

Halsall News



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**HALSALL PARISH COUNCIL
MEET 2ND WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH
Next meeting 7:30pm 9th October 2024
at Memorial Hall, Halsall L39 8RN**

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Billy.Matthews@lancashire.police.uk

or alternatively Neil Cronshaw who is the Community Beat Officer
for Halsall at 7176@lancashire.police.uk

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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.

Carol Ward 07522 206664

HARVEST SUPPER

*We will be holding our annual
Hot Pot Supper*

On

Saturday 12th October

At 7.30 pm in the school hall

Supper, quiz, raffle & entertainment

Tickets £12.00

Please Contact Pam Carr on 01695 423817

Or

Email

edward.pamela176@gmail.com



Coffee mornings

Tuesday 1st October & 5th November 2024 10 -11.30am Choir Vestry St Cuthbert's
Meet old friends and make some new ones and take the opportunity to have a quiet moment in church. If you know someone who is lonely why not bring them along? They will be assured of a warm welcome.



Christian Chatter - October 22nd 7.30 - 8.30pm St Thomas' Millenium Centre

Following on from the successful Lent course, why not come and join an informal chat as we continue to explore the Sermon on the Mount?

NB The Pearl of Africa concert is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances

We are hoping to be able to host it next year



The Rector Writes

October is the time in the Church's year when we give thanks for the harvest that has been safely gathered in and for all those who are involved in enabling us to have the food we eat. We are really looking forward to welcoming St Cuthbert's School to come and lead our Sunday worship for Harvest on 13th October and to help remind us of all the blessings we have. Then in the afternoon we welcome the choir from Rainford along with the choir from St Thomas to lead us in a Harvest Songs of Praise.

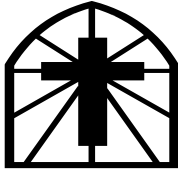
As the Body of Christ, St Cuthbert's is trying to live out our calling, to serve all who live and work in this place and those who visit. To do that we recognise we need to work together and be generous with our time, our skills and our resources across the community. This is far from easy with an ageing congregation and a beautiful medieval building that needs a considerable amount of work to keep it safe and watertight. But together with God, all things are possible.

Following the dreadful events of late July in Southport, it is more important than ever that we work together to build community spaces that are safe for all, and where all are enabled to meet and learn from each other.

As a church family we long for people to encounter the generous loving God who, year in year out, enables the harvest. This means we need to be hospitable in welcoming all people; to be a truly inclusive church regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation or ability. We must be open to challenge and to recognise that we all have our blind spots - and that our preferred way to be and to worship may unintentionally exclude others.

As a church we are seeking to strengthen links with the community we serve and to find creative ways of working together, so that all generations can encounter each other and God in mutually flourishing ways. As part of that, we are planning to hold a community weekend next year, where we can come together and dream some dreams of what our church and community can be.

God Bless,
Susan



**Service in the
United Benefice for
October 2024**

As we celebrate harvest and all God's blessings why not take some time to give thanks for as we celebrate harvest and all God's blessings why not take some time to give thanks for all that we have and all that we are. We take so much for granted. Why not think about giving back a little of your time, your talents and your money for the good of the community?

Wednesday 2nd Oct

11.00am St Thomas' said CW Holy Communion

Thursday 3rd Oct

9.15am St Cuthbert's said Morning Prayer

1.30pm St Cuthbert's said CW Holy Communion with prayers for healing

Sunday 6th October

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

Monday 7th Oct

9.15am Morning Prayer by zoom

Wednesday 9th Oct

11.00am St Thomas' said CW Holy Communion

Thursday 10th Oct

9.15am St Cuthbert's said Morning Prayer

1.30pm St Cuthbert's said CW Holy Communion with prayers for healing

Sunday 13th October Harvest Festival (both churches open all weekend)

8.00am St Thomas' said BCP Holy Communion

8.00am St Cuthbert's said BCP Holy Communion

9.30am St Cuthbert's Harvest Festival with school

11.00am St Thomas' Harvest Church Parade

4pm St Cuthbert's Harvest Songs of Praise with churches from across Ormskirk Deanery

Monday 14th Oct

9.15am Morning Prayer by zoom

Wednesday 16th Oct

11am St Thomas' said CW Holy Communion

Thursday 17th Oct

9.15am St Cuthbert's said Morning Prayer

1.30pm St Cuthbert's said CW Holy Communion with prayers for healing

Sunday 20th October Healthcare Sunday (St Luke's Day)

8.00am St Thomas' BCP Holy Communion

9.30am St Cuthbert's BCP Holy Communion (with Messy Church)

11am St Thomas' CW Eucharist

Monday 21st Oct

9.15am Morning Prayer by zoom

Wednesday 23rd Oct

11.00am St Thomas' said CW Holy Communion

Thursday 24th Oct

9.15am St Cuthbert's said Morning Prayer

1.30pm St Cuthbert's said CW Holy Communion with prayers for healing

Sunday 27th October Twentieth Sunday of Trinity

8.00am St Thomas' BCP Holy Communion
9.30am St Cuthbert's CW Eucharist
11am St Thomas' All Age Eucharist

Monday 28th Oct

9.15am Morning Prayer by zoom

Wednesday 30th Oct

11.00am St Thomas' said CW Holy Communion and reading of names of the departed

Thursday 31st Oct

9.15am St Cuthbert's said Morning Prayer
1.30pm St Cuthbert's said CW Holy Communion with prayers for healing and reading of names of the departed

Friday 1st November

7pm St Thomas' said CW communion with reading of the names of the departed

A "Service of Light" for the bereaved will be held on November 3rd at 4pm at St Cuthbert's Church.

Please let the parish office know the names of loved ones to be remembered in that service.

Use this QR code below to join in Morning prayer on zoom. It will take you to the zoom room.



HARVEST WEEKEND

To conclude our harvest celebrations there will be a Songs of Praise service
in the church on
Sunday 13th October 2024
at 4.00pm

We will be pleased to welcome the choirs from St Thomas' church & All Saints
Rainford plus musicians from St Pauls Skelmersdale

Come along and sing your favourite hymns

YOUR CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT, HALSALL

For enquiries about baptisms or weddings or service information

Phone: 0151 526 2292

Email: stthomassteph@btinternet.com

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

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.

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.

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For further information please contact info@halsallstcuthbert.co.uk

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SANCTUARY LIGHTS



OCTOBER

1st	Joan Halsall (Birthday)
5th	Ken Mawdsley
5th	Florence Atherton
5th	Harold Dean (Birthday)
7th	Richard Abram
7th	Angela Hilton (Birthday)
8th	Roger Comfort (Anniversary)
9th	Cyril James Bailey (Anniversary)
10th	Harry Core (Remembrance)
16th	Vivian Osmond Weights
16th	Rebecca Gill
16th	Anne-Marie Musker
18th	John Harold Grimshaw (Anniversary)
19th	William Stopforth (Anniversary)
21st	Roger Baldwin
25th	Lillian Draper (Anniversary)
27th	Cyril James Bailey (Birthday)
28th	Richard Yule (Anniversary)
31st	Walter Herbert Bullough
31st	Sarah Ann Heaton (Anniversary)

GILBERT AND SULLIVAN

Another musical evening with The Houghton Players
who will perform
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Friday 18th October
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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 Village Green	9.30am Tuesdays & Fridays	01704 840607
Jigsaw Library 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 Facebook Page
Halsall Bees & Butterflies Brigade	Meeting once a month See article for details	Clare Edwards cedwards1144@gmail.com
Halsall Badminton Club	Halsall School Thursday 7.30pm	Jim 01704 840908 Margaret 01704 840305
Yoga	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

NEWS FROM HASALL PARISH COUNCIL

Halsall Parish Council meets on 2nd Wednesday of each month, Next meeting is 7:30 pm 9th October at Memorial Hall recreation ground.

PLANNING (Full Details available at westlancs.gov.uk)

Planning Applications

2024/0382/FUL 98 New Cut Lane, rebuild bungalow due to subsidence
2024/0724/FUL 3 Plex Moss Lane, extensions to rear and side
2024/0718/FUL 38 Heathey Lane, side, rear and granny annexe extensions
2024/0715/FUL 1 Halsall Farm Grove, retrospective children's play structure
2024/0699/FUL 176A Renacres Lane, 2 storey extension to rear & side ext.
2024/0692/FUL 71 Segar's Lane, demolition/rebuilding due to subsidence
2024/0660/PNP Gorse Hill Farm, Prior approval for Farm Track & Exit
2023/0739/FUL 93 Segars Lane, Retrospective permission for a caravan
2024/0752/PNC Green Barn, Asmall Lane, change to a Dwelling

Recent decisions

2022/1095/CON 58 New Street, change in materials for railings
2024/0088/TPO North Moor Lane, reduce branches on 2 Ash trees
2024/0341/FUL North Moor Cottage, add tiled roof to conservatory
2024/0187/FUL 80 New Street, double storey rear extension

Application form for **post of Parish Councillor** available from halsallparishclerk@gmail.com closing date 11th October. See advert on page 22 for further details

The Council requires **Public Liability Insurance** for activities at St Aidan's Hall, the Memorial Hall and Recreation Ground. The Council will switch to Aviva saving nearly £2000 on insurance premiums on a 3-year deal.

Members of the **Friends Of the Green (FROG)** Shirdley Hill Village Green volunteer group have been invited to the Lancashire Best Kept Village awards event so fingers crossed they have won another award following their win last year.

The Shirdley Hill Community Association are restarting their Luncheon Club after a summer break. The next event is at 12:00 on 16th October at St Aidan's Hall on Renacres Lane.

Potholes and Street Flooding complaints should be reported via the Love Clean Streets app on mobile phones or website at www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/report-it/report-it-on-the-go/ . You can send a photo of the pothole, mark it on a map and you receive a reply when it is fixed.

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

Upcoming events and news are posted on **Facebook Halsall Village Community Forum**

www.facebook.com/groups/200983146975703

also on **Facebook is Shirdley Hill Hub** www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100081833388874

Mary Lyons, Chair and Chris Pyne, Parish Clerk

HALSALL WAR MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELD AND HALL TRUST

Halsall Parish Council is Trustee for the Hall and Recreation Ground which is a self-funding charity no 521111 regulated by the Charity Commission.

The **Summer Fair Event** raised over £500 for the Snowdrop Bereavement Team at Alder Hey hospital and £49.41 was donated to the Trust. Thank you to everyone who visited us and the volunteers and stall holders who supported us for such a good cause.

Preparations are underway for the **Remembrance Sunday event** on 10th November. Everyone is welcome for refreshments at the Memorial Hall after the service. The new display board created by Halsall History group collating information on the 10 Halsall servicemen who gave their lives in WW2 will be on display.

The Halsall Proud and Tidy team have worked with local artist Chris Birks and History Group to create a **new Village Information Board**, on the Hall wall next to the car park, about locations around Halsall.

Bakehouse Cafe has signed a new 10-year lease for their premises at Recreation Ground. So please do come and say hello to Howard and his staff. The Cafe is open 7 days per week 9 till 4pm.

The Trust would like to thank the **Scarecrow Fund** for a donation of £100.

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Mary Lyons, Chair, and Chris Pyne, Parish Clerk

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Halsall St Cuthbert's October Report

Dear God, thank you for everything that is new and beautiful, for everything which holds promise and brings us joy. Bless us as we start this new year with our friends and teachers. Help us to make the most of every chance we have to start afresh. May we show love to one another and to all. Amen.

It's a new school year and a new start for many, myself included, so an exciting time at school. We were thrilled to welcome 27 new children into Reception this year and have been so impressed by the way they have settled in so well – what little superstars they all are! A huge thanks to our Year 6 Buddies who have helped to make them feel so welcome and supported in their new school.

Curriculum

Last year the staff worked hard to design a more bespoke curriculum for our pupils that utilises local links and therefore makes learning more relevant to the children of Halsall, so that they leave us as well-rounded, confident and respectable young Christians. The golden threads of our new curriculum are: **Environment and locality, Expression and confidence, Equality and diversity**, more information can be found on our school website www.halsall.lancs.sch.uk

Class Structure

This year we have re-organised our class structure in order to deliver this new curriculum more effectively:

Class L	Rec & Y1	Mrs Harrison, Mrs Edwards, Mrs Lomax, Mrs Strefford, Mrs Stone, Miss Lloyd
Class W	Year 1	Mrs Woolrich, Mrs Tyas, Mrs Gillespie
Class F	Year 2	Mrs Floweth, Mrs Neale, Mrs Massam
Class K	Year 3	Mrs Kendall, Miss Judd, Mrs Theaker
Class C	Year 4	Mrs Crane, Mrs Edney, Mrs McElhinney
Class G	Y5 & Y6	Mrs Galley, Mrs Dunne, Miss Schumacher

Up-coming events

Harvest Eucharist – Tuesday 8th October – 9am
Harvest Festival Service – Sunday 13th October – 9:30am
Spooky Disco – Friday 18th October – 6pm
Fireworks – Tuesday 5th November – 6:30pm

Finally, I'd like to express my sincere thanks for all the kind wishes and support that I've received from staff, parents, church and the local parish as I embark on my new role as headteacher of Halsall St Cuthbert's. I feel truly blessed to be part of such a dynamic, dedicated school team, with a supportive parent body, community and of course such wonderful children!

Kate Hampson

New advertising rates 2024

Due to an increase in running costs we have revised the advertising rates.

The magazine is printed in black and white. It is usually distributed around 1st of the month with 10 issues in a year, not January or August.

The Halsall Newsletter is distributed free to all the households in the Parish of Halsall. Approx 1000 households on 1st of each month.

It can also be viewed on line at <https://halsallparish.org.uk/information/newsletter/> and <http://www.halsallstcuthberthub.co.uk/archive/>

Advert Size	One Month	One Year
Full Page	£40	£ 250
Half Page	£30	£140
Quarter Page	£20	£75

The deadline date for adverts is usually the 13th of each month

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Sunday 4th November 2024 at 4pm**

when we shall remember in our prayers those from St Cuthbert's and
St Thomas' parish who have died in the last few years



*Death is not extinguishing the light;
it is putting out the lamp because the dawn has come. (anon)*

The service will last about an hour, with music and readings. It will be an
opportunity to remember and give thanks for those who have died.

After the service there will be refreshments
and time to talk if you wish.

For further information and to include the name of a loved one you wish
to remember, please contact the Parish Office:

0151 526 2292

Email : stthomassteph@btinternet.com

Shirdley Hill Lunchtime Club

16th October 2024

Meal, hot drink and cake £7.00

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The Bees and Butterflies Brigade

Here at The Bees and Butterflies Brigade we are having a busy autumn! Planting is in progress in St. Cuthbert's Memorial Garden, where we are using low-growing, shade-loving plants to create a carpet of interesting foliage. Native, spring-flowering bulbs (such as Winter Aconite and Wood Anemone) are being included in the planting, combined with garden plants that are particularly good for providing spring nectar for pollinating insects (such as hellebores, lungworts and bugles). As the plants establish and grow they will provide attractive ground cover which will encourage mini-beasts to thrive and provide areas in which birds and hedgehogs can safely search for food.

Did you know that hedgehogs are endangered and at risk of extinction? Sadly these iconic creatures need our help more than ever. 150,000 are killed each year on our roads alone and, like many UK species, they are suffering from chemical usage (slug pellets, for example) and habitat loss. The Bees and Butterflies are trying to make St Cuthbert's churchyard as hedgehog-friendly as possible and the new planting will definitely help, giving them cover to travel and forage. Hedgehogs need to drink every night, and will even wake for a drink during periods of hibernation, so a clean source of water is vital for their survival. Look out for a small, shallow pebble pool amongst our planting, which will provide hedgehogs with a safe place to drink. Piles of logs allowed to gently rot down provide a habitat for creatures like beetles, bugs, woodlice, slugs and worms - these in turn become a feast for a passing hedgehog. So you will see some amazing log piles in the churchyard which are designed to look good but will also help wildlife.

Importantly, some areas of the Memorial Garden will be left undisturbed, so that wildlife can find a home and thrive.

Would you like to do more with your garden to help hedgehogs? There are plenty of simple things you can do and now is the time of year to do it. Think about how hedgehogs are going to access your garden. How about a log pile stuffed with dried leaves in a quiet spot? Or a drinking dish you top up regularly? Or maybe just ditch those slug pellets and grow hostas in a spot where those slug-eaten leaves are not quite so noticeable? A great place to get all the information you need is www.chorleyhedgehogrescue.co.uk.

I met the lady who runs this charity at Southport Flower Show this year and she had so much knowledge and enthusiasm – her website talks about how to attract and look after hedgehogs in your garden and what to do if you find a sick or underweight hedgehog, including an emergency number. Well worth a look if you want to help.

If you already have hedgehogs in your garden then please let me know on the usual email because it's always cheering to hear a positive story. The next meeting of The Bs will be on Sunday 13th October at 2pm in St Cuthbert's churchyard, when we will continue our planting and habitat creation. Please do join us – new members are so welcome.

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