

# Halsall News



**March 2024**

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## **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**

# Lent



**Discussion with worship exploring the theme of social justice  
Tuesday evenings from 7.30pm to 9pm**

Millenium Centre, (St Thomas') Church Lane, Lydiate, L31 4HL

**You are welcome to come to all or some of the sessions.**

- 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024      What about justice for young people?  
Emily Salt, volunteer with the charity "we are with you"
- 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024    What about environmental justice?  
Annie Merry from faiths4change
- 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024    What about food justice?  
Aaron Rossiter from Micah foodbank, Liverpool



## WARDENS AND SIDEPERSONS March 2024

	Warden	Deputy Warden	Sides persons
March 3rd	Elaine Ayre	Anne Grimshaw	Carole Ward Rebecca Ridley
March 10th	Pam Carr	John Wroe	Sarah Mitchell Jacob Mitchell
March 17th	Elaine Ayre	Angela Webster	Eleanor Roe Enid Banks
March 24th	Pam Carr	Colin Throp	Gwyn Williams Eileen Houlgrave
March 31st	Elaine Ayre	John Wroe	Angela Webster Pam Carr

## The Rector Writes



Here we are again at that beautiful time of year, when we can sense new life emerging and the longer, warmer days encourage us to look up and out. It's that time of year when we are faced with mountains of Easter eggs, Easter bunnies and Easter chicks everywhere we look.

In contrast to the hope of another Spring, the war in Ukraine rumbles on and tensions in Israel and Palestine continue. People around the world continue to be displaced by war, famine, and natural disaster. When there are Individuals struggling with the cost of living and finding their place in the world and we cannot find sustainable ways to care for our fragile planet, the message of Easter is more important and more profound than ever. For it is a message of hope in the face of overwhelming adversity.

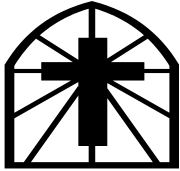
The Christian faith is neither one of deepest despair at sin and the horror of what it does in human lives, nor is it a constant celebration of God's love and saving power. We are called to recognise and embrace both realities and hold them in tension. We witness both the beauty of a random act of kindness and the cruelty of a selfish misuse of power on a daily basis.

Jesus' death without his resurrection is simply another tragic and untimely death. Equally, resurrection without recognising the cost paid by Jesus in both the manner and reality of his death, diminishes the profound and unique sacrifice made by God to restore our relationship with Him.

Jesus died and rose from the grave for us all! Why not join in one of the services during Holy Week and then on Easter Day join in the cry "Jesus Christ is risen today"?

May I wish you all a happy and blessed Easter full of light and hope (and a manageable bit of chocolate).

Susan



## Service in the United Benefice for March 2024

As we come to the end of Lent and inhabit Holy week so we can celebrate Easter, what acts of kindness and generosity can we share with each other and our wider community?

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March the third Sunday of Lent

8.00am St Thomas' BCP Holy Communion  
9.30am St Cuthbert's BCP Holy Communion (with Church without walls)  
11.00am St Thomas' CW Eucharist

### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March

9.15am St Thomas' said Morning Prayer

### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March

11.00am St Thomas's said CW Holy Communion

### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

9.15am St Cuthbert's said Morning Prayer  
1.30pm St Cuthbert's said CW Holy Communion with prayers for healing

### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March

2pm Celebrating Families with St Cuthbert's School

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March Mothering Sunday

8.00am St Thomas' BCP Holy Communion  
9.30am St Cuthbert's All age Eucharist with contribution from school  
11.00am St Thomas' Church Parade with Communion

### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March

9.15am St Thomas' said Morning Prayer

### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March

11.00am St Thomas' said CW holy Communion

### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March

9.15am St Cuthbert's said Morning Prayer  
1.30pm St Cuthbert's said CW Holy Communion with prayers for healing

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March the fifth Sunday of Lent

8.00am St Thomas' BCP Holy Communion  
9.30am St Cuthbert's BCP Holy Communion (with Messy Church)  
11am St Thomas CW Eucharist

### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March

9.15am St Thomas' said Morning Prayer

### Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March

11.00am St Thomas' said CW Holy Communion

### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March

9.15am St Cuthbert's said Morning Prayer  
1.30pm St Cuthbert's said CW Holy Communion with prayers for healing

### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March Palm Sunday

8.00am St Thomas' BCP Holy Communion with distribution of palm crosses  
9.30am St Cuthbert's CW Eucharist and distribution of palm crosses  
11am St Thomas CW Eucharist and distribution of palm crosses

**Holy Week**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March**

7pm

St Cuthbert's Compline for Holy Week

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

9.15am

St Thomas' said Morning Prayer

11.00am

St Cuthbert's said Holy Communion

7pm

St Thomas' said Compline for Holy Week

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

11am

St Thomas' said Holy Communion

7pm

St Cuthbert's said Compline for Holy Week

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

9.15am

Said Morning Prayer

1.30pm

St Cuthbert's Holy Communion for Maundy Thursday

7pm

St Thomas' Holy Communion for Maundy Thursday and vigil

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March**

11.00am

Walk of witness starting at Our Lady's Catholic Church

2pm

St Cuthbert's Good Friday devotions

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March**

7pm

St Cuthbert's Easter Eve Vigil

**Easter Sunday March 31<sup>st</sup>**

8.00am

St Thomas' BCP Holy Communion

9.30am

St Cuthbert's CW Family Eucharist with Easter egg hunt

11am

St Thomas' CW family Eucharist with Easter egg hunt

**A warm invitation is extended to everyone to join us at any of our United Benefice Services for Lent and Easter.**



**CHURCH CLEANING ROTA**

**March 2024**

10th March	<b>E Banks</b>	M Webster L Wilkinson	S Roberts	M Cheetham
24th March	<b>C Ward</b>	K Twist	C Moss	M Kenyon

# SANCTUARY LIGHTS



## MARCH

11th	Sarah Prescott
11th	Amy Florence Williams
11th	Robert Heaton
12th	Sarah Critchley
14th	George Gaskell (Birthday)
15th	Alice Webster (Birthday)
16th	William Balshaw (Birthday)
17th	Frederick Moorcroft (Birthday)
17th	John Webster (Birthday)
19th	John Morris (Birthday)
27th	Richard Yule (Birthday)
27th	Elizabeth Rhodes (Birthday)
28th	Dennis Knowles (Birthday)
31st	Norman Harlow (Birthday)



It would be appreciated if all Christmas Wreathes, Grave pots, Decorations & dead flowers could be removed by the end of 14th March.



There will be no **Christian Chatter** in March  
Please come to the Lent course instead.



## **YOUR CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT, HALSALL**

For enquiries about baptisms or weddings or service information

Phone: 0151 526 2292

Email: [stthomassteph@btinternet.com](mailto:stthomassteph@btinternet.com)

The office is staffed Monday-Wednesday 9.00am—1.00pm.

Our website, [www.halsallstcuthberthub.co.uk](http://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.

### **WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT**



### **PARISH GIVING SCHEME**

Prayer and worship is at the heart of all we do.

It is only with the generosity of our community that we can sustain our wonderful church and keep our clergy.

St Cuthbert's is responsible for funding everything we do as a church. Despite what some people think none of our activities are directly funded by the Diocese or the National Church.

You can use the Parish Giving Scheme to make one off donations by scanning this QR code.



### **FRIENDS OF ST CUTHBERT'S**

You can also support St Cuthbert's by becoming "a friend". All the funds raised through this scheme are directed to the maintenance and repair of the church building and grounds.

There is a minimum donation of £20 per year to join, but you can then choose how much and how regularly you donate.

For further information please contact [info@halsallstcuthbert.co.uk](mailto:info@halsallstcuthbert.co.uk)

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We are holding Halsall's GB Spring Clean 2024 on

Saturday the 9 March at 10am

starting at the Memorial Hall Playing Field.

Please join in if you have the time - it would be fantastic to see you. Bring gloves to wear if you

have them. I will provide hi-vis vests and litter pickers.

If you cannot be there on the day, then pick a little litter next time you are out for a walk or a jog.

**Together we can make a real difference.**

See you soon!

Conor Edwards



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## Spring Concert

Sunday 17 March 2024 at 3.30pm

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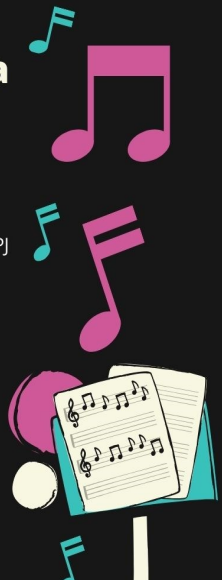
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## **The Bees and Butterflies Brigade**

Hello everyone,

As I write, the beautiful droplet-heads of snowdrops are opening in my garden, in Bishop's Walk and in other woodland areas across the village. They are such a delight at this time of year and help to raise the spirits when the winter seems long. Bees emerging from hibernation need snowdrops as much as we do – they are glad of a source of nectar and pollen in late winter, when other food sources are limited.

If you have snowdrops in your garden you can easily increase their numbers by dividing up the clumps. Wait until the flowers have faded but the leaves are still strong and green. Dig up a clump carefully using a trowel or small spade, making sure you lift the leaves and bulbs together. Separate the clump into smaller groups with your fingers and then you can replant each of these smaller clumps in their new position, spreading them through your garden. Snowdrops love a semi-shaded spot so avoid planting them where they will get too hot or dry out. This process is called planting snowdrops “in the green” and it is generally thought that this is the best way to get snowdrop bulbs to establish. If you do this, your bulbs will increase naturally with time, give you lots of pleasure and help the bees in winters to come. Happy planting!

At the end of January I was lucky enough to attend a meeting about Lancashire's “Local Nature Recovery Strategy”. Lots of knowledgeable and enthusiastic people came together to generate ideas on the best ways to help nature in our county. The Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust were there, as well as representatives from The Canal and River Trust, local organic farmers and people like me from community groups across Lancashire. It was amazing to meet so many people who care about our wildlife and who want to help reverse the devastating decline in biodiversity of the last 50 years. I really hope that, as a result of people coming together like this, we will see positive change in our countryside and communities that will favour nature. It is not too late – not yet.

So if you care about nature and you'd like to help, come and join us - we're a really friendly group of people just trying to do our bit. We'll be meeting in St Cuthbert's Churchyard on Sunday 24th March from 2pm to do some bee-friendly planting. If you'd like to catch us sooner, we're holding an afternoon tea with a “Gardening for Wildlife” theme in The Memorial Hall on Sunday 17th March 2-4pm. Come and meet us, have a chat and enjoy a drink and a piece of cake. We'd love to meet you!

Finally, if you'd like to make your garden more wildlife-friendly but can't decide how to make a start, I'd be more than happy to help with ideas, advice or a visit to have a chat with you. Please do get in touch so that we can make a difference!

Clare Edwards

Email Clare: [cedwards1144@gmail.com](mailto:cedwards1144@gmail.com)



*The Bees and Butterflies Brigade*

warmly invite you to

an afternoon tea

with a “gardening for wildlife” theme.

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Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March

2.00 – 4.00pm

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<b>Club/Group</b>	<b>Meetings</b>	<b>Contact</b>
<b>1st Halsall Scout Group Boys &amp; Girls age 6-14</b>	Scarisbrick Village Hall Monday 6.30-8pm	Karen 07973953651
<b>Halsall Village Proud &amp; Tidy Group</b>	Various working parties around the village.	Eleanor Wroe 01704 841216 Or Enid Banks 01704 567654
<b>Saracen's Head Crown Green Bowling Club</b>	Various. contact Lynda for details.	Lynda Hodge 07435 971762
<b>Ormskirk &amp; District Lions Club</b>	Charity supporting local causes. Looking for new members.	Sylvia Corfield 01704 840705
<b>St Cuthbert's Church</b>	Services 9.30am every Sunday .	Parish office 0151 526 2292
<b>FROG Friends of Shirdley Hill Village Green</b>	9.30am Tuesdays & Fridays	01704 840607
<b>Jigsaw Library</b> Its free to join and free to bor- row.	We ask for a donation of a jigsaw then you can borrow as often as you like.	Sue Charnock <a href="#">Facebook Page</a>
<b>Halsall Bees &amp; Butterflies Brigade</b>	Starting spring 2024 for new members	Clare Edwards cedwards1144@gmail.com
<b>Halsall Badminton Club</b>	Halsall School Thursday 7.30pm	Jim 01704 840908 Margaret 01704 840305
<b>Yoga</b>	St.Cuthbert's School Wednesdays from 7.30pm	James McLoughlin 07852 192440

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

[halsallnews@gmail.com](mailto:halsallnews@gmail.com)

# **NEWS FROM HALSALL PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Planning Applications**

T/2024/003/TCA White Lodge, The Runnel, Tree Pruning  
2024/0008/FUL Gesterfield Barn, Halsall Rd, Removal of Conditions  
2023/1152/FUL Sports Pavilion. Storage Container for Football

## **Refurbishment of St Aidan's Hall**

A frozen pipe and water leak has set back the refurbishment plan but it was already planned to replace the carpet and laminate floor so there will be no extra costs. Thank you to all the volunteers who stepped in to make repairs and clean up so that none of the weekend bookings were affected. The Luncheon Club is very popular and a social event was organised by Shirdley Hill Community Association, to celebrate a resident's 85th Birthday.

## **Report from Traffic & Road Safety Group**

Lots of comments were posted on Halsall Facebook about the potholes opening up yet again on Gregory's Lane mini-roundabout. The Parish Council escalated this need for repeated work to LCC Highways. We have received a report that this section of the road needs a through resurfacing and this will be scheduled but until then LCC will continue to repair any potholes on a temporary basis.

## **Potholes and Flooding**

The Love Clean Streets app available on phones or computers. Anyone can use this, so please go ahead and report blocked drains and potholes. It would be better if more substantial permanent repairs were done but problems do get fixed if you report them.

## **Restoration of Ancient public footpaths in Halsall**

This article last month has attracted the attention of West Lancs Open Spaces who have asked for a meeting to coordinate activity. Once the weather improves we will be looking volunteers to walk the recognised paths and report back. In the autumn we did some work on Carr Moss to Plex Moss, Plex Lane to Dicconson's, Plex Moss to Barton, and a look at Halsall Cutting which is very overgrown.

## **Halsall Parish Council - Council Tax**

The Parish Council receives a small proportion of residents' Council Tax. Increased revenue from St Aidan's Hall, means the Council can reduced its precept by 9.5%. The Band D payment for Halsall Parish will be £33.56, which will be £29,436 total for next financial year.



**HALSALL PARISH COUNCIL**  
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Next meeting 7:30pm 12th March  
at Memorial Hall, Halsall Road, L39 8RN

A full list of Councillors and contact numbers can be found toward the front of the magazine. The Parish Council Website includes agendas and minutes of meetings [www.halsallparish.org.uk](http://www.halsallparish.org.uk)

Upcoming events and news are posted on Facebook Halsall Village Community Forum [www.facebook.com/groups/200983146975703](http://www.facebook.com/groups/200983146975703) also on Facebook Shirdley Hill Hub [www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100081833388874](http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100081833388874)

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The next Tea and Coffee morning will be on Thursday 21st March from 11 to 1pm. Come along for free drinks, snacks and meet other residents. Book and jigsaw swaps are available.

Applications for the post of Trust Secretary (admin work of the charity) are open until the 12th March. If you are interested then please get in touch. Details available on our website <https://halsallparish.org.uk/information/misc/>

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# **Halsall St Cuthbert's** **March Report**

## **Admissions**

Demand for places at Halsall St Cuthbert's is likely to be strong again this year and we hope to welcome 25 children into the reception class in September 24. Experience days and a Parents' Information meeting will be planned for later in the summer term.

## **Clarification regarding School Admissions**

In February's Parish Council report, there was a statement expressing a concern that local children may be being excluded from Halsall St Cuthbert's Primary School whilst those from further away are being accepted.

All parents have the right to apply for a place for their child to attend Halsall St Cuthbert's. All applications are then ranked using the agreed Admissions Criteria, endorsed by Liverpool Diocese and the LEA.

As St Cuthbert's is a voluntary-aided Church of England Primary School, these criteria give preference to those parents who show their Christian commitment by worshipping on a regular basis. (please refer to the [Admissions Criteria](#) on the school website)

Once the Admissions Number is met (25) all parents who are not initially offered a place for their child, have the right of appeal to the LEA. The school actively encourages parents to appeal, as very often the school is able to accept more than the Admissions Number.

As far as I am aware, no parent who has followed advice and has made a formal appeal to the LEA/school, has failed to gain a reception place for their child at Halsall St Cuthbert's. It may be that the Parish Council statement, refers to parents who did not wish to follow the official Appeal Process and therefore weren't offered a place for their child. This is very unfortunate.

## **School Crossing Officer**

The school is still suffering from the loss of its Road Crossing Officer and this is a major issue. Parents are often struggling to cross the very busy main road with their children and this is something that needs addressing as a matter of urgency. Lancashire County Council is responsible for Road Crossing staff so please voice your worries and concerns to the Council.

**[www.lancashire.gov.uk](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk)**

It has been suggested that school staff should be deployed to support the parents and children crossing the road. Many members of staff have volunteered but unfortunately, any such action is not supported by the LCC and the staff would have no insurance cover.

## **Football**

The football team recently represented West Lancashire at the Lancashire Primary School Finals Day in Blackpool. (Yes, in Blackpool)! The lads did brilliantly. The team reached the quarter finals playing 6 matches in total, winning 5 and drawing 1. Unfortunately, in that drawn match, the team eventually lost on penalties. (to the eventual winners) A massive thanks to Mrs Crane, Miss Schumacher and Mr Greenough for managing the team. And thanks to the parents who went along to support.

### **Bench Ball Success**

Halsall St Cuthbert's sent 2 teams to the district championships and both did superbly well. Competing against 20 other teams, the 1<sup>st</sup> team actually finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place and returned with bronze medals. This was a fabulous achievement. Well done to both teams. The conduct of the children was excellent, they represented the school brilliantly and showed wonderful sportsmanship.

### **Swimming**

The swimming gala is being held at Nye Bevan pool (Skelmersdale) in late February. Let's hope that the children can swim well and can retain the trophy once again. Thanks to Mrs Dunne for giving her time to supervise the children.

### **Residential Holidays**

The children are looking forward to their adventure holidays.

Year 4 : PGL at Winmarleigh Hall

Year 5 : PGL at Winmarleigh Hall

Year 6 : Llandudno trip

These are such amazing adventures for the children. They challenge themselves, become more independent, grow in confidence and build and strengthen friendships. And they make fabulous memories that will last a lifetime.

A massive thanks to the staff for giving up their time and for their commitment in ensuring that these opportunities go-ahead.

### **PTFA**

The PTFA continues to raise funds for school and provide those little extras that make school life more enjoyable for the children. They've had a toast week, they've had hot chocolate and marshmallows to celebrate Valentines' Day and there's also been a Bingo Night.

### **Kenyon Shield Winners for Spring Term 1**

Reception : Jack Pope

Year 1 : Beatrix Cunningham

Year 2 : Florence Holmes

Year 3 : Bobby Alker

Year 4 : Maisie Rogers

Year 5 : Amelia Brooker

Year 6 : Hettie Brodie

**You've all been fabulous this half-term. Congratulations and keep doing your very best.**

**D Scholes (Head Teacher)**



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[www.halsall-parish.com](http://www.halsall-parish.com)**

## Halsall Village Proud & Tidy Group



Well our challenge to revamp Bishops Walk certainly stirred lots of volunteers into action!! With their help all we aimed to do has been done - and some! If you take a walk down there you will see how the area has been opened up, tidied, mended where needed, and revitalised. A few more things to do but progress has been far beyond our expectations. Nearly 20 volunteers came forward to help. Very well done to all concerned.

If anyone else has some time to spare there are further plans we would like to put in place and we'd very much appreciate your help to achieve what we have in mind so please get in touch if you'd like to join our merry band of helpers.

Etc etc ??



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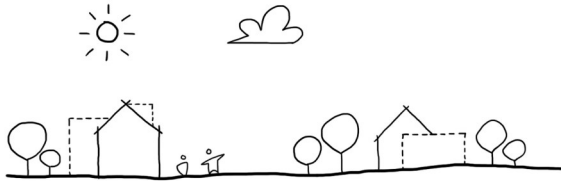
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