in an organised manner in order to minimise any disruption.

A full list of Councillors and contact numbers can be found toward the front of the magazine.

The Parish Council Website www.halsallparish.com includes agendas and minutes of previous meetings.

Please note that should Public Health England or Government Directive advise against public meetings, notice of postponement will be published on the usual Notice Boards and on the Halsall Parish Website



Latest COVID 19 Crisis Update

23/03/2020

Last night the Prime Minister announced that “WE” as a nation are in lockdown for a minimum of 3 weeks.

As of this morning, all play and outdoor gym equipment on recreational parks and gardens and are out of bounds till further notice.

At present you may as part of your daily exercise regime be able to access but please avoid to use of any play or gym equipment, bear in mind that you must keep a **safe distance** from any other people walking the grounds.

Hopefully you received an information leaflet last week, please read it and use the contacts and local suppliers willing to help you through this crisis.

For the sake of your own health and the health of others, PLEASE heed this instruction and support each other, there is a number of basic and easy steps we can all do,

Stay on top of your personal cleanliness (keep cleaning your hands)

Phone your neighbours for a daily chat

Give your door handles etc. a regular wipe down

Get some fresh air, potter in the garden

Make a daily chores rota, organise your daily routine

Relax and watch the numerous repeats on TV

Dig out those books you've been meaning to read for ages

One daily walk but keep a good distance between others

Share ideas to stop boredom setting in

Catch up on box sets but don't swap DVD's with neighbours as there is a chance of cross infection

Those who are media savvy, watch for updates on the Halsall Parish website, the Coronavirus Support Group or the Halsall Facebook pages

Those who are not media savvy, ask one of your family to teach you

Share cooking tips and recipes, post photos of the results – including the disasters!

Above all, show respect, patience and tolerance during these difficult times

Your local milkman can deliver on a daily basis many items other than milk, this is when you can support them to support you!

Stay safe and strong!!!!

<http://www.halsallparish.com>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/halsallcoronavirus/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/200983146975703/>



Coping with stress during the COVID-19 outbreak



It is normal to feel sad, stressed, confused, scared or angry during a crisis.

Talking to people you trust can help. Contact your friends and family.

If you must stay at home, maintain a healthy lifestyle - including proper diet, sleep, exercise and social contacts with loved ones at home and by email and phone with other family and friends.



Don't use smoking, alcohol or other drugs to deal with your emotions.

If you feel overwhelmed, talk to a health worker or counsellor. Have a plan, where to go to and how to seek help for physical and mental health needs if required.

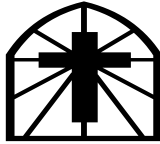
Get the facts. Gather information that will help you accurately determine your risk so that you can take reasonable precautions. Find a credible source you can trust such as WHO website or, a local or state public health agency.



Limit worry and agitation by lessening the time you and your family spend watching or listening to media coverage that you perceive as upsetting.

Draw on skills you have used in the past that have helped you to manage previous life's adversities and use those skills to help you manage your emotions during the challenging time of this outbreak.





Public worship suspended **until further notice.**

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9

I am writing this after hearing the sad news that our Archbishops have advised that all public worship in our churches is to be suspended until further notice. They have advised that prayers can be said by clergy and ministers on behalf of everyone and churches should consider ways of sharing this with the wider community. Of course this announcement will increase all of our fears and concern for the future whilst at the same time remove the support of companions and the comfort of prayer. We need to try and do all we can to support each other as we face uncertainty together. I will of course be in church regularly to offer the prayers the bishops have suggested and we will see if we can make that available online.

I am deeply grateful to the parish council who have already put into place excellent advice and support about local businesses who offer a delivery service and information regarding additional sources of support.

It is of course extremely difficult when the comfort of our regular pattern of worship is no longer available. I learned very early in my Christian formation that ‘going it alone’ with respect to our faith is a difficult task. Who was it who said “We are but a reflection of those around us?” Somehow we need to continue to surround ourselves with things that will help us deepen our faith and turn back to Christ this lent. How we each manage to do that will be a personal choice. Perhaps reading our bibles at home or praying with those we live with. There are online resources that might help support us in our journey, three of the most easily accessible being:

- #LiveLent: Care for God's Creation - the Church of England's Lent campaign for 2020. With weekly themes shaped around the first Genesis account of creation, it explores the urgent need for humans to value and protect the abundance God has created. This daily audio content is available via the app and daily emails.
- The BBC's Daily Service and Sunday Worship - radio programmes will be using some of the themes from #LiveLent as part of their broadcasts.
- The complete daily office of Common Worship Daily Prayer is available through an app or via the church of England website.

Life may very well look very different in the days and months ahead. Rather than attendance at church on Sunday, we appear to be being called to the prayer and service we offer each day. As a minister in secular employment, this has been my vocation for some time. How we choose to live out our lives and devote our time is as important for our faith journey, if not more so, than what we do on a Sunday. We may not be able to pray with people in the ways that we are used to, but we can certainly pray for people, and we can certainly offer practical care and support. Then in the words of our archbishops “by our service, and by our love, Jesus Christ will be made known, and the hope of the gospel – a hope that will counter fear and isolation - will spread across our land.”

***“Before the ending of the day,
Creator of the world, we pray
That you, with steadfast love, would keep
Your watch around us while we sleep.”
(From the Daily Prayer Compline)***

Alex



Friends of St Cuthbert's

Spring 2020 newsletter

When setting up the Friends Scheme we asked the children from St Cuthbert's School to enter a competition to design a logo. We had an array of wonderful designs to choose from and it was a very difficult choice as they were all so good. We hope you like the chosen Logo and that it will become a familiar sight as we continue to develop our "Friends Scheme".

We would like to keep you updated about how the Friends scheme is helping to support the Church and of future fundraising events that are planned. If you have not given us your e mail address and would like to receive "Friends News" in the most environmentally friendly way then please let us know by contacting us on: stthomassteph@btinternet.com

Why did we need to set up a Friends Scheme? The annual costs of running the Church are in the region of £60k and all of this has to be found by St Cuthbert's as we do not receive any funding from the wider Church. In recent years we have exhausted our reserves and we now face a deficit in the region of £10k each year. This last year we were fortunate to have received a generous legacy which meant that at the financial year end we had a balance of £14k in our funds. Without this legacy we would have seen a zero balance and would have begun to experience immediate problems meeting our commitments.

We like many Churches need every bit of help to stay open and the funds raised through the Friends Scheme are helping us to do just that. All donations made by joining the scheme are used exclusively to support the costs of repair and maintenance thereby preserving the Church and Churchyard.

I have not joined the scheme yet so how does it work? You can subscribe to the scheme by paying a minimum annual subscription of £20 and becoming an official "Friend of St Cuthbert's". Joining forms can be picked up in Church, downloaded from our website or we can send you one if you contact us on the email address below. Please consider being a Friend and if you already are then spread the word to others who wish to see this building continue for future generations. Fiftytwo Friends have joined us so far and we have friends from as far afield as Australia.

But I'm not religious! We understand that not everyone has a religious faith and may not wish to contribute to the religious aspects of Church life but we strongly believe that our Church sits at the centre of our great community. If you have used or attended the Church for baptism's, weddings or funerals or you simply feel that the Church is an important part of Halsall and you want to help to protect it as part of your heritage then this is a great way to do it!

Can I help in other ways? A big part of the Friends is to explore different ways of raising funds to meet the costs of repair and maintenance and a small group of people get together

periodically to plan fundraising events. We are always looking for volunteers to join our "Friends Team". If you are interested and can spare an hour every so often or may be happy to help at our fundraising events please contact us on information@halsallstcuthberthub.co.uk. We aim to keep our meetings to an hour.

How is it going so far?

Funds raised so far are in the region of £8k. In addition to the annual 'friends' subscription this has been raised through a variety of events organised by the 'Friends Team' and also by individuals who have held 'family do's' and other events where they have very kindly sought donations for us. Events have included summer fairs, Gilbert & Sullivan Concerts, Rock and Roll nights, Bonfire night Hot Pot stalls, carol singing, history talks and a tractor/farming museum tour! Raising funds and having fun!!!

For those who have been in Church during this challenging weather you may well have noticed there have been occasions when umbrella's would have been useful in Church as well as outside! Sadly we have several leaks and are constantly undertaking roof repairs. We are currently exploring what can be done to make us more watertight and hope that the friends fund will be able to help with some of this work.



Events coming up

Events that are planned during the year will be advertised on our local facebook pages, in the Parish Magazine, on our website and of course in our "Friends News" which we aim to issue quarterly. Hold the date.....the next Gilbert & Sullivan Society production is planned for 17th October. More information to follow.

Photo: Pirates of Penzance at St Cuthberts

How can I Join: Joining forms can be printed off the website, picked up in Church or if you contact us (see below) we can send one out to you.

Minimum annual subscription: £20 renewable on the 30th day of April each year. Bankers orders can be sent to your own bank to set up the annual payment and cheques may be sent to the Friends at the time of Joining.

The membership secretary is Stephanie Albertina and she is based c/o The Parish Office. St Thomas Vicarage. Church Lane, Lydiate L31 4HL Tel no: 0151 526 2292 (Mon-Wed 9am to 1pm)

To all of our current Friends, thank you so much for your support. It is greatly appreciated.

Website: www.halsallstcuthberthub.co.uk

E-mail: information@halsallstcuthberthub.co.uk





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Please note:

**Sadly, The Shirdley Hill Luncheon Club Will
be Cancelled Until Further Notice.**

Recently both St Cuthbert's and St Thomas' had a collection of hats, socks, gloves and thermals. There was a fantastic response and I took lots of bags to The Whitechapel Centre in Liverpool. They sent the letter below to me for both churches.

I would like to thank the Parishioners for their generosity

Many Thanks, David Walker

On behalf of The Whitechapel Centre I would like to thank you for your recent donation of clothing. We are very grateful to you for your support.

The Whitechapel Centre is a leading homeless and housing charity for the Liverpool region. We work with people who are rough sleeping, living in hostels or struggling to manage their accommodation. We are committed to help people find and maintain a home and learn the life skills essential for independent living.

In 2018 we supported more than 4,000 people in Liverpool who were experiencing homelessness. It's only thanks to the generosity of supporters like you that we're able to continue our life changing, lifesaving work. Thank you.

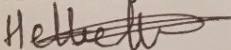
We believe prevention is the first step in the fight against homelessness. We aim to offer support in housing at every step of the journey of homelessness, from the moment a person is at risk of losing their home, right through to those who have become entrenched in a 'street lifestyle'. With this in mind, we also prevented 1,243 individuals from becoming homeless thanks to interventions for those at risk including drop-in advice sessions, benefits advice and personal negotiation with landlords and agencies.

We supported a further 1,648 homeless people into the right accommodation for their needs. We also ensured 1,199 people had access to education and employment activities to enable them to continue to live independently.

Because of your support and generosity our vital services remain open to all, operating 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, including day and night shelters, a 24hr public helpline (0300 123 2041), and dedicated Street Outreach Teams.

We know that there are so many more people in Liverpool who still need our help, and with your ongoing support, we'll continue to offer help to anyone who needs it. Thank you.

Yours sincerely



Hettie Miles

Fundraiser

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Industrialisation and the Halsall Penny



Looking today at the rural nature of Halsall village it is hard to realise that it featured prominently in events which influenced the Industrial Revolution in the North West of England.

Charles Mordaunt was nephew to the Earl of Peterborough. He quickly rose to the rank of Colonel in his army career and he became Lord of the Manor of Halsall in the 1760's by marriage to the widow of Lord Mohun and took up his residence at Halsall Hall. The Mordaunt coat of arms was placed over the door leading to the courtyard at the rear of the Hall, and a spout head still exists bearing the date 1769 together with the crest and initials of Colonel Mordaunt. He appointed his brother Henry Mordaunt as Rector of the Church.

Being of an adventurous disposition the Colonel was determined to be enterprising in Halsall. He bored for coal in the Rectory garden, a process assisted by his brother, and tapped a chalybeate spring. The two siblings did not always see 'eye to eye' and after Charles became notorious for holding sword practice and cock fights in the middle of Ormskirk the Rector rebuked his brother, from the pulpit, for his wild ways. The Colonel responded by making a bonfire out of green vegetation and smoking his brother and the congregation out of the Church during a Sunday service.

Charles then ventured into the trade of cotton spinning. The first positive evidence we have is a patent granted to him in 1778 for 'preparing cotton, sheep's wool, and flax materials and for manufacturing cotton and linen cloth'. However, it is possible that he had been producing linen 10 years previous to this because the Royal Coat of Arms, in the church, dates from 1768 and is made on linen and likely to have been produced by Mordaunt's mill. In 1779 worker's protests about conditions in cotton mills were on the increase. A letter which Mordaunt wrote to the 'Secretary At War' on 7th October gave warning of a riotous mob forming at Halsall. A sergeant and fourteen soldiers were sent from Liverpool to maintain order and presumably protect Halsall Mill.

In a letter to the Duke of Rutland he wrote that he had '600 spindles complete with their appendages and an employment for about 160 poor children and women'. By this time, the mill is recorded as being powered by an eighteen foot diameter overshot water wheel, fed by a stream. To anyone who examines the topography of Halsall today, it is quite difficult to understand quite how such a fall of water could ever have been achieved. The actual location of his mill was most likely within Halsall Hall which at that time had four sides and a central courtyard. Mordaunt opened discussions with Boulton and Watt, of Soho, Birmingham, for the possible supply of a 'patent Fire Engine' which would be used either to pump water up to the mill for use in the dyeing process or to operate the mill directly.

The Colonel quickly identified that there was a problem of navigable routes through Halsall because the roads were little more than hazardous tracks. He wanted to improve transportation of goods and when the idea of a canal was planned, which passed immediately adjacent to Halsall, the very first sod was turned on 5th November 1770 by Colonel Mordaunt himself.

Another problem he had was being able to pay his workforce in adequate coinage. Matthew Boulton was prominent in pioneering small coinage and in 1788 possessed a mint for pressing coin. There was no real shortage of money because notes and gold coins were plentiful but the real need was for small denominations. No silver had been coined since 1758, and the Royal Mint had ceased production of copper in 1775. Growing industrialisation meant an increasing burden for employers, who were unable to find sufficient quantities of small coinage to pay their employees.

Mordaunt asked Bolton to mint a coin with the arms of the Earl of Peterborough on one side and the words Halsall on the other. The Halsall Penny is almost certainly the first of the flood of copper tokens which mark the great expansion of industry in the last decade or so of the eighteenth century. The idea of a two pence piece was also planned though there is no evidence that it ever was minted. The pennies were produced, presumably sometime after 2nd December 1783. They were used as payment in and around the area as far as the commercial centre of Liverpool but were never fully accepted into circulation. They lost out when a flood of copper coin was made by other local sources and which were heavier and more robust than the Halsall penny.

The Colonel died in Ormskirk on 15th January 1808 aged seventy eight, and is buried in the chancel of the parish church. A brass plaque commemorates his burial. The manor was sold to Thomas Eccleston Scarisbrick, of Scarisbrick, and the advowson to Jonathan Blundell, of Liverpool.

Adapted and expanded from an article by Chris Leather of West Lancs Numismatic society.

Stephen Henders

Let us Pray

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy
in this time of uncertainty and distress.
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may rejoice in your comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen.



Halsall St Cuthbert's : April Update

Fund-Raising for Charity

At Halsall we are constantly raising money for charity and to this end, we are very proud of our Charity Wall in school. The wall is packed with certificates and thankyou letters from a wide range of charities.

Since September we've sent £1,500 to Cancer and Leukaemia in Children (CLIC), £1,500 to Zoe's Place Hospice, raised from our Christmas concerts. We raised £250 for the British Legion, £300 from our 'Own Clothes Day' for Children in Need, £90 for Ormskirk food Bank, £270 from our Toy Sale for Christian Aid, £466 from our cake sale for McMillan Cancer Support. We also collected 65 Christmas boxes to donate to disadvantaged families in Easter Europe.

On a personal note, I am cycling in the Prudential Ride London 100 in August and I'll be training hard over the next few months. I'll riding for the charity Children with Cancer UK.

Cancer is something that affects most of our lives in some way, children, parents, staff and their families and hopefully we can help in some way.

My target is £500. If there is anyone who is willing to donate, you can do so through my secure Virgin 'Just Giving' page

:<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/DouglasScholes>

All monies within the system and are regularly transferred to the charity.

Any donation, great or small will be gratefully received. Thanks.

Kenyon Shield Awards : (Winners in Spring Term 1)

Rec : Charlotte Roberts

Year 1 : Oliver Major

Year 2 : Hollie Milliken

Year 3 : Adam Molloy

Year 4 : Jaspa Moss-Langridge

Year 5 : Imogen Cringle

Year 6 : Olivia Hughes

Congratulations to them all and well done.



Reading Garden

At the moment we are redeveloping the old faith garden. We are clearing the old, woody vegetation, planting new shrubs and flowers, repairing fencing and we've also ordered new benches for the children to sit on. Primarily, the area will be used as a reading and debating area and somewhere children can just sit, think and be at peace. It should look beautiful in the summer term.

School Premises

The vast majority of school lighting has now been ungraded to LED and hopefully this will provide substantial energy and maintenance savings in the future.

The girls' cloakroom has been painted, our wooden fences have been stained and the fruit and vegetable garden has had a good clear-up ready for spring planting.

New Play Car (Mr Bedwell)

Last year, Mr Andrew Bedwell, one of our parents, sailed solo around Iceland and in doing so, raised funds for the school to spend on playtime equipment for the children. A new, recycled plastic, 6 seater car should be installed soon. The kids should love it. Thanks to Mr Bedwell for this wonderful new resource.

Trespassers on School Property and Dogs

We are still receiving reports of people walking their dogs both on the school field and on the playground and activity trail. If you see anyone, please could you contact school so that we can politely request that they walk their dog in a more appropriate area. We don't enjoy seeing children distressed because of dog mess on their shoes, hand and knees. It's just not nice. We want to keep the environment safe for them. Thanks.

Swimming Success at the District Gala

The swimming team did brilliantly at the district gala this week, winning the small schools' competition. Both relay teams won Gold and there were individual medals for :

Gold– James Totty (50m freestyle) Lewis Evans (Breaststroke) Evie Rawsthorne (Backstroke)

Silver– Maia Adamson (50m freestyle) Max Evans (Backstroke) Olivia Galley (Breaststroke)

Bronze– Georgia Mitchell (25m freestyle) Liam Rugen (25m freestyle)

Andrew Wilson also won **Gold** as part of the boys' relay team.

Thanks to both Mrs Galley and Mrs Crane for supervising the children and to the parents who organised lifts to and from the event. The children loved it and we are all very proud of them. See picture below.

D Scholes (Head Teacher)



A Selection of Poems by the School Children about the Australian Fires

Summer temperatures rose.
A spark set it all off.
Fire exploded like a bomb.
Flames roared like a tiger.
People screamed desperate for their
lives to be spared.
The world was crumbling to pieces.
And no one could stop it.
Suffocating smoke, fearless flames.
It was like a living hell.
Fire ran through towns.
Everything was lost.
Rain came.
We all praised.
Finally the Earth's thirst was
quenched.

By Ella.

Old Man Dave told the town that "THE END" was coming and no one
believed him.
A week passed and all Hell broke loose.
Temperatures rose by 10°C
Only Old Man Dave was ready for the inferno.
A few days passed and everyone was
Screaming.
Running.
Panicking.
Trying to save their lives.
Kangaroos, wallabies and koalas filled the streets trying to escape the blaze.
You look back to see flames.
Left.
Right.
Flames.
And so the only way is forward.
Fire fighters spewing water all over the fire.
Animals cornered, people scared.
The savage fires wanting death.
The fire, like a baby having a tantrum. Kicking houses over and finally, the
rain. Like a mother calms the fire to a peaceful rest.

Oliver

It happened so fast
 It spread faster.
 A flame flickered
 And it grew and grew.
 Overtaking forests
 And conquering villages.
 Wailing wallabys, crazy kangaroos
 All running away
 Trying to escape.
 But the burning, flaming and scorching fire
 Kept on going.
 It was like an angry lion
 Which kept roaring on,
 Swallowing houses whole.
 Brave, determined and desperate
 The firefighters battled through.
 Helping people escape, away,
 Away from this endless war.
 But then came the rain.
 The relieving, drenching, continuous rain.
 It stopped the fire
 It stopped the flames
 It stopped this seemingly endless war.
 It left only smoke and ash
 To be washed away.
 This lion of a fire was
 Ended,
 Defeated
 And banished.

Sydney



The battle between fire and nature
 has begun
 Taking the lead, fire
 Has already burned
 Down houses spreading
 So fast.
 The burning fire is like
 A red hot chilli
 Nature on the other
 Hand is failing,
 Nearly giving up.
 The fire is taking
 So much of nature's power
 Nature needs to pull
 Through this disaster
 Amazingly Nature does
 Pull through.
 It sends in
 Rain!
 Battle over
 Game over!

Olivia

Halsall Scarecrows

Have you decided on what to make yet? Plenty of ideas on Pinterest or just Google "Scarecrows" or "Making a Scarecrow". No rules, no theme. The only thing to limit you is your imagination!



The Treasure Trail weekend on
Sat 20th & Sun 21st June

This year we will have a real live Wurzel
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Amen.



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APRIL

- 1st Rose Serjeant
- 1st Nellie Balshaw Edwards
- 3rd Keith Styling (Birthday)
- 3rd Margaret Heaton (Birthday)
- 5th Les Marshall (Birthday)
- 7th Roger Baldwin (Birthday)
- 8th Nellie Edwards (Birthday)
- 10th Vera Styling (Birthday)
- 11th John Banks (Birthday)
- 12th Thomas Balshaw
- 13th Joan Halsall
- 13th Maureen Ainscough
- 14th Jack Williams (Birthday)
- 17th Angela Pilkington
- 17th Brenda Helen Rhodes
- 17th Edward Sumner
- 19th Florrie Pilling (Anniversary)
- 21st Catherine Bullough
- 23rd Lawrence Baldwin
(Anniversary)
- 27th Gladys May Core (Birthday)
- 29th Harriet Louise Rimmer
(Birthday)

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Our churches have a website, a Facebook page and a Twitter feed. Hopefully they will provide a gateway to those that already exist and an information resource for those wanting more information about our churches. Weekly Newsletters and service times should be uploaded regularly. If you are interested, please sign up to the Facebook group and Twitter feed. You might also like to make suggestions for content on our website and please let me know any errors you spot!



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April at-a-glance

April is the month when the blossom is out in force with everything from flowering cherries to garden fruit trees all making a beautiful show. Mild April weather can make you think summer is here but sharp frosts can still catch you out. Be careful not to plant out tender plants yet unless you can cover with fleece. Enjoy mild sunny days – spring is just around the corner. Happy Gardening.

General Garden Tasks

Spring clean borders, keep on top off weeding & hoeing.

Feed roses, borders, hedges, trees & shrubs with a general-purpose fertiliser.

Treat moss & weeds & re-seed bare patches.

Plant or move evergreen shrubs.

Feed acid loving plants.

Prune winter jasmine and hydrangea; tie in shoots of rambling roses & clematis.

Wait for six weeks (if you can) after flowers of spring bulbs are over before cutting foliage down.

Towards the end of the month, plant dormant dahlia tubers outside.

Plant new alpines & top up scree beds or troughs with gravel.

Continue to sow hardy annuals outside.

Pot up cuttings of tender perennials taken last year.

Tidy up hedges & clip if necessary.

Plant first early, second early & maincrop potatoes.

Plant asparagus crowns & globe artichokes.

Harvest the first overwintered spring onions.

Sow hardy herbs (parsley, chervil, coriander, fennel, dill & marjoram.

Plant strawberries.

Plant & tie-in a new grapevine.

Prune stone fruit trees if necessary.

Ventilate the greenhouse on sunny days but close it early to retain the heat at night.

Top-dress & take cuttings from big old plants.

Spring clean the pond.

Divide overgrown plants & put in new water plants.

Towards the end of the month start feeding your fish.

Watch out for

Slugs & snails on newly emerged perennials & vegetable seedlings.

Plants in their Prime

Flowering cherries. Prunus. Crab apples. Magnolia. Spiraea. Ribes. Doronicum.

Pulmonaria.

Pieris. Tulips. Fritiaria. Primula. Viburnum. Brunnera. Camellia. Mahonia.

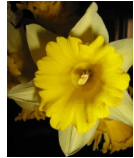
Magnolia stellata.

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