

# HALSALL NEWS



**September 2014**

## CHURCH CLEANING ROTA FOR SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2014

|          |                                   |                            |                          |
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| 7th Sept | A Critchley<br>K Twist            | P Waterworth<br>K Orrit    | S Waterworth             |
| 21st Sep | P Carr<br>A Grimshaw              | E Houlgrave<br>J Showering | E Carr<br>S Lloyd        |
| 5th Oct  | B Knowles<br>S Jessop             | E Wroe<br>K Mudd           | J Quinn                  |
| 19th Oct | E Banks<br>L Wilkinson<br>E Parry | N Harbinson<br>C Meehan    | M Webster<br>D Backhouse |



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## **THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST.CUTHBERT, HALSALL**

### **Rector**

The Revd Paul Robinson

The Rectory

Church Lane

Lydiate

L31 4HL

**Phone:** 0151 526 0512

**Email:** frpaul.robinson@btinternet.com

**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.**

**Support Our Soldiers is a charity who send Shoe Boxes to our troops in Afghanistan and raise monies to help injured troops and their families. Their campaign is an all year round one. If you would like to know more about this charity they can be contacted by e-mail at [fundraising@soldierscharity.org](mailto:fundraising@soldierscharity.org)**

**HALSALL PARISH COUNCIL  
WE MEET 2ND WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH  
AT ST AIDANS & THE MEMORIAL HALLS ALTERNATELY  
PLEASE SEE NOTICE BOARDS FOR DETAILS**

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|                   |              |                     |
|-------------------|--------------|---------------------|
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| <br>              |              |                     |
| Dave Bond         | 07837787525  | Parish Clerk        |

## THE CHURCH OF ST CUTHBERT, HALSALL

|                  |                       |               |
|------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| Rector           | The Rev Paul Robinson | 0151 526 0512 |
| Church Wardens   | Malcolm Serjeant      | 01704 841 604 |
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| P.C.C. Treasurer | Colin Throp           | 01704 841 281 |
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## OTHER USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

|                                      |               |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|
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| Norweb                               | 0800 195 4141 |
| Manweb                               | 0845 272 2424 |
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| Local Police Officers                | 01695 424000  |
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In recognition of the centenary of the start of World War One we commemorate the local men who did not return. The names below are as they appear on the war memorial at Halsall.



## 1914—1918



|       |                     |                       |
|-------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| CPL   | ROBERT HALSALL      | KINGS (LIVERPOOL) REG |
| "     | EDWARD TOWNSEND     | "                     |
| L/CPL | DAVID OSWALD        | "                     |
| PTE   | DAVID BRETHERTON    | "                     |
| "     | GEORGE CHARLES      | "                     |
| "     | JAMES CHEETHAM      | "                     |
| "     | EDWARD CULSHAW      | "                     |
| "     | RICHARD C GIBBONS   | "                     |
| "     | THOMAS JENKINSON    | "                     |
| "     | HUGH KENNEDY        | "                     |
| "     | CHRISTOPHER LONGTON | "                     |
| "     | GEORGE R MARSHALL   | "                     |
| "     | CHARLES SAINT       | "                     |
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| L/CPL | JOSEPH D RHODES     | HAMP REG              |
| GNR   | HARRY RAWLINSON     | RGA                   |
| CQSM  | JOSEPH SERJEANT     | G. GDS                |
| DVR   | GEORGE GREAVES      | RASC                  |
| PTE   | WALTER HALSALL      | MGC                   |
| "     | JOHN J KNOWLES      | RWF                   |
| "     | JAMES MARSHALL      | MGC                   |
| "     | PETER SHARROCK      | KOSB                  |
| "     | FREDERICK WRIGHT    | CHES REG              |
| "     | JOHN CULSHAW        | LNL                   |
| "     | WILLIAM GERMAN      | MGC INFANTRY          |
| "     | WILLIAM HESKETH     | KINGS REGT            |
| DVR   | JOHN HYLAND         | RHA/RFA               |
| PTE   | ALBERT KEATING      | LANC FUS              |
| "     | THOMAS KNOWLES      | KINGS REG             |
| "     | ANDERSON NIXON      | KINGS REG             |
| "     | CHARLES S PRESCOTT  | LABOUR CORPS          |
| TPR   | JOSEPH S PRESCOTT   | DRAGOON GRDS          |
| PTE   | JAMES THRELFALL     | LABOUR CORP           |
| "     | THOMAS TODD         | RAMC                  |

## **St Cuthbert's Church Spire update....**

The work to finally stabilise the spire was finally completed in the Spring with the removal of the weathervane and a number of stonework courses before the temporary capping of the spire top. The spire now sports a substantial "wooden overcoat" which will hold the remaining stonework in place until the permanent solution is adopted. All of this initial work has been funded through the magnificent fundraising efforts of the Halsall community who to date have raised just over £20,000 in total.

**Thank you so much to all who have given so far.**

The fundraising journey, however, must continue to enable the full restoration of the spire to be completed and as part of this the Church has sought financial support from the Heritage Lottery Fund. The application included the repairs to the roof of the choir vestry as it is logical and more cost effective to carry out both repairs at the same time.

The Heritage Lottery Fund have agreed to support the work that is needed to develop the specification of works and the tender phases and ultimately will provide the Church with a grant of £240,400 towards the full cost of the repairs. In submitting this bid the Church has agreed to continue fundraising to support the overall costs and has accepted that it will further develop the heritage resources within the church environment. As part of this we intend to make a variety of historical records held within the church more accessible to the public using both modern day technology together with more traditional approaches.

There is still a considerable amount of work to be done as part of this phase and the likelihood is that we will not see any works starting before spring/summer 2015. In the meantime we will be continuing to redouble our fundraising efforts with more social events and through other unique ventures such as the recently published book "Curfew over the Moss" by Stephen Henders.

As and when further progress is made we will continue to report through this newsletter.

**St Cuthbert's PCC**

ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH  
INVITE YOU TO  
COME AND JOIN US FOR  
OUR NEXT  
**Family Eucharist Service**

on  
**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September**  
at  
**9.30 am for Refreshments**  
(Available from 9.15am)

**9.45am Service begins**  
A Fun Service for **ALL** the Family







**Sunday Service in the United Benefice for September**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September – Trinity 12**

|         |                            |               |
|---------|----------------------------|---------------|
| 8.00am  | BCP Holy Communion         | St Thomas'    |
| 9.30am  | BCP Holy Communion + Hymns | St Cuthbert's |
| 11.15am | CW Sung Eucharist          | St Thomas'    |

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September – Holy Cross**

|         |                    |               |
|---------|--------------------|---------------|
| 8.00am  | BCP Holy Communion | St Thomas'    |
| 9.30am  | CW Sung Eucharist  | St Cuthbert's |
| 11.15am | Parade Service     | St Thomas'    |

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September – St Matthew**

|         |                            |               |
|---------|----------------------------|---------------|
| 8.00am  | BCP Holy Communion         | St Thomas'    |
| 9.30am  | BCP Holy Communion + Hymns | St Cuthbert's |
| 11.15am | CW Sung Eucharist          | St Thomas'    |

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September – Trinity 15**

|         |                         |               |
|---------|-------------------------|---------------|
| 8.00am  | BCP Holy Communion      | St Thomas'    |
| 9.30am  | Family/Parade Eucharist | St Cuthbert's |
| 11.15am | Family Eucharist        | St Thomas'    |

**Mid-Week Services in the United Benefice for September**

|                                      |            |           |                         |
|--------------------------------------|------------|-----------|-------------------------|
| Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September  | 10.00am    | Eucharist | St Cuthbert's<br>Church |
| Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September | 10.00am    | Eucharist | St Cuthbert's<br>Church |
| Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September | NO SERVICE |           |                         |
| Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September | NO SERVICE |           |                         |

## The Reader Writes

I do hope that you have enjoyed the summer break as I have. It's been quite hard work at times, I love looking after my grandchildren but there is no denying their boundless energy can be quite tiring. We've had some lovely outings and it was on one trip to Blue Planet in the play area that something struck me. Two little girls were having a bust up, screaming, shouting, pushing and shoving. Mum quickly intervened, calmed them down and made them say sorry to each other. They did it most reluctantly after much prompting and quite obviously didn't mean it at all! I realized then that we often say sorry as a matter of habit, but how often do we really mean it?

Sometimes it's easy to say when it's something minor, like bumping into someone in the supermarket or walking past someone you know well without saying hello, because your mind was elsewhere. When it becomes difficult is when we know we have done something deliberately wrong; firstly it can be really hard to admit a fault, but then it's so much harder sometimes almost impossible, to say sorry to someone you have hurt or offended. Most of us however hard it is will eventually swallow our pride, say sorry and make amends but this is never easy.

We so often grieve and hurt our Heavenly Father and when we come to church we say sorry for this in the general confession. But do we really mean it?

One definition of sorry is, a feeling of sadness, sympathy and disappointment for someone because we have caused something unpleasant to be done to them. Saying sorry to God and meaning it, then trying to do better is very important for our relationship with God and for our growth as Christians. At our Deanery Quiet day we were given a Celtic prayer for forgiveness; several people have asked for a copy, so here it is. I do hope you find it as good a way to say sorry to God as I do.

Wishing you every blessing

**Glen.**

*Oh God of Life, grant me your forgiveness,  
For my wild thoughts, for my thoughtless deeds and my  
empty speech and words with which I wounded.*

*O loving Christ, hanged upon a tree, yet risen in the  
morning, scatter the sin from my soul, like the mists from  
the hills.*

*Begin what I do, inform what I say, redeem who I am. In  
you I place my hope, my great hope, my living hope, this  
day and ever more, Amen.*

Ps, Please remember in your prayers all those returning to school after the summer break especially those children, teachers and helpers in our wonderful Church Schools; and particularly those children and parents for whom beginning school is the next big step in the world of childhood.

**September at-a-glance**

Not so long ago, September was the end of the season – time to put the garden to bed- but not anymore. Mild autumns allow us to continue growing plants that slot into the summer border to give you another month or two of colour & interest. Happy Gardening.

**General Tasks**

Keep watering, feeding & deadheading – it does pay off!

Cut back any perennial stems that have finished flowering –like Iris Sibirica- to tidy garden.

Get the compost going – clearing generates a huge amount of waste.

Repair broken lawn edges, bumps & hollows.

Make new lawns from seed but delay laying turf till October.

Plant or move evergreens so the roots can establish before the first frosts.

Clip hornbeam, beech, Leyland cypress & thuja hedges before the middle of the month.

Cut slow growing yew & box hedges now if you only want to do the job once each year.

Plant spring flowering bulbs.

Replace summer bedding as it comes to an end with plants for winter & spring interest.

Deadhead & protect dahlias- but allow them to blacken with the first frost before lifting.

Collect seed from perennials.

Walk round the garden & move any perennials or shrubs that need a different position.

Watch out for early frosts & move any tender plants under cover.

Plant spring cabbage.

Cut down asparagus foliage once it has turned yellow or buff (it may occur next month)

Pot up herbs such as chives, mint, basil, coriander & parsley.

Continue harvesting blackberries, early apple varieties – pears at the end of the month.

Reduce the watering & feeding of all greenhouse plants.

Continue to feed fish until the weather breaks.

Give a final light thinning-out of oxygenating plants, but only if necessary.

**Plants in their Prime**

Liriope muscari. Kniphophias. Solidago. Actaea. Perennial grasses. Aster. Clematis varieties.

Physalis. Schizostylis. Cyclamen hederifolium. Callicara. Zauschneria. Tricytis. Hydrangea. Pervoskia. Cistus. Hebe. Osmanthus. Hypericum. Tamarix.

Solanum. Agapanthus. Anemone. Dianthus. Chrysanthemum. Helenium. Monarda. Nepeta. Phlox. Hemerocallis. Penstemon. Rudbeckia. Salvia. Sedum. Canna. Galatoina. Campanula. Gladiolus. Dahlia. Silene.

## NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

### PROJECTS

**New Loft Insulation at St Aiden's** now installed  
**Halsall Signs** erected at Segars Lane and New Cut Lane.

### PLANNING APPLICATION

**2014/0677/FUL** - 4 Summerwood Lane - Single storey side extension to form a granny annexe. Insertion of additional window and door to rear elevation

**2014/0785/FUL** - Plex Brow Farm - Removal of Condition No.3 imposed on planning permission 2009/0237/FUL to allow the normal permitted development rights to be available to Plex Brow Farm

**2014/0642/FUL** - Plex Brow Farm - Proposed building to provide stabling for two horses/machinery store/workshop

**2014/0661/FUL** - 32 Heathey Lane - Extension of original conservatory

**P.A.C.T.** (Police And Communities Together) Meetings are held in Haskayne Village Hall 109 School Lane with public participation.

For information and the latest news visit:

<http://www.lancashire.police.uk/neighbourhood/halsall>

### PARKING

Can all residents please ensure when parking not to obstruct pavements or park in bus lay-bys. Pedestrians with prams and wheelchair users need to be able to use the pavement and you should allow enough room when parking to enable them to do so.

### Parish Council Meetings

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2014 at 7.30 p.m. in 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](mailto:davebondhpc@aol.com) in advance of the meeting so that this can be arranged in an organised manner in order to minimise any disruptions.**

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

**The Parish Council Website** [www.halsallparish.com](http://www.halsallparish.com) includes agendas and minutes of previous meetings.

## EXPLORATORY DRILLING/FRACKING FOR SHALE OIL AND/OR GAS IN HALSALL

### UPDATE

The Parish Council has been advised by Tesla that the proposed seismic survey in PEDL 164 has been postponed until 2015. However Aurora Exploration (UK) Ltd. have applied to Lancashire County Council for an extension of planning permission (LCC/2014/0095) at Norris Farm, Downholland Moss Lane, Formby until May 2016, where exploratory drilling has already taken place in the green belt.

The present government is openly committed to fracking and, to assist it, they are proposing to change the law of trespass to allow the exploration companies to carry out horizontal drilling under your home without your permission. There is an official government consultation on the subject online at:

<https://econsultation.decc.gov.uk/decc-policy/consultation-on-underground-drilling-access>

The governments' stance is that extraction of shale oil and gas will be up and running by the end of this year. They maintain that it is for the good of the country and that it will bring money to local neighbourhoods. David Cameron has said:

*"Companies have agreed to pay £100,000 to every community situated near an exploratory well where they're looking to see if shale gas exists. If gas is then extracted, 1 per cent of the revenue – perhaps as much as £10 million – will go straight back to residents who live nearby. This is money that could be used for a variety of purposes – from reductions in council-tax bills to investment in neighbourhood schools. It's important that local people share in the wealth generated by fracking."*

It should be noted that residents in New York State opposed fracking even though they were offered 12.5%. The reason for this was due to the low yield of oil from fracking (less than 100<sup>th</sup> of conventional wells) which meant very little benefits to the community to offset the risk of environmental/structural damage even though the US government had not withdrawn the rights to individual compensation.

Your Parish Council would like to collate residents' views before the seismic survey takes place next year and a very short survey is overleaf. Please can you tear out the page and drop it off at Halsall Garage or the Pharmacy.

Alternatively If you would like it to be collected please call Maureen on 07542688744.

**YOUR RESPONSE REALLY MATTERS**

**HALSALL RESIDENTS' SURVEY**

**HAVE YOU HEARD OF FRACKING PRIOR TO THIS SURVEY:**

Yes

No

**DO YOU AGREE THAT FRACKING IS GOOD FOR THE COUNTRY:**

Yes

No

**DO YOU WANT TO SEE EXPLORATORY DRILLING/FRACKING IN HALSALL:**

Yes

No

**DO YOU CONSIDER THAT THE CASH OFFERED WOULD MAKE UP FOR THE CONSEQUENCES OF DRILLING/FRACKING AND THE DAMAGE TO THE LANDSCAPE OF HALSALL:**

Yes

No

**WOULD YOU SUPPORT THE SETTING UP OF A GROUP AGAINST EXPLORATORY DRILLING/FRACKING IN HALSALL:**

Yes

No

**IF YOU WISH TO BE INVOLVED IN FUTURE COMMUNICATIONS PLEASE LEAVE YOUR TELEPHONE NUMBER AND/OR EMAIL ADDRESS BELOW:**

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# HALSALL FROM THE REGISTERS

## June/July 2014

### Weddings

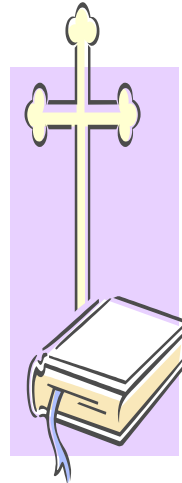
7th June 2014  
James Colin Pope and Anna Jayne Stewart

14th June 2014  
Samuel Robert Heyes and Ruth Margaret McDowell

27th June  
Neil Harry Fewtrell and Sarah Michelle Baxter

5th July  
Richard John Maude and Victoria Anne McDerby

12th July  
Peter Thomas Loines and Carol Claire McGonigal



### Funerals

4th June  
Gerry Musker

30th June  
Andrew Cain

## WARDENS AND SIDESPERSONS

SEPTEMBER 2014



| DATE | WARDEN           | SIDESPERSONS     |                  |
|------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 7th  | Malcolm Serjeant | Eleanor Wroe     | Stephanie Hilton |
| 14th | Brian Heaton     | Bill Banks       | John Wroe        |
| 21st | Marilyn Westley  | Beryl Sephton    | Bill White       |
| 28th | Lynda Bramwell   | Eileen Houlgrave | Ann Critchley    |



# **HARVEST SUPPER**

**& Entertainment by Tara Kenyon**

**Saturday 11th October  
In St Cuthbert's CE  
School Hall, Halsall  
7.30pm**

**in aid of the Church Spire Appeal**

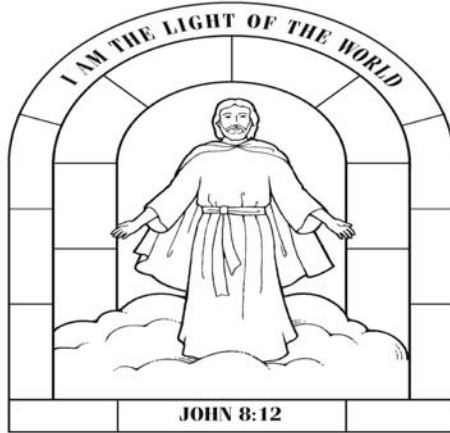
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**Please bring your own beverages  
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# SANCTUARY LIGHTS

## SEPTEMBER



- 3rd Annie Smith (Birthday)
- 3rd Ron Tillett
- 4th Lawrence Baldwin (Birthday)
- 7th Angela Hilton
- 14th Margery Smith
- 16th Raymond Lewis
- 16th Annie Sutton
- 18th Jennifer Kitching (Anniversary)
- 19th Joe Balmer
- 20th James Hilton (Remembrance)
- 21st James Rimmer (Birthday)
- 22nd Harry Core (Birthday)
- 29th John Rynhart

# **HALLS FOR HIRE**

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**Trust Secretary on 01704 534090**

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## **HALSALL PARISH CENTRE**

**The Parish Centre is available for private lettings**

**Please contact Mr Scholes at school**

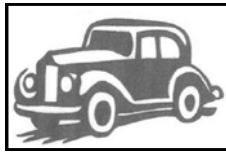
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I am writing to thank all of the wonderful people belonging to St Thomas and St Cuthbert's Church who have supported our troops over the last 6 years.

As most of our troops have returned or will be home soon I will no longer be sending parcels to Afghanistan. I hope that the sacrifices that have been made will leave a lasting legacy of peace and tolerance in that part of our world.



I could not have sent in excess of 1,100 parcels without the help of our amazing church communities.

I know by the letters I have received from our troops that the parcels were such a moral booster. To think that a new face cloth or a packet of biscuits or a drawing by one of the children etc could make our troops feel that they haven't been forgotten and that they are loved and thought of.

I have some items left which I will keep for a short while just in case I hear of anyone still serving that I can send to. After a period of time I will pass them on to a food bank via one of our parents which in turn will again help someone in need to know they are cared about.

So a massive massive thank you again.

With love from Kath Lockley

**Please note that if anyone would still like to continue to support our troops there is a new e-mail contact address /details on page 3 for Support Our Soldiers**

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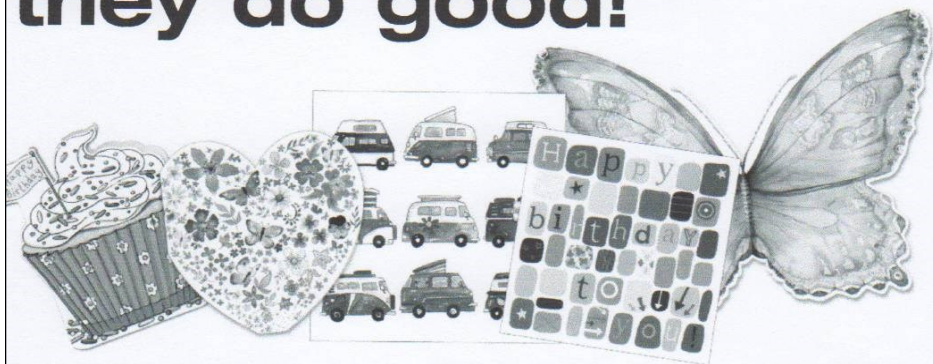
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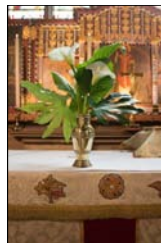
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