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November 2018

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Parish Surgery: Anyone wishing to arrange a Baptism or Wedding should ring the Rector's 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 Paul. 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: Paul can be contacted at any time of the day or night in order to minister to the dying.

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:
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Dear Friends,

First of all thank you, to all of you for making me feel so welcome over the last few weeks as I begin in my new role in the parish. Thank you to those of you who have offered words of encouragement and thank you for your prayers. It has been a wonderful beginning to a new journey and I'm looking forward to the road ahead with excitement and enthusiasm! I am aware that the process of appointing self-supporting ministers is not as gradual or as informed as it is for incumbents and I am very grateful to all of you for the opportunity to share in the life of the parish. I look forward to meeting and getting to know everyone more.

As you might well imagine, starting in a new parish leads me to ask (of you) some of the same questions that you might have of me. Wondering what the parish might be like led me to think about what it might be like to be a community dedicated to St. Cuthbert?

St. Cuthbert was a mystic (he saw visions) who lived in the 7th century in the North of England and South Scotland and he is often seen as the patron saint of the North. Rather than being imported from the continent with the Romans like Augustine, or from Ireland or Iona Cuthbert was 'home-grown'. One of us, he grew up as a farmer in the North of England (Northumberland) in the early 7th century. It is perhaps during his youth he developed his great affinity with animals much like St. Francis. His home-grown status seems very much in-tune with our Bishop's vision of growing leaders for the church from within existing church communities, and it is perhaps that quality that enabled him to become so popular and so good at reconciliation.

St. Cuthbert lived in a time of great change in the church as different traditions (Irish and Roman) tried to assert themselves. He apparently was able to balance the traditions minimising contention and keeping the community united. He had a reputation for great piety holiness and learning, but was first recognised for his people skills and he was first put to work as guest master of the monastery. He spent most of his time among the people, travelling all over the North of England and Southern Scotland, ministering to their needs, carrying out missionary journeys, preaching, and performing miracles (largely healing the sick). Perhaps working these 'wonders' for which Cuthbert became widely known, is beyond the call of many of us but building community and looking after each other's needs is something we could all emulate and indeed are all called to do.

The warmth and charm of Cuthbert's welcome was his first gift and welcoming visitors is something that all church communities need to do well. Flowing from his concern for those around him, on top of his warm welcome, Cuthbert had a reputation for generosity to the poor, living a simple life himself enabled him to give generously to those around him. This kind of self-giving love, what might be known as 'caritas' or charity forms in the heart of us all when love God with all our heart and mind.

Continued overleaf

In later life St. Cuthbert seems to have been called to a life of prayer and austerity and people travel to see him for wise council. Prayer of course should be at the centre of the life of all Christians turning our thoughts and hearts towards God. Eventually he retired to what is now known as Holy Island (now a bird sanctuary) where he became known for his rapport with animals.

Cuthbert's mortal remains (legend has it) remained uncorrupted for many years following his death and remain at Durham cathedral, which is well worth a visit if you get the chance.

St. Paul, in his letter to the Corinthians reminds us of our human tendency towards social climbing as the Corinthians debate whether it's better to be followers of Apollos or Paul, so perhaps we shouldn't read too much into what it means to be a follower of St. Cuthbert. But Cuthbert does give us a wonderful challenge to be warm with our welcome, generous with our giving and concerned with the needs of those around us.

Yours in Christ, Alex

Remembrance Day



Lest We Forget

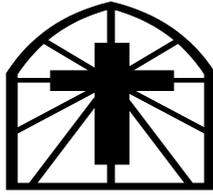
The 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month

This year we mark the centenary of the end of World War 1. On Remembrance Sunday 11 November 2018, people around the Commonwealth will be reflecting on the lives that were changed irrevocably, and those that were lost.

Some 65 million men were mobilised across Europe during World War 1. Nearly a third of them – some 21 million – were wounded. Another 8.5 million were killed and some 7.7 million were taken prisoners of war. All of them had family and friends whose lives were changed forever by the events of 1914-1918.

This year gives us the chance to remember, but also to pray and work for peace, looking forward with hope.

**REMEMBRANCE PARADE
SUNDAY 11TH NOVEMBER AT 10.30AM
ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH**



Sunday Services in the United Benefice for November

Sunday 4th November – 4th before Advent/All Saints Sunday

8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'
9.30am	BCP Holy Communion	St Cuthbert's
11.00am	CW Sung Eucharist	St Thomas'

Sunday 11th November – Remembrance Sunday

8.00am	BCP Holy Communion <i>(with an Act of Remembrance)</i>	St Thomas'
10.30am	Remembrance Service	St Cuthbert's
10.45am	Remembrance Service	St Thomas'

Sunday 18th November – 2nd Sunday before Advent

8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'
9.30am	BCP Holy Communion	St Cuthbert's
11.00am	CW Eucharist & Sending Forth	St Thomas'

Sunday 25th November – Christ the King/Confirmation Sunday

Please note different times for services today

8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'
9.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St Cuthbert's
3.00pm	Confirmation & 1st Communions	St Cuthbert's

Mid-Week Communion Services

Wednesday 7 th November	10.00am	St Thomas' Church
Wednesday 14 th November	10.00am	St Thomas' Church
Wednesday 21 st November	10.00am	St Thomas' Church
Wednesday 28 th November	10.00am	St Thomas' Church

WELCOME THE MESSIAH

(No thanks I'm too busy)

Advent - A time of prayer and reflection

As we prepare once again to remember the 'Greatest Story' ever told. Let us take some time to reflect on Jesus and just who He is to us.

Each Wednesday in Advent we are encouraging people to pray and worship and reflect upon Jesus.

All services* will be held in St Thomas' Church

Wednesday 5th December

Jesus: The King

8.00am Morning Prayer

9.00am Eucharist – St Thomas' School*

11.00am Eucharist – Haskayne School*

7.30pm Advent Prayer & Reflection

Wednesday 12th December

Jesus: The Word made flesh

8.00am Morning Prayer

10.00am Eucharist

7.30pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 19th December

Jesus: Our Salvation

8.00am Morning Prayer

10.00am Eucharist

7.30pm Evening Prayer

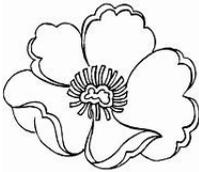
'I bring good news of great joy - A Saviour will be born'

CHALICE ROTA

November 2018



4 th November	Ann Cushion	Lynda Bramwell
11 th November	Tara Kenyon	Angela Banks
18 th November	Colin Throp	Lynda Bramwell
25 th November	Gwyn Williams	Lynda Bramwell



Lest We
Forget

MONDAY 12TH NOVEMBER AT 10.45AM
There will be a short REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE
At the
War Memorial outside
OUR LADY'S CHURCH, LYDIATE
Everyone is welcome to attend this service &
*To lay their poppy as an Act of Remembrance at the
Memorial*

Church Electoral Roll

Every 6 years a new roll must be prepared,
St Cuthbert's is due before 1st February 2019.

If you wish to remain on St Cuthbert's Electoral Roll you must
complete a form before 1st February 2019.

Forms will be available in church, but if you are unable to get to
church please ring Anne
Grimshaw on 01704 841708 who will supply a form.

Halsall St Cuthbert's Sunday School

It was a pleasure to see lots of young children
with their parents joining in and enjoying the
Family service at the end of September.



In November, Sunday school will take place at
10.15am on the 11th, when the children will join the Remem-
brance Day service. Confirmation Service takes place on the
25th, which means that there will be no Sunday school on that
date.

The Family Nativity Service will be on the 23rd December.
Sunday School will meet on 9th Dec, for preparation and
rehearsals.

Tara Kenyon and Ann Cushion

NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

West Lancs Borough Council's Cabinet approves ambitious Local Plan Preferred Options for public consultation

West Lancashire Borough Council will shortly be embarking on a public consultation exercise and Halsall Parish Council would encourage the public to take the time to view the Plan on West Lancashire Borough Council's website and to submit their views on the proposals contained within it" either online or in writing (response forms can be downloaded from the website, or collected from local libraries or at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and returned to the Council using the address on the form)

A Local Plan Public Consultation Event will take place on **Thursday 15th November**, between the hours of **9:30am through to 9:30pm** at **The Memorial Hall, Halsall Road, Halsall (phone 01695 585194 to book an appointment)** Halsall Parish Council would encourage residents to attend this event.

PLANNING

2018/0940/FUL - Warehouse To Rear, 94 Summerwood Lane - Demolition of an existing industrial unit

followed by the erection of 4 No. 4 bedroom detached family houses.

2018/0820/FUL - Tristrams Farmhouse, Narrow Lane - Single storey front/side extension with raised patio

2018/0895/FUL - 50 Moss Road - Part single/double storey rear extension and two storey side extension

2018/0975/FUL - The Bungalow, Cross Lane - Proposed new carport and store structure

2018/1002/FUL - Malt Kiln Barn, Halsall Road - Conversion and extension of existing outbuilding into a residential dwelling, including a new boundary wall.

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.

Parish Council Meetings

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday 14th November 2018 at 7.30 p.m. at St Aiden's Hall, Renacres Lane, Shirdley Hill, 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.

INVITATION

Join Halsall Parish Council for refreshments after the Remembrance Day Sunday Service

**Sunday 11th November 2018 circa 11.30 a.m.
at**

The Memorial Hall, Halsall Road.

**Everyone attending the service is welcome to join
us afterwards**

**Can all residents please use the Memorial Hall
Car Park**

FROM YOUR BOROUGH COUNCILLOR:

WEST LANCASHIRE LOCAL PLAN REVIEW 2012-2050 HAVE YOUR SAY!

The Borough Council are consulting on the “Preferred Options” for the new Local Plan up to Thursday 13th December 2018. The documents are available online, in libraries and at the Council Offices. The link to the documents from the previous stages and the Consultation can be viewed online here:

<https://westlancs.gov.uk/lpr>

The Government now requires local Planning Authorities to conduct a review every 5 years to ensure that it is up to date. It is important that Halsall residents get involved in this consultation. Please don't miss this opportunity to take part and express your views.

The Great War

George Charles, Lance Corporal, Kings Liverpool Regiment, 14783



George was a Halsall lad through and through, the son of John and Mary Charles. He lived in Station Road in Barton and worked on the Cheshire lines railway starting work at the age of 14. He enlisted in 1914 and was attached to the 12th Battalion of the Kings Liverpool Regiment. He finished training on Salisbury plain in July 1915 and was sent on board a ship from Dover to Calais where he took part in trench familiarisation at Fleurbaix.

It wasn't long before he was plunged into action and was involved in the Battle of Mount Sorrel alongside the Canadians. Then the battalion were engaged at the Somme in Delville wood. They moved on seeing action at the battles in Flers-Courcelette, Morval, Le Transloy, Langemarck and the Cambrai operations which was a massive engagement using tanks and heavy artillery. (It is interesting to note that George's experiences were similar to those of Edmund Orritt and other lads from the Halsall area). We do not know if George got any leave to return home after such intense fighting but we do know that he sustained injuries possibly in the Cambrai campaign in November 1917 which led to him being taken back to Dover.

His parents visited him there in the hospital before he died at the age of 28 on the 21st December 1917. His body was brought back to Halsall and he was buried with full military honours in St Cuthbert's churchyard where now he rests with his family close to the main path on the north side of the church. Lance Corporal George Charles was a war hero and the great uncle of Elaine Ayre, Martin and Philip Banks.

Stephen Henders & Elaine Ayre



VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR CAROL SINGING



**We require volunteers to join us singing
carols at Tesco, Southport for 1 hour on Thursday
6th
December from 4pm onwards.**

**I will place a sign up sheet at the back of the
church from Sunday 21st October 2018**

Any further information please contact Mr E Carr on
01695 423817

WARDENS AND SIDESPERSONS

November 2018



4th	Stephen Henders	Anne Grimshaw	Anne Cushion Tara Kenyon	
11th	Lynda Bramwell	Elaine Ayre	Elaine Ayre Philip Banks	
18th	Stephen Henders		Eileen Houlgrave Ann Critchley	
25th	Lynda Bramwell	Colin Throp	Eleanor Wroe Enid Banks	

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

November 2018



11th Nov	E Banks	N Donaldson S Roberts	M Webster	L Wilkinson
25th Nov	A Critchley	P Waterworth C Moss	S Waterworth E Robinson	K Twist M Mills

ST CUTHBERT'S CHRISTMAS FAIR



Saturday 1st December
from 2.00pm
In St Cuthbert's Church Hall

A fun event for all the family.

Grand Draw
vegetable stall, cake stall, tombola,
Christmas wreaths and plants, Christmas cards
and decorations
refreshments and much more.



**This event is to raise much
needed funds for the
maintenance of the church.**



Christmas Tree Festival 2018 at Halsall Church

Anyone interested in taking part this year?

If you are, we hope to have trees in place for the weekend of 14th December 2018 and leave them on display until mid week before New Year's Eve.

As usual we will put covered boards in place for easiness.

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Halsall St Cuthbert's Primary : November Update



Admissions

All admission applications for a reception place in September 2019 should be completed online via the Lancashire or Sefton website. The deadline for applications is January 15th 2019. Parents who fulfil Admissions Criteria 3 or 4 concerning "Church Worship and Attendance", should complete a supplementary Faith form (Clergy Reference Form). This can be accessed through either the authority website or directly through school.

Anyone wishing to take a tour of the school and its facilities, is encouraged to contact the head as soon as possible on 01704-840253.

Premises

The Activity Trail repairs have now been completed and the children are enjoying using it every day. (when it's their turn!) This is an absolutely fabulous resource to help them build up their upper body strength, agility and flexibility, their spatial awareness, hand-eye co-ordination, balance, core strength, team-work skills and self-confidence.

Standards

As previously reported, the children performed superbly last year and the results were immense. We are so proud that our overall attainment is not only significantly above the National Average, but our attainment at a "Greater Depth" is also significantly above the National Average.

These results are a clear indication that we provide not only effective support for all children, but also robust challenge for the more-able and we set our expectations high. (see below)

<u>Key Stage 1</u>	<u>Expected Level</u>		<u>Greater Depth</u>		
	<u>School</u>	<u>NA</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>NA</u>	<u>(Above</u>
<u>NA)</u>					
Reading	86%	75%	45%	26%	+ 19%
Maths	96%	75%	41%	22%	+ 19%
Writing	78%	68%	23%	16%	+7%
Comb Reading, Writing and Maths	73%	65%			

<u>Key Stage 2</u>	<u>Expected Level</u>		<u>Greater Depth</u>		
	<u>School</u>	<u>NA</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>NA</u>	<u>(Above</u>
<u>NA)</u>					
Reading	100%	75%	59%	28%	+31%
Maths	100%	76%	65%	24%	+ 41%
Punctuation/Spelling/Grammar	100%	78%	71%	34%	+37%
Writing	88%	76%	47%	18%	+29%

Christmas Shows

Last year we raised over £2,200 for The Christmas Foundation. What a brilliant effort. This year we shall be raising money for the NSPCC and a children's cancer charity. (yet to be decided by the school council)

In December, we'll have shows on :

Tuesday 11th 10-00am Cinderella

Wednesday 12th 2-00pm Cinderella

Thursday 13th 7-30pm Cinderella

Friday 14th 9-30am Reception Nativity

Members of the local community are very welcome to come along to the Tuesday morning performance. Tickets will be available soon, all priced at £4. Many thanks.

Harvest Service

Many thanks to everyone who supported the children at the Harvest Service at St Cuthbert's Church in early October. They certainly sang a few lively songs and it was lovely to see them worshipping, full of confidence and enjoying the occasion. A special thanks to everyone who donated food, those who helped distribute everything to people in need and to those who helped decorate the church so well. It looked beautiful.

Alzheimer's Society

We held a Coffee and Cake afternoon at school in early October. We wanted to raise money to support those who suffer from dementia. Nearly everyone knows someone who is struggling in this way. It was a big success and we raised more than £200. Many thanks to all those who donated or baked cakes, to those who helped organise the event and to everyone who came along to support. (there were some gorgeous home-made cakes) Yummy.

PTFA

The PTFA continues to raise valuable funds to support the children's education at Halsall St Cuthbert's. To support our school trips to the zoo and safari parks, stately homes, the airport, the beach, museums, the cinema, castles etc, the PTFA pledges £25 per child per year. This often enables teachers to organise 2 trips through the year and not have to ask for parental contributions. This is a well appreciated and wonderful gesture.

Please support the biggest fundraising events of the year, the Bonfire and Fireworks Night. It's on Monday 5th November. All profits will go to further enhance the children's education at Halsall C.E.

D Scholes (Head Teacher)



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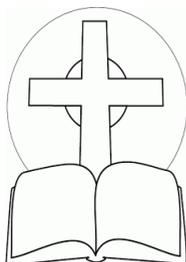
SANCTUARY LIGHTS



November

2nd	Henry Eric Kenyon
8th	Jessie Grimshaw (Birthday)
10th	Annie Marshall (Anniversary)
11th	James Balshaw (Birthday)
13th	Joshua Sutton
15th	Jack Lea (Remembrance)
19th	John Rimmer
19th	Richard Bolton Ainscough (Birthday)
23rd	Ellen Blundell
27th	Nellie Sutton
27th	Margaret Heaton (Anniversary)

Halsall from the Registers



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Halsall St Cuthbert's
C.E. Primary School

PTFA
Bonfire and
Fireworks Display
Monday 5th November



From
6-00pm

Entry Adults £5
Students £1 (with ID)
Children free

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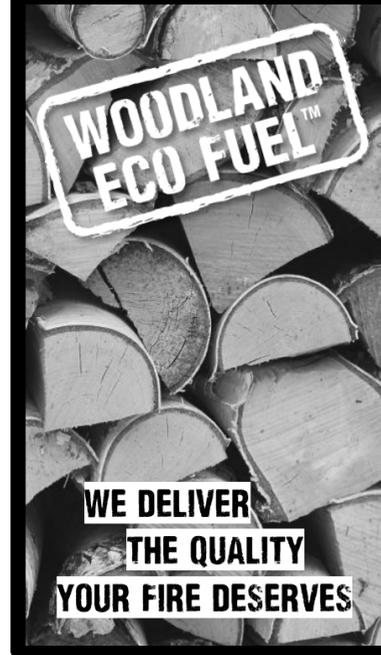
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General garden tasks

Carry out winter digging or forking over.

Check over the garden for anything that`s likely to be at risk from frost

Continue cutting the grass if conditions allow, but raise the blades,

Collect up dead leaves from the lawn & make leaf mould & potting compost

Lay turf if you didn`t last month

Plant & move bare-root trees & shrubs

Stake well any newly planted trees

Sow seeds of hardy shrubs & trees

Plant tulips this month

Dig up dahlia tubers once the plants start to die off after the first frosts

Protect container plants from the cold, wet & windy weather

Continue harvesting leeks & Brussels sprouts.

Plant fruit trees

Ventilate the greenhouse on warm days but reduce watering

Check stored fruit & vegetables

Grow windowsill & salad herbs

Do your autumn pond clear-out if you didn`t get round to it last month

Clean pool filters & check cables for pumps & lights

Watch out for

Snails in crevices around the garden

Mice in sheds & greenhouses especially where there is stored fruit

Pigeons pinching your winter greens

Squirrels digging up your bulbs

Windy weather disturbing tree stakes chaffing the bark.

Get ahead

Think about any garden designing & alterations you`d like to do over the winter months

Give the lawn mower a maintenance check now or over the winter

Start winter pruning

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