

Halsall News



November 2020

HALSALL PARISH COUNCIL

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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:

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Rev. Ian Hopkins

Parishes of St. Thomas Lydiate & Downholland & St. Cuthbert Halsall.

Well normally at this Autumn time of year we are looking forward to the cosy comforts of the season, golden leaves and warm fires and fireworks and dare I say it, Christmas! This year, of course, there is a very different feel to our daily lives as the first global pandemic for a long time has taken hold of our news and our imaginations and routines.

Church is not exempt from the effects of this, and as you may have heard we have decided to suspend our services until the end of November, although zoom services will continue at 9.30am every Sunday and there will be the traditional act of Remembrance at the war memorial in Halsall on Sun 8th November at 10.45am. Funeral services will continue.

This has been a difficult decision, but with the growing risks and adverse trends and a letter from our Bishop urging extra caution, we felt it was the right thing to do to continue to protect one another. Please, if you are able, do remember the emotional and financial impacts of this decision on our congregations, and do join us on zoom if you can, it is very simple, even I can do it!

So how might we pray and keep a good perspective in times like this? Rev Alex has very kindly put together a set of resources around harvest themes that allow us to continue to pray and reflect, just let him know you would like one if you haven't received it already.

Bible prayers that have come down to us from times when God's people have faced similar threats and challenges to their faith tend to honestly express all the emotions of lockdown that we may feel: anger, frustration, anxiety etc. However, there is also a determined note of hope in these prayers, short-term hope for a vaccine and better testing and treatment, medium-term hope that as a church we learn new ways of engaging with each other and our community,

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and of course the long term hope that our Lord God reigns and that nothing can separate us ultimately from His powerful love and purposes for us. I have found Psalm 90 and 91 especially helpful.

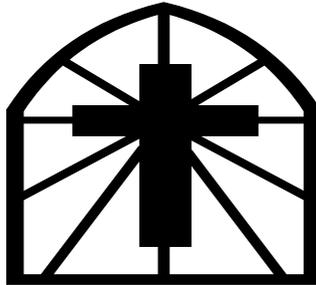
May I wish you God's peace in the midst of these challenging times, and please keep yourself and others safe, one day at a time.

With very best wishes

Ian

"Lord you have been our dwelling place, throughout all generations. Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God!"

Psalm 90



Services at St Cuthbert's and St Thomas' have been suspended for the time being until the end of November.

St Thomas' church will be open for personal prayer
10am - 12 noon on Wednesday mornings.

Zoom services continue each Sunday at 9.30am

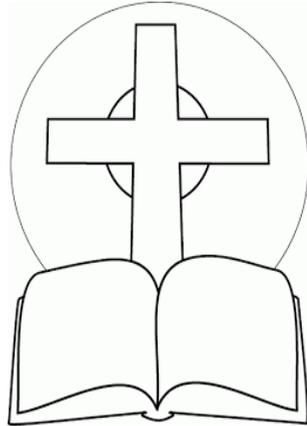
SANCTARY LIGHT



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



FUNERALS

*Amendment

31st July 2020

Pauline Darker

18th September

David Beechey

12th October

Margaret Diane Fletcher

Halsall's Sacrifice

In the warm summer of 1914 local lads, helping with the harvest by working late hours, quenched their thirsts afterwards in the local hostelrys as the sun sank on golden fields. All seemed well with no hint of the carnage the next four years would bring. The Germans had refused to move infantry divisions out of Belgium and on August 4th war was declared



George Marshall from Morris Lane was the first to enlist in the army. Many would sign up, never to see their home again because of a World War which affected all walks of life, from the Rector to the lowliest farmhand. By the 24th of November there were 24 Halsall men serving. Casualties were slow to occur at first. David Oswald was bailiff to Cuthbert Blundell of Halsall Hall, his son Lance Corporal David Oswald, 23, of the Liverpool Scottish was shot through his cap narrowly escaping injury. Such a narrow escape brought a chuckle to the village but behind the mirth, nervous fears were soon to become reality.

Matters became more bloody for Halsall as the War progressed into 1916 and 1917 when the major encounters at the Somme and Passchendaele took their toll. David Oswald was killed on the 9th August 1916, his name is listed on the Thiepval monument. Corporal Richard Gibbons, a teamster from Watson House and Private Edward Culshaw, from Plex Lane, an agricultural worker who later worked on the railway, were both killed by the same shell at Guillemot, while serving with the King's Liverpool Regiment. Thomas Jenkinson also worked as horseman from Halsall station, before dying in a fierce encounter on the Somme in 1916. Private Christopher Longton, who lived in North Moor Lane, joined the Ormskirk Territorials and celebrated his 21st birthday in the trenches with a cake sent to the front line by his mother May. Eleven days later he was dead.

Charles Saint worked as a kennel man for J. Harrison the 'goose king'. He was a single man of 33 and his life was his dogs, he died from wounds in September 1917. William Witter the youngest son of Will Witter, of Halsall started work on a transport ship but enlisted in the infantry and was struck down in April 1917 he survived his wounds. Another lad, Thomas Knowles, 28, used to serve pints at the Saracen's Head where his parents were landlords. He moved to Orrell Park and enlisted with the King's Liverpool Regiment and succumbed to wounds in August 1917 he is buried at Saily sur Lys in the Anzac cemetery.

The King's Liverpool Regiment 8th Battalion were also known as the fighting Irish and this was not surprising considering the numbers of Irish migrant workers who came over yearly to work on the fields. Many found permanent positions on local farms and some enlisted for the British army during the conflict. One such was John Hyland 34 from County Mayo who was a driver for the Royal Field Artillery and who is commemorated on the Halsall role of honour, his body was never identified but he his name is listed at Poziers.

Only four men from the Great War have their remains in Halsall Church and they lie in peaceful shade under the trees. At the eastern end of the church George Greaves 22 is buried, he died in November 1916 after serving as a driver with the Royal Army Service Corps. Two brothers lie near the sheds in the churchyard with military headstones, Joseph Prescott age 21 died after the Armistice. His brother Charles Stanley Prescott was with the 4th Dragoon Guards Royal Irish but he never saw active service. Lance Corporal George Charles made it to Dover but died of his wounds age 28. These four were joined by two of the fallen from the Second World War, Private Thomas Blundell of the King's Liverpool Regiment who died on the last day of January 1940 and Ernest Sharrock of the Royal Army Ordnance who died in March 1942 age 46.

In the church there are 19 names on the Roll of Honour for the First World War and 140 who saw active service in the Second World War including 19 women. The names of the fallen are inscribed on the War Memorials outside the Church and on the Kohima Gates of the playing fields, named after the battle involving British forces to protect India from Japanese invasion. Not all the casualties have had a mention here. Many made it through the war though with terrible injuries. Private J G Baxter son of the stationmaster Fred Baxter was wounded by a shot through the mouth, the bullet lodged in his spine causing paralysis but he had a successful operation and survived. Hugh Alty lasted two weeks before being sent home with gas inhalation problems. He was sent back to the front after convalescence.

The rector's own son Alfred Lushington Mather serving with the York and Lancashire Regiment fell at Ypres in Jan 1917 his service is commemorated in the church with a brass plaque. In October 1942 his nephew Alfred Leigh Mather of the 2nd Cheshire Battalion died at El Alamein. All in all a huge sacrifice contributed by one small village among many who will honour their dead this Remembrance Sunday.



Stephen Henders

(with grateful thanks to Richard Houghton for further detail)

News From Your Parish Council

The Government have now issued the regulations that give local authorities greater flexibility in the conduct of meetings, including allowing members to attend remotely, and for public and press access to those meetings. These 'Regulations' (The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020) came into force on 4 April 2020.

The next meeting of Halsall Parish Council will therefore take place on Wednesday 11th November 2020 at 7 pm using ZOOM and the agenda will be published on the www.halsallparish.com website at least 3 clear working days before the meeting is due to be held.

Please note that until such time as Government advice changes the Council will continue to hold remote meetings.

Members of the public who wish to attend should follow the guidelines listed below.

Before the meeting:-

1. The Agenda will be placed on the website and on the notice board (if possible) as normal (i.e. with three clear days of notice).
2. Any member of the public and press who wishes to attend the meeting will need to download Zoom. Please visit <https://zoom.us/meetings> where you will be able to download the App. The website gives tutorials and demonstrations on how to download Zoom and how to join meetings.
3. The Clerk will put a link, on the website, to join the Zoom meeting by 5pm on the day of the meeting. The Clerk will also include the meeting ID and password. For the Planning Committee meetings the link will be posted by 5pm the evening before.
4. The Clerk will upload to the website the full set of papers (other than for the Planning Committee) to support the meeting the day before the meeting.

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5. Members of the public are welcome (as usual) to send any questions or comments to the Clerk prior to the meeting via email to davebondhpc@aol.com or by calling the Clerk on 01704 534090. These must be received by 5pm on the day of the meeting. The Clerk will present any representations received to the Councillors to address.

The meeting:-

1. The Chair of the Council will Chair the meeting.
2. The Clerk of the Council will host the meeting on Zoom which will be recorded (please note that once the minutes have been approved at the next meeting the recording will be destroyed)
3. Members of the public will enter a “waiting room” on Zoom and wait for the Clerk to approve their attendance. It would be helpful if members of the public could “name their videos” so that the Chair and Clerk can refer to them correctly.
4. All attendees will be muted on entry to the meeting.
5. Members of the public will be able to make representation during the public forum.
6. Members of the public will be asked to “put their hand up” using the icon on Zoom if they wish to speak during the public forum.
- 7 The Clerk will “unmute” members of the public who wish to speak at the instruction of the Chair.
8. At the conclusion of the public forum the Clerk will “mute” all members of the public.
9. The required standards of behaviour and discussion are the same whether in remote or face-to-face meetings. Members of the public who use or display inappropriate or offensive language and/or behaviour will be removed from the meeting to the waiting room. This includes any inappropriate backdrops on display on the video.
10. The Council will discuss, via email, prior to the meeting any items which are considered sufficiently confidential as to warrant exclusion of members of the press and public under the provisions of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and will advise, if appropriate, of the outcome of any discussions at the meeting.
11. The Clerk will end the ZOOM meeting once business has been concluded.

After the meeting

1. The Clerk will take the minutes of the meeting as usual.
2. Members of the Council and the Clerk will review how the meeting went and may make some changes to the process if necessary.

Memorial Hall and Playing Field

Despite the difficulties we've all encountered since February, the Trust can report that progress in improving and upgrading this superb community facility has been made albeit at a slower pace than first planned. Because some of the work has involved quite serious groundwork, there have been times when one section of the Field has resembled a muddy war zone. However we are slowly returning it to its former state and we appreciate your patience while this is taking place.

To summarise the changes over recent months :-

- The old septic tank was undersized and because of legal requirements no longer fit for purpose. The Trust has had to replace it not with a larger septic tank but with a modern Treatment Plant the end product of which is near pure water.
- The play area at the far end of the Hall is in the process of being enlarged, with additional play equipment installed together with ball stop fencing allowing young people to safely use the facility during cricket matches.
- Due to the success of the Village Bakehouse and the number of people using the Playing Field for recreation, we've increased the number of picnic tables from two to seven and also added a child size version.
- To make life more convenient for the public and customers of the Bakehouse, we've also added steps at the end of the raised walkway.

- To assist the Trust in remaining financially viable, the Halsall Scouts agreed to vacate their storeroom and use the alternative accommodation provided by the Trust. In doing so, the Trust recognises the inconvenience caused by the move and expresses its sincere appreciation.

Prior to the Covid interruption, the Cricketer's Equipment Store was completely refurbished with a new roof and cladding. Although this wasn't specifically a Trust driven initiative, many people contributed to the project, including Proud and Tidy (PAT), local companies and individuals who prefer to remain anonymous. To all those who assisted in whatever way, the Trust expresses appreciation.

It was good to note that despite the restrictions caused by Covid, the Cricket Club did manage a number of matches albeit acting within the strict rules laws laid down by the English Cricket Board.

As always, throughout the year, Gary Southworth in his capacity as Head Groundsman maintained the Field to a superb standard, a fact often remarked on by users and visitors.

In the hope that easier times will emerge in 2021, the Bakehouse will be enlarging its premises during the winter to cope with the increased customer demand for meals, bakery products and ice cream.

In the meantime the Trust offers its best wishes and the hope that you all stay safe.

Patrick Bell, Chairman of the Trust and Parish Council





Dear Residents,

We would like to introduce a Lancashire Talking Community tool through our messaging system. We have over 45.000 residents in Lancashire who subscribe to the system. Neighbourhood Policing Teams use the system to send police messages to streets, wards or districts. In The Know is supported by Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service and Lancashire County Council.

Lancashire talking is a community tool and we are inviting residents to answer a few questions to identify their top 5 community issues, so their local Neighbourhood Police Team can prioritise problems in their neighbourhood on the issues that matter most to the local community.

The system can be considered a modern day digital version of our traditional Neighbourhood Watch Schemes and PACT meetings to identify community concerns, but is more effective as we can involve thousands of residents in setting priorities and we can provide residents with instant updates.

Let us know what matters to you most in your area by answering a few short questions here:

<https://www.stayintheknow.co.uk/C169FCC6-F4C4-46EB-AC2C-9084AC0912FC/QuickRegister>

PCSO Jill Reid





SHREW

(Shirdley Hill Residents Environment Workers)

I'm sure I speak for all Shirdley Hill Residents that the Village Green has looked fantastic throughout the year thanks to Vinny and his gang of merry men (Friends of the Village Green) their hard work on Tuesday's and Friday's has paid off, I should also mention Hazel who keeps the tubs and planters full of flowers.

The West Lancashire Borough Council have been unable to do the hedges and field as the staff have been put on other duties, James Forshaw has stepped in with his large mower and cut the grass to a high standard.

Shrew will continue to support everyone and thank them for all the hard work.

Dave Corfield



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Halsall St Cuthbert's Update : November

Covid 19 Challenge

It has been extremely difficult over the last few weeks, managing the threat of Covid and trying to help the children catch up on work missed due to the lockdown. Overall, the children have been absolutely fabulous and have been so happy to be back at school and so eager to learn.

Knowing that the children have lost 5 months of their education, the government has now allocated a fund to each school. This is to be used to support teachers with their catch-up programmes, which should hopefully cover any work missed and also provide more intervention support for those working below the Expected Level. We are in the process of appointing an experienced Teaching Assistant to help with our varied intervention programmes focussing on reading, writing and mathematics.

I'd like to say a great big thank you to all the staff (teachers, assistants, welfare, cleaners, the caretaker and ancillary) at this time for their hard work and dedication. So many have volunteered to take on extra workload and covered for absent colleagues who have needed to self-isolate or were unwell. This has certainly helped us to maintain a safer environment, maintain our provision and give the children the best possible start, back at school.

Lockdown

If there is a lockdown in the future and it is highly likely that there will be some form of school or bubble closure, staff will strive to ensure that the children's education suffers as little as possible. Teachers will endeavour to establish regular contact with the children in their class and provide sufficient materials and activities to support their learning at home.

Communication will be maintained through the class DOJO, the new school website and Microsoft Teams when and if appropriate.

If the school is open but children are absent because they have contracted Covid, because they are self-isolating or because they are just ill, they too will have access to this provision.

School Reports

Because of Covid, we were unable to timetable our normal teacher/parent consultations this year. Instead, the teachers produced a brief report to provide parents with an update as to how their child had settled and performed, following the early September return.

Faith Garden

We are presently revamping the school's Faith Garden. The garden is primarily for years 5 and 6 and is mainly used as an area for discussion, reading, contemplation and spiritual reflection. We have removed litter in the area, cleared weeds and undergrowth and planted 400 daffodils and a dozen new shrubs. These should establish quickly in the spring and look wonderful. It should provide a lovely, calm area to escape to, for the upper juniors.

Mrs Wilson (EYFS)

I am sorry to inform you that Mrs Sue Wilson (TA with HLTA) will be leaving Halsall at the end of the half-term. Mrs Wilson has been a valued and committed member of staff at Halsall St Cuthbert's for over 15 years and will be sorely missed. She initially supported as a volunteer parent, then supported as an employed teaching assistant in various year groups before eventually settling in her preferred phase, the Early Years. During her time at the school, she has also managed Halsall's Kidz Club and spent time in the Learning Tree nursery. More recently, Mrs Wilson gained QTS after following a part-time course at Edge Hill University. She is now ready for a new challenge. She hopes to gain full-time employment as a teacher and I'm sure that she'll do brilliantly. We wish her all the best for the future.

Harvest Hampers

A massive thanks to everyone from the school who has sent in harvest goods. The response was amazing and everyone was so generous. The goods were distributed to the many needy people and families in our society and I'm sure that they were treasured and much appreciated.

Posts at Halsall

- We are looking for a welfare assistant to provide daily supervision of the children at lunchtimes. (12-00 noon until 1-00pm)
- There is also a vacancy at the Kidz Club. We are looking for a manager with Childcare 3 qualifications or above. (or someone who is willing to train to achieve this) 3-30pm – 5-30pm daily. Pay £12 per hour. Term-time only.

If you are interested in any of these posts, please contact school asap. Thanks.

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School Places

We still have a small number of spaces available in certain classes and if you know of anyone who is keen on their child attending Halsall, please let them know and encourage them to contact school to arrange a chat and a tour.

PTFA Funds :

As you will be aware, the school PTFA has raised substantial sums over many years through organising events such as the Bingo Night, the Summer Carnival, a Bonfire, the Quiz Night etc. All were wonderful occasions. The PTFA has also been committed to earmarking a significant sum each year, to help fund educational trips and certain special activities in school, (so we don't have to ask parents for donations like in most schools). Obviously at present, because of the Covid crisis, the PTFA is able to organise fund-raising events. Regretfully therefore, we will need to start asking for donations from parents. Let's hope that we can get back to normal as soon as possible.

School Trips/Events

Despite the challenges of the pandemic, we are trying our best to carry on as normal and organise lots of out-of-school trips and special events to keep the children excited and eager to learn.

- We have a Key Stage 1 trip to Chester Zoo planned in November. The children will be involved in various workshops and will be thinking about different animal groups.
- Several classes have already been out on local visits around the Leeds and Liverpool canal and St Cuthbert's Church grounds.
- The children have started their swimming lessons again at Park Pool and they are loving it.
- Thinking ahead to 2021, we are trying to be optimistic and we are determined to resume our PGL holidays again and our special year 6 adventure holiday. Dates are presently being scheduled.
- At school, we've also a Virtual Reality (VR) day planned for the juniors. Children from Class G, dressed in Viking costumes and wearing VR equipment, will experience what life was really like as a Viking. They'll be making bread and jewellery, fabric dying, weaving and ship-building. It should be amazing for them all.
- We also have a Dress-Up day planned, when all the children will come to school dressed as a popular book character. We're trying to inspire children to develop a love of reading, especially fiction and it's always great fun guessing who their characters are.



Photograph of Rev Ian Hopkins blessing the hamper goods in school.



Doug Scholes (Head Teacher)

Gardener`s Corner

November at-a-glance

Once the autumn leaves have fallen, evergreen shrubs really come into their own. They give the garden year-round backbone and some are very striking, in shades of gold, reds, bronze or blues, as well as plain green or various variegated patterns, late berries, craggy tree trunks and coloured stems of trees and shrubs – who said winter was dull. Happy gardening.

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 leafmould & 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

Mulch fruit trees

Plants in their prime

Viburnum. Ornamental cabbages. Winter flowering pansies. Potted topiary.

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Lions Paint a Pebble Competition

In memory of Hugh Jones

Pick up a stone and entry form from Massams Garden Centre Renacres Lane or ring Jenny or any Lion you may know.

And start painting, forms are on sale at Steve Massam's. £1 for entry form, includes your stone or stones depending how many entries you require.

The competition will be judged on May 1st 2021 at Aughton Village Hall from 2.30 pm till 4pm. All winners will be notified by 8th May 2021.

On the entry form you will notice there are 1 to 7 categories you will need to pay for each chosen category.

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Parents and carers have done really well looking after children during the Coronavirus pandemic. We want to support you to enable you to continue. It is important to us that you know where to turn if your child is unwell or you need advice.

GP practice

GPs are working together and using phone/video consultations where possible. Call your normal practice phone number.

Self help

Search NHS Choices for a guide to managing minor illnesses in children. For advice for young children refer to Institute of Health Visiting www.iHV.org.uk/ ParentingCOVID19 or contact your health visitor on the advice line 0300 247 0040 Mon to Fri 9am – 5pm

Urgent care

Ormskirk Urgent Treatment Centre in Ormskirk and Walk-in Centre in Skem are open 7 days a week from 8am to 8pm for minor injuries and illnesses. You will need to make an appointment for your child to be seen. All appointments must be pre booked by calling 01695 402 180. You can also be directed here by your GP or 111 who will arrange for an appointment.

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Mental Health 24/7 Crisis Line (all ages) 0800 953 0110. CAMHS 01695 684 262 Mon to Fri 9am – 5pm, weekends 10am – 6pm. Kooth a safe and anonymous online counselling and support service for 10 – 16 year olds www.kooth.com. Health Young Minds provides a range of advice/guidance to children and young people www.healthierlsc.co.uk/children-and-young-people/information/children-and-young-people

Children's A&E

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Contact your dentist in the normal way or call the Lancashire Dental Helpline 0300 1234 010 if you don't have a dentist.

111

Call 111 for any urgent treatment

ADHD

self referrals welcome via www.adhdnorthwest.org.uk

Medicines

Keep stocked up with commonly used over the counter children's medicines by visiting your local pharmacy. Your pharmacist can also give you advice on treatments for minor illness or injury.

GP Out of Hours

Call 111 who can arrange for you to speak to your out of hours GP service.

Immunisations

If your child is due to have a routine vaccination such as the 6-in-1 vaccine, MenB or HPV please speak to your GP practice. It's important that you keep these appointments.

Social media – Search West Lancs CCG on Twitter and Facebook for latest updates

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www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-daily-prayer - C of E daily prayer
www.churchofengland.org/lent - C of E daily reflections for Lent

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.

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