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May 2021

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Well as I write it seems even one of our favourite national sports, football, isn't immune to the upheavals and disappointments of this last year, as if there wasn't enough going on already! Thankfully we've been able to meet again in person in our churches over the last few weeks and this looks set to continue, so if you would like space to pray or re-connect then please do join us on a Sunday, 8am or 11am at St.Thomas', and 9.30am at St. Cuthbert's.

We also continue to meet on zoom at 9.30am on a Sunday with a special (highly recommended!) group for children, please contact Rev Alex or Stephanie in the office if you'd like to join us this way. Hopefully too our baptism services will recommence shortly.

'Space' has been one of the challenges of Covid-on the one hand we've had to keep our distance and miss familiar contact with friends and colleagues, on the other it's been hard to make space in our heads to keep track of what is going on. Traditionally one of the ways Christians have looked for relational warmth and clearer thinking is in prayer, and especially prayer together:

God is our refuge and our strength, an ever-present help in trouble... Be still and know that I am God, I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth...

The Lord Almighty is with us; The God of Jacob is our fortress (words from Psalm 46)

Please be assured of our prayers for our communities in these times of upheaval, and may I wish you space and peace as we make our way slowly out of lockdowns and restrictions

With very best wishes

lan Hopkins (Interim vicar)



#### Sunday Services in the United Benefice for May 2021

#### Sunday 2nd May

8.00am	St Thomas'
9.30am	St Cuthbert's
9.30am 11am	ZOOM Service (With children's group) St Thomas'

#### Sunday 9th May

8.00am 9.30am	St Thomas' St Cuthbert's
9.30am	ZOOM Service (With children's group
11am	St Thomas'

#### Sunday 16th May

St Thomas'
St Cuthbert's
ZOOM Service (With children's group)
St Thomas'

#### Sunday 23rd May

8.00am	St Thomas'
9.30am	St Cuthbert's
9.30am	ZOOM Service (With children's group)
11am	St Thomas'

#### Sunday 30th May

8.00am	St Thomas'
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9.30am	ZOOM Service (With children's group)
11am	St Thomas'

## For ZOOM login details please contact Rev Alex or Stephanie in the office.

## The Annual meeting of Halsall Parish Council

## Will be held on

# Wednesday 12th May at 7.30pm

## At The Memorial Hall Halsall Road Halsall

(Subject to any changes in government policy.)

#### Report from Halsall St Cuthbert's Primary

#### Back to Normal

With Covid cases reducing and restrictions being eased, we are trying to get back to normal in school. Whilst still following our strict health and safety procedures related to social distancing, masks, sanitising hands, etc we are hopefully bringing back the excitement to school and the anticipation of fun times in the future. This is what we've already done and are planning to do through the summer term.



Character Dress Day (raised over £200 for Red Nose Day) Sports Clubs after school each night Swimming lessons (Years 4/5+6) Nature walk to the canal West Lancashire Primary Schools Sports Partnership activities Mini Wheelers for Class H Trip to Ainsdale beach Day trip to Haigh Hall Forest Schools Workshops for the reception children Class visit to Speke Hall PGL and Llandudno residentials Strawberry Teas Class visit to a farm Induction meeting for new parents and taster days for their children **Family Fun Night** Sports Day And we've also welcomed back Rev lan Hopkins for a fortnightly worship. The children really look forward to his visits.

#### Catch-Up

We have been allocated a small sum of money by the government to help with our '**learning catch-up'** programme. We are supporting individuals and groups of children in English and Mathematics and this is really making a difference. Having 12 very capable teaching assistants on the school staff is certainly a great benefit, as we strive to make up for what for most children, is almost a year of lost learning.

#### Governors.

Mrs Jan Sephton (local authority governor) has now stepped down from the governing body. A big thanks to Jan for all her hard work and commitment over the past few years. She showed herself to be a very thoughtful, considered and astute governor and we wish her all the best for the future.

#### Governors.

I am pleased to announce that Mrs Anne Throp has been appointed as a foundation governor at Halsall St Cuthbert's. We wish her well in this new role.

#### Residential Trips PGL

I am pleased to announce that despite having had the 2 original PGL holidays cancelled because of lockdown restrictions, we have now managed to secure alternative dates in July. This is great news. Fingers crossed now that the government's "opening up" of activities will go ahead as planned and we can get back to some form of normality. The children can't wait for the abseiling, climbing, canoeing, orienteering, archery, high ropes and go-carting.

#### <u>YEAR 6</u>

The Year 6 Llandudno holiday is also expected to go-ahead, if the Covid 19 situation continues to improve. I am presently organising the week's timetable and hopefully the children will have an amazing time. We would hope to walk around the Great Orme, visit a castle, spend a day on Anglesey, tour Colwyn Bay Zoo, visit a mine, go beachcombing and paddle in the sea. They'll be absolutely shattered but what an experience!

It is worth acknowledging that these opportunities wouldn't be possible, if it weren't for the commitment of so many members of staff, giving up their time freely. They provide excellent supervision during these residentials and they deserve our sincere thanks.

#### Admissions

We have sent admissions confirmation letters to the parents of 20 children who were offered a place to start in September 2021. If any parents were offered a different school, whether is Lancashire or Sefton, and they still wish to send their child to Halsall St Cuthbert's, please contact school as soon as possible to discuss the matter. Many thanks.

#### Dogs on School Premises

There appears that there are dogs being walked on the school premises. (school field, playground and the activity trail). If you witness anyone walking their dog in school, please could you let us know.

Doug Scholes (Head Teacher)

Class L Children's topic on different pets and especially dogs.





The topic included some interesting visitors.

## Below is the Reception Class on their mini wheelers.

What a great time they had!



#### Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition 2021

Halsall is once again entered into this competition and after getting a runner-up place last time, we are hoping to go one better this year.

The Competition has been in existence for over 60 years and has encouraged community effort involvement to bring about a high standard of maintenance and care in Lancashire villages.

#### What's it all about?

Recognising villages that have put effort into making their village look its best and encouraging people to take pride in where they live.

#### How does the competition work?

There are five categories, and Halsall falls within the Large Village Class.

Two sets of judges (ordinary members of the public) visit each of the villages twice during June and July and award marks on various items.

The villages with the highest sets of marks will receive a further visit from committee members in the second round of judging.

Two villages with the highest marks will go forward to the final judging stage in August.

In addition to an award for the whole village, certificates are given for outstanding features such as churches, schools, pubs, public gardens,

#### What are the judges looking for?

An absence of weeds and litter

Cleanliness of bus shelters and telephone boxes Well cared for private properties, community buildings, places of worship and commercial premises.

Well maintained open spaces, playing field and children's play areas

A feeling of community and care

If everyone does their bit then maybe this year we will be WINNERS!!

## Halsall Scarecrows Trail



### Fathers Day Weekend Sat 19th & Sun 20th June

#### This year there will be a theme -Everyday Helpers in Our Lives

This could include any occupation (eg nurse, fireman, waiter, chef, hairdresser) or a charity worker, neighbour, friend or relative etc. We will be holding a competition for the favourite scarecrow voted for by the children.

The trail will follow this map

If you live outside this area and you want to take part in the trail and competition you can bring your scarecrow up to the village centre on Thursday 17th or Friday 18th between 6pm and 7pm and there will someone to help you find a place for it to be displayed.



Please get your thinking caps on and display your scarecrow outside your house from the beginning of June

Let's have a great crop of scarecrows in 2021!

For further info Visit Halsall Scarecrows Facebook page or contact Eleanor Wroe - elliwroe@hotmail.com 01704 841 216 Roy & Tara Kenyon - tarakenyon99@yahoo.com 01704 840 176 Enid Banks -<u>enidbanks@aol.com</u> 01704 567 654

## Are you fed-up with doing the same old walks?

Walking in Lancashire <u>http://www.walkinginlancs.co.uk</u> is the website for you!

With hundreds of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, contact details for all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Lancashire (part of the Walking in England suite of websites (<u>www.walkinginengland.co.uk</u>) – one for each county in England) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

#### John Harris

www.walkinginengland.co.uk

email: john@walkinginengland.co.uk

#### 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.

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

#### SANCTUARY LIGHT

#### MAY

- 1st Charles P Mansbridge (Birthday)
- 2nd Henry Eric Kenyon (Birthday)
- 2nd Florrie Pilling (Birthday)
- 2nd Alan Georgeson Birthday)
- 4th Dennis Stanley Markham
- 4th Marion Chadwick (Birthday)
- 5th Mary Critchley
- 5th Harry Blundell (Anniversary)
- 7th Henry Serjeant (Birthday)
- 8th Lucy Proctor (Birthday)
- 9th Ian Holcroft (Birthday)
- 9th George Henry Porter
- 11th Doreen Porter
- 12th William Prescott
- 15th Marian Austin (Birthday)
- 20th John & Cissie Morris
- 21st Harold Dean
- 21st Gerald Musker
- 24th Marian Austin
- 27th Margaret Balshaw
- 27th Annie Sumner
- 29th Joseph Huyton (Birthday)
- 31st John Johnson



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	2nd May	P Carr	E Houlgrave A Webster	E Carr J Aynsley	A Grimshaw
	16th May	E Wroe	J Wroe J Stone	A Cushion S Richards	G Williams
	30th May	E Banks	N Donaldson S Roberts	M Webster M Cheetham	L Wilkinson



#### WARDENS AND SIDESPERSONS

May 2020



2nd	Lynda Bramwell	Anne Grimshaw	Bill Banks John Wroe
9th	Lynda Bramwell	Angela Webster	Beryl Sephton Tara Kenyon
16th	Lynda Bramwell	Colin Throp	Rebecca Ridley Ann Cushion
23rd	Lynda Bramwell	Elaine Ayres	Elaine Ayre Philip Banks
30th	Lynda Bramwell	Colin Throp	Eleanor Wroe Enid Banks

Two more projects completed on behalf of our Village Proud and Tidy Group in the village last week. Thank you to Brian Lloyd who painted and erected a new fence in the middle of Bishop's Walk and also thanks to Andy Snaylam who gave the post box and telephone box an overhaul. Well done your help is very much appreciated.





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#### **Gleanings from the Parish News 1975-1985**

In September 1975 the parish newsletter was relaunched in a different format. Previously it was available to buy and contained a portion of the Church Times; now it was free and included parish council news. It was delivered to every home in the ecclesiastical parish of Halsall and that included the northern edge of Haskayne. In the summer, a flower and crafts fair at the church had attracted 10,000 visitors and in 1977 the parish prepared for a special year. There was the silver jubilee of Elizabeth II, the Rose Queen and the flower festival. It was decided that the Queen's Silver anniversary should primarily be a celebration for the children of the parish and this became the task of the newly appointed head teacher Doug Bonner, who had taken over in September 1976 to prepare the children for the event.

First of all there was the matter of making right the church roof. The roof above the chancel had been disfigured by damage, caused during theft of lead in February 1976. It had become increasingly difficult to have the roof insured because of repeated thefts. Canon Bullough was an effective fund raiser and parishioners responded to his appeals. The Rector also voiced fears that the Parish would in future have to merge. He would voice similar concerns later in the year over the demise of the Kings James bible and the prayer book. The Rose Queen day took place on the 6<sup>th</sup> July followed by the Queen Elizabeth's silver anniversary and after this The Halsall Festival on 17<sup>th</sup> July 1977 included, a concert by the Chester Singers, ,a parish cricket match and a miss Halsall competition. The festival service in the morning was addressed by the bishop of Liverpool. A week of activities included a fashion show and a children's pet competition. It was a busy and interesting time for the people of Halsall but in the same month the east window of the church was broken in several places and the water tap in the graveyard was vandalised. Funds were raised and the windows were shielded with reinforced glass of the type used on Concorde the supersonic aircraft. Further problems came with Dutch Elm disease and 20 Elms in the churchyard were infected and later felled. The church still continued to be unlocked during the day but threat of increasing thefts was beginning to make the PCC review security.

Despite this Halsall's year turned shining again when, in October The Best Kept Village award was won by Halsall. Not only did Halsall win but they took the prestigious first place in the champions class which was the highest merit. Again events went topsy turvy when tragedy struck the village. Late in October Kathy Moores the young bride of David Moores died in a freak car accident on the moss. She was buried under the blossom tree in the churchyard only 26 years old.

The next year 1978 started with an appeal from Edward Carr the Choirmaster for choristers and this was successful with new members in all sections of the choir.

Jack Huyton took on the responsibility of Churchwarden from Bob Heaton and Christine Rigby was crowned Rose Queen. In 1979 Harry Sergeant after several years faithful service stood down from churchwarden and John Grimshaw was appointed. The Rose Queen that year was Sally Critchley. Olga Baxter retired from the position of Deputy Head at the school after many years sterling service. Farming was in the news when William Stopforth was awarded the British Empire Medal for services to agriculture. In November Ormskirk Music society gave a concert at the church and plans were made to stage a medieval weekend in the coming year with the re-enactment of a battle from the civil war by the sealed Knot heritage company.

Canon Bullough started the new decade by quoting the prayer of St Francis of Assisi paraphrasing Margaret Thatcher who had been elected Prime Minister 6 months earlier. Later he would denounce the demise of religion in schools and falling standards by quoting Pink Floyd's 'Brick in the wall' as an example of subversive attitudes. The early 1980's were punctuated by a series of thefts and vandalism from the church roof. In May 1982 the North side of the chancel was stripped of lead. In July 1980 Rose Queen was Sally Hirst. Christine Webster was followed by Diane Webster as Rose queen in 1981/2 respectively.

In 1983 the store sheds were burgled and the lawn mower was stolen .August 1983 saw restoration work on the reredos, the Halsall/Stanley tomb the George III coat of arms and the ancient text under the clerestory window. The candlesticks given by Hilda Lethbridge were also refurbished.

In September 1984 the rector wrote "The coal strike and the dock strike are destroying so many hopes for the future" In November 1984 Canon Bullough celebrated 25 years as Rector of Halsall and in his speech he warned of a 'Mrs Beeton compendium of liturgical anarchy' facing the church with various alternative orders of service. The PCC had stuck firmly to the traditional prayer book service and this had been firmly endorsed in 1980 when the PCC decided that the ASB alternative Service Book would not be introduced.

The Halsall WI played host to Dr Bird in November 1984 who regaled the women with tales of Halsall. He claimed that workmen working on one of the pillars in the 1920's had discovered treasure, 'a shower of gold coins' which were sold at Christies Auction House in London. No record of this 'find' is documented!

In May 1985 The Bishop Charles Claxton formerly Rector of Halsall revisited the church for Rogation Sunday. He visited local farms on the Rogation list. It was as a dedication to him that refurbishment of the reredos had been commissioned earlier.

#### Stephen Henders

#### Gardener`s Corner

#### May at-a-glance

May is, for me, one of the most exciting & loveliest months of the year in the garden, because you can see new flowers opening every time you step outdoors & the best of the year is still to come. Longer evenings and warmer weather brings out the gardener in all of us. Happy gardening.

#### General garden Tasks

Prepare the soil for bedding plants.

Keep on top of weeding & hoeing -its endless I know!

Watch out for and deal with pests using biological controls & organic remedies. Feed established lawns if not done in April.

Pinch out any green shoots appearing on variegated trees & shrubs.

Tie in new growth of climbers & wall shrubs.

Clip beech, hornbeam, box & Leyland cypress late this month or early next. Cut privet.

Support perennials.

Divide clumps of primroses & polyanthus after flowering.

Continue deadheading & feeding spring-flowering bulbs.

Plant & train sweet peas. Plant tubs, troughs, window boxes & hanging baskets in the middle of this month at the earliest.

Sow swede, beetroot, maincrop carrots, peas, raddish & spring onion.

Direct-sow frost-tender vegetables, e.g. French & runner beans, sweetcorn & courgettes.

Plant out leeks.

Harvest overwintered onions.

Water soft fruit bushes with swelling fruit & newly planted fruit trees.

Protect strawberries from birds.

Continue to prick out seedlings, young plants & cuttings.

Continue hardening off bedding plants ready for end of month outdoor planting.

Plant tomatoes in early may & sweet peppers, chillies, melons & cucumbers late May.

Harvest baby potatoes.

Divide overgrown waterlilies in the pond.

Introduce new fish to the water garden now the weather is warmer.

#### Watch out for

Late frosts – protect with fleece. Pests in the greenhouse & containers.

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Its free to join and free to borrow. We just ask for a donation of a jigsaw then you can borrow and return as many jigsaws as often as you like. I have done over 60 jigsaws since lockdown began so it has saved many of us a lot of money. I have attached the link below.

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Sue Charnock

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