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HALSALL NEWS

February 2023

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March 2023 MAGAZINE

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THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST.CUTHBERT, HALSALL

Parish Surgery

Phone: 0151 526 2292 Parish Mobile: 07518 926086

Email: stthomassteph@btinternet.com

Parish Surgery: Anyone wishing to arrange a Baptism or Wedding should ring the Parish Secretary to make an appointment. The office is staffed Monday-Wednesday 9.00am—1.00pm.

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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.

Access to St Cuthbert's Church

If you require the ramps to be put over the steps in order to gain access to church services or to visit the graveyard, please ring to arrange a mutually agreeable time.

Elaine Ayre 07896 301322



CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

February 2023

12th February	E Banks	M Webster M Cheetham	L Wilkinson	S Roberts
26th February	M Mills	K Twist	C Moss	



The Rector Writes

Hello, from your new Rector, I am delighted to be joining you all. It is always hard to know how to describe myself, but here goes. I am married to Neil, with two adult children, Kathryn married to Luke and Aidan (AJ). I was born and brought up in Greater Manchester with my triplet older brothers. I trained as a doctor in London, before continuing my medical career around Manchester and then Yorkshire. I specialised in Palliative Medicine, the care of people with life-limiting illnesses, initially in Halifax and then on the Fylde Coast.

So, what is my vision of St Cuthbert's? For me it is a space where all are welcome and where the love of God is encountered in ways that are relevant and transforming for everyone. It is not just about a building, rather it is about a group of Christians building community wherever we find ourselves. A community that is alive and full of hope, despite the pressures around them, whether at the kitchen table, the local pub or the parish church.

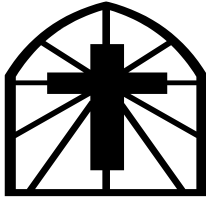
Lee Ann Wormack, an American country music singer and song writer wrote these lyrics which capture a little of my vision.

I hope you never lose your sense of wonder
You get your fill to eat but always keep that hunger
May you never take one single breath for granted
God forbid love ever leave you empty handed
I hope you still feel small when you stand beside the ocean
Whenever one door closes, I hope one more opens
Promise me that you'll give faith a fighting chance
And when you get the choice to sit it out or dance.....

I am no dancer as those who come and see me lead worship will quickly realise, but I hope we can all join in the dance of faith and enjoy learning together just how much we are loved by God.

Please come and introduce yourself when you see me around. Please forgive me if I do not initially remember your name or where you belong. But I look forward to getting to know you and learning all your amazing stories. I have much to learn from each of you.

Susan Salt



Sunday Services in the United Benefice for February 2023

Sunday 5th February

- 8.00am St Thomas' BCP Holy Communion
9.30am St Cuthbert's BCP Holy Communion & Church Without Walls
11.00am St Thomas' CW Eucharist

Sunday 12th February

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

Wednesday 15th February

7.30pm St Thomas'

Licensing and induction of the Rev Dr Susan Salt as Rector of United Benefice of St Thomas Lydiate and Downholland and St Cuthbert's Halsall. All Welcome.

Sunday 19th February

- 8.00am St Thomas' BCP Holy Communion
9.30am St Cuthbert's BCP Holy Communion
(No Messy Church due to half term holiday)
11.00am St Thomas Family Service for all ages
(Arrive from 10.15 for activities and refreshments, followed by short Family Communion Service)

Wednesday 22nd February

- 6pm St Thomas' Said CW Holy Communion for Ash Wednesday with imposition of ashes
7.30pm St Cuthbert's Said CW Holy Communion for Ash Wednesday with imposition of ashes

Sunday 26th February

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

A warm invitation is extended to everyone to join us at any of our United Benefice Services.

Advance Notice of Services in Holy Week

A chance to create a bit of space in our busy lives to reflect on what the death and resurrection of Jesus means to us and the world today. Each day during the week we will have a simple, said reflective Communion Service using various forms of words with space to pause, ponder and pray. You are welcome to come to one or all of the services.

Sunday 2nd April - Palm Sunday

- 8.00am St Thomas' BCP Holy Communion
9.30am St Cuthbert's BCP Holy Communion
(No Church Without Walls due to school holidays)
11.00am St Thomas' CW Eucharist

Monday 3rd April

- 7.00pm St Cuthbert's Said Holy Communion

Tuesday 4th April

- 7.00pm St Thomas' Said Holy Communion

Wednesday 5th April

- 7.00pm St Cuthbert's Said Holy Communion

Thursday 6th April – Maundy Thursday

- 7.00pm St Thomas CW Holy Communion & Vigil until 10pm

Friday 7th April – Good Friday

- 11.00am Walk of Witness starting at Our Lady's and finishing at St Thomas'
2.00pm St Cuthbert's Good Friday devotions

Saturday 8th April – Easter Saturday

- 7.30pm St Cuthbert's Easter vigil, blessing of the Easter Candle & renewal of baptismal vows

Sunday 9th April – Easter Sunday

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

SANCTUARY LIGHTS



FEBRUARY

1st	Marion Chadwick
4th	Peter Bradshaw
5th	Margaret Dutton (Birthday)
7th	Rose Mary Bailey (Birthday)
11th	Alice Jane Ryding (Birthday)
12th	D A Simpkin
12th	Dorothy Cheetham (Anniversary)
13th	Maureen Bailey (Birthday)
13th	Joseph Haldane
15th	John Pilling
15th	John Henry Moorcroft
16th	Anne Louise Moorcroft
16th	Les Marshall (Remembrance)
17th	Robert Heaton (Birthday)
18th	William Stopforth (Birthday)
19th	Lillian Dennett (Birthday)
21st	Nancy Ainscough (Birthday)
25th	Joseph Balmer
25th	Mary Kenyon (Birthday)
27th	Maureen Ainscough (Birthday)



CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for more volunteers to join our small band of Cleaners.

It is not hard work, just dusting, and hoovering. Your commitment would be one hour, every 6 weeks. Please come and join us to keep our church looking beautiful.

If you are interested please contact
Pam Carr on 01695 423817 or email pam.carr1974@outlook.com

Supporting St Cuthbert's Church

Our website, www.halsallstcuthberthub.co.uk, contains information about services and events, archive material including historic school records, up to date Parish Magazines as well as those dating back to the 1800's. The website provides links to the Parish Giving Scheme, the Friends of St Cuthbert's Scheme and how to contact us.

How to Donate

Regular donations and "one off" donations can now both be made via our Parish Giving Scheme. You can choose how regularly, how much and whether your donation can be gift aided. Your gift will then be passed directly to St Cuthbert's. You can scan the following QR code to make a donation or search using the following web address.

Scan to access the Parish Giving Scheme



Donations can also be made in Church either on the plate during our services or by using our "Goodbox" electronic payment system which is located close to the entrance (opposite the font).

Or www.parishgiving.org.uk

Friends of St Cuthbert's

If you would like to join our friends scheme there is a link to the forms on our website home page. All funds raised through the scheme are directed specifically towards the repair and maintenance of the Church and grounds. There is a minimum donation of £20 per year but you can choose how much and how regularly you would like to donate.

Further information can be obtained by contacting us via our e mail address: info@halsallstcuthberthub.co.uk

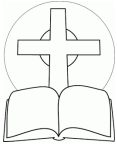
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WARDENS AND SIDESPERSONS

February 2023

	Warden	Deputy Warden	Sides persons
5th Feb	Elaine Ayre	Anne Grimshaw	Christine Jones Rebecca Ridley
12th Feb	Pam Carr	Angela Webster	Elaine Ayre Philip Banks
19th Feb	Elaine Ayre	John Wroe	Eileen Houlgrave Gwen Williams
26th Feb	Pam Carr	Colin Throp	Eleanor Wroe Enid Banks



HALSALL FROM THE REGISTERS

Funerals

4th December	Winifred Blundell
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15th December	Edward Bond
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Neil Cronshaw PCSO Ormskirk



St Cuthbert's Grand Christmas Draw

Many thanks to everyone in the community and our church school who purchased raffle tickets for the Grand Christmas Draw.

We raised the magnificent sum of £1200 for our church, which has given our reduced finances a significant boost for which we are extremely grateful.

The winners were;

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| 1. T Holden | 2. C Ward | 3. R Ridley | 4. A Throp |
| 5. J Beechey | 6. K McCormick | 7. K Georgeson | 8. D Huffle |
| 9. D Swift | 10. P Banks | 11. E Ayre | 12. J Ridley |
| 13. G Jones | 14. A White | 15. L Bramwell | 16. J Youdes |
| 17. A Webster | 18. L Blackley | 19. K McMinn | 20. F Holmes |
| 21. J Grimshaw | 22. L Myers | 23. P Carr | 24. M Kenyon |
| 25. A Gunning | 26. Caunce | 27. C Baybutt | 28. J Berry |

Many thanks to the local businesses who donated prizes for the draw including ;

Mark Hoofe NFS, Saracens Head, Beefeater, Master McGraths, John Marsden, Primrose Nurseries, Farmer Ted's plus donations from the church congregation.

Many thanks to one and all.

E. Ayre and Pam Carr
Church Wardens.

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I run a jigsaw club from my home in Scarisbrick. I have over 200 jigsaws available to lend out which has proved very popular during lockdown. I read that the virus can stay on cardboard for 24 hours so all jigsaws are quarantined for 72 hours before being lent out. Being close to the Morris Dancers, I am well positioned for people to swap jigsaws on their journey to/from hospitals/shops.

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.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1526267210867010>

If anyone has any jigsaws they could donate,
I will happily collect. Thank you.

Sue Charnock

HALSALL HOBBIES

Everyone has hobbies from Astronomy to Zoology so tell us about your hobby. Write an article for Halsall News and you might connect with a fellow hobbyist in our community or you could help someone local get started in your hobby.

RIDE-ON GARDEN RAILWAYS

So I have tell you about one of my hobbies as an example.

My Ride-On Garden Railway, for the grandchildren, but all the adults usually want to drive the train too. A 5-inch wide ground level track, 1/12th scale. In most parks the track is either elevated on stilts and/or uses wider 7.25 inch gauge for fee-paying passengers.



Steam locomotives use real coal-fired steam. Diesel models use car batteries with electric wheelchair motors which are more accessible and affordable. You only need one loco and coach or so I tell my wife, so it is not a more expensive than a large indoor model railway. I am building wagon kits and I would like a radio controlled model that I can set running around the track while I mow the lawn. You can build them

yourself, buy kits or complete models from specialist suppliers.

Southport Model Engineering Club has a track in Victoria Park and one day I will get a trailer to take my models down there for a longer run. There are other Clubs in neighbouring towns that have open days for visitors too. My track is a oval which fits in about 60x45 feet but it could fit in a smaller garden. I enjoy the civil engineering, building the railway and integrating it with the garden. Happy to help anyone thinking of building a railway. Anyone local have an interest in engineering with a small lathe in their workshop, I need small part making for a turntable ?

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What's On!

Club/Group	Meetings	Contact
1st Halsall Scout Group Boys & Girls age 6-14	Scarisbrick Village Hall Monday 6.30-8pm	Karen 07973953651
Halsall Village Proud & Tidy Group	Various working parties around the village.	Eleanor Wroe 01704 841216 Or Enid Banks 01704 567654
Saracen's Head Crown Green Bowling Club	Various. contact Lynda for details.	Lynda Hodge 07435 971762
Ormskirk & District Lions Club	Charity supporting local causes. Looking for new members.	Sylvia Corfield 01704 840705
St Cuthbert's Church	Services 9.30am every Sunday .	Parish office 0151 526 2292
FROG Friends of Shirdley Hill Green	9.30am Tuesdays & Fridays	01704 840607
Jigsaw Library Its free to join and free to borrow.	We ask for a dona- tion of a jigsaw then you can borrow as often as you like.	Sue Charnock Facebook Page
Halsall Badminton Club	Halsall School Thursday 7.30pm	Jim 01704 840908 Margaret 01704 840305

If there are any community groups, social groups, sports groups or well being groups starting up again as lockdown eases just let me know and I can add them on to the 'What's On' section.

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Report from Halsall St Cuthbert's : February

Christmas Shows

A massive thanks to everyone who came along to the nativities and Alice in Wonderland shows. Altogether, we raised nearly £3,500 for our nominated charities. What a magnificent effort. Well done to all the children, they were amazing once again. Thanks to the staff for all their hard work and commitment.

Kenyon Shield Winners : Autumn Term 2

These children really impressed the staff in the weeks leading up to Christmas.

Rec : Isla Jones

Year 1 : Harrison Gardner

Year 2 : Oliver Dye

Year 3 : Sienna Shakespeare

Year 4 : Jessica Howard

Year 5 : Oliver Madden

Year 6 : Charlotte Singleton

PTFA

Many thanks to the PTFA (Parents, Teachers and Friends Association). Without their support and commitment, we would never be able to organize so many amazing and special events for the children. (the Christmas party, the Christmas grotto, concert refreshments, selection boxes, Harry Potter Week, Book Fair, Strawberry Teas, Summer Carnival, Bonfire Night, Sports Day, Spooky Disco, cinema nights, Christmas raffles, playground parties, leavers' party and a vast array of exciting school trips throughout the year. There's certainly lots to look forward to.

Admissions Reception Intake 2023

The closing date for applications for a reception place in September 2023 has now closed. If you know of anyone who wishes to make a late application to gain a place for their child to Halsall St Cuthbert's, please ask them to contact school asap to arrange a tour. 01704-840253

Kidz Club and Breakfast Club

These clubs provide before-school and after-school childcare for children. They are excellent provisions and are very popular with working parents.

Credit must go to all the childcare staff and especially to both Mrs Lucy Edney (Breakfast Club) and Mrs Hannah Massam (Kidz Club) for all their fabulous organization, hard work and commitment.

Doug Scholes (Head Teacher)

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Planning

2022/1266/FUL Meridien Cottage, 10 Halsall Lane, Halsall. Single Storey Extension.

2022/1324/FUL Erection of convenience store with associated access, car park and landscaping at Junction of Moss Road and Bentham's Way, Halsall. Applicant is James Hall and Co Ltd. Decision level – delegated to the Corporate Director of Place and community for determination unless a Member requests consideration by Planning Committee.

Report from Halsall Parish Council -Traffic & Road Safety Working Group

LCC Highways have responded via Andy Pratt, Deputy PCC, with the results of the detailed traffic analysis on Gorsuch Lane. As suggested by Sat Nav analysis there is no significant speeding problem on Gorsuch Lane. 85% of recorded speeds are below the speed limit.

Still waiting for further information from an FOI request from Lancashire Police on details of collisions. It is thought that collisions are the result of confusion over priorities at the junction rather than speed.

A further meeting with Andy Pratt and LCC Highways is scheduled for 1st February. There will be a Working Group pre-meeting arranged for last week in January.

More work to be done on creating a list of options for solar powered SPIDs for the next council meeting.

CLlr Kim Pyne, Lead Member of Halsall Parish Council Traffic and Road Safety Working Group.

News about our Staff and Councillors

Halsall Parish Clerk, Dave Bond has resigned and we extend our best wishes to him for the future. The Chair has stood in as Acting Parish Clerk for some weeks and at the Halsall Parish Council meeting on 11th January 2023, the Council was delighted to welcome Chris Pyne, the Halsall War Memorial Trust Secretary, as the acting Parish Clerk until a permanent replacement is found.

Councillor Brian Young has resigned and Councillor Dave Corfield has given notice that he is resigning at the end of February. We are extremely grateful and appreciative of their long and valuable voluntary service. We wish them both the very best of health and hope they enjoy their retirement.

In the vacancy created by Cllr Young's resignation, Halsall Parish Council co-opted Cllr Noel McCarthy-Thomason and we welcome him to our team.

Flooding

Reports of road run-off flooding received due to heavy rainfall. Cllr. Timon will speak to LCC engineers regarding drain cleaning at these locations. Cllr Wright(s) reported that the New Cut Lane area drainage was much improved, due to the works carried out by Lancashire County Council, as large sections of road drains under New Cut Lane were replaced.

Parish Council Meetings

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday 8th February 2023 at the Memorial Hall, Halsall Road, Halsall at 7.30 p.m.

A list of Councillors and contact numbers are at front of the magazine.

The Parish Council Website halsallparish.org.uk includes agendas and minutes of previous meetings.

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Tues	11:00	Flow Strong Fitness & Dance Fusion	Christine Kearns 07792 590581
Tues	19:30 21:00	Halsall Family History (Alternate weeks)	Chris Pyne 01704 841467
Wed	13.45 14.45	Dog Training	No vacancies
Wed	18.00 19.00	Puppy/Beginner Dog Training Advanced Dog Training	Andrea Little 07854 592371
Thur	19.15 21.15	Maghull Dog Training Society	Ken Wyatt 0151 287 5600
Sun	11.00	Halsall F.C.	Paul Williams 07810 448136
Sun	14.00	Southport W.F.C.	Noel Warham 07939 726286

HALSALL WAR MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELD & HALL

The Trust is an independent self-funding charity that manages the Memorial Hall and Playing Field.

A new venture was a 2-day staff training event for a local business, with catering provided by the Bakehouse. The Hall now has WiFi access to the internet and a big screen projector (HDMI connection). The Hall is available to rent, £12 per hour or £10 per hour for regular bookings.

On Sundays, Halsall FC play at 11:00 and Southport WFC play at 14:00, so for home matches the car park will be very busy. Please do not obstruct Cross Lane residents' access along Cross Lane.

The noticeboard has a weekly list of events.

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The first signs of spring are starting to appear if you don't mind going out to look for them! February is a subtle month with catkins and the first bulbs cautiously pushing their heads above the wintery earth, while keen gardeners desperately look for some real gardening to do. Happy gardening.

General Garden Tasks

Make new beds and borders

Finish off winter digging

Order plug plants

Prune certain types of clematis – refer to a good gardening book for exact advice

Renewal – prune old shrubs, deciduous hedges and climbers

Brush snow off conifers, large evergreens and hedges to avoid splaying or breaking

Move deciduous trees and shrubs (ideally do this in November or early March)

Plant lily-of-the-valley crowns

Keep deadheading any winter flowering pansies or polyanthus in tubs and hanging baskets

Water and top-dress plants in year-round tubs and container grown herbs

Prepare soil ready for sowing, covering it with polythene sheeting to warm it up for early vegetables

Plan shallots and Jerusalem artichokes.

Prune autumn-fruiting raspberries now, and plant new canes between now and mid-march

Protect strawberries with horticultural fleece

Finish winter-pruning standard apple and pear trees

Ventilate the greenhouse at every opportunity, but water as little as you can get away with

Pot up stored dahlia tubers and lily bulbs

Spray fuchsias with water on fine days to start them back into growth

Chit potatoes if you didn't get chance last month

Take precautions to make sure your pond never freezes over entirely

Get-a-head

Prepare the greenhouse before the season gets fully underway –clean water storage barrels, watering cans, pots and seed trays, propagator and greenhouse glass.

Plants in their Prime

Hellebores, Hamamelis, Viburnum, Mahonia japonica, Sarcococca, Skimmia japonica `Rubella, Clematis `Freckles`, Jasmine, winter- flowering pansies, Saxifraga apiculata, Daphne mezereum, Abeliophyllum distichum (white forsythia), Sempervivums

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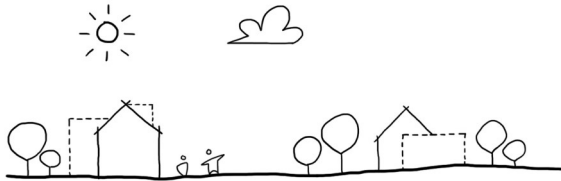


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