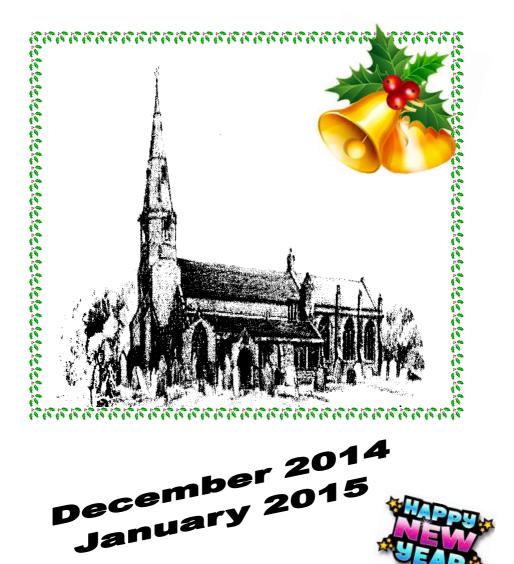
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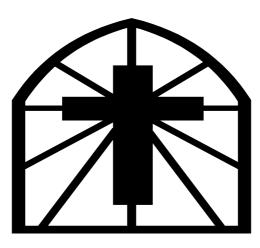
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# Mid-Week Services in the United Benefice – Dec/Jan

Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	10.00am	St Thomas' Church		
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00am 11.00am 9.15am	St Thomas' School Haskayne School St Cuthbert's School		
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> December		St Thomas' Church St Thomas' Church – Morning Prayer		
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> December	NO SERVICE			
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> January Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	10.00am 10.00am 10.00am 10.00am	St Cuthbert's Church St Cuthbert's Church St Cuthbert's Church St Cuthbert's Church		

# **Christmas Services**

## PLEASE NOTE THE TIME FOR THE CHRISTINGLE SERVICE ON CHRISTMAS EVE

#### Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Eve

8.30am **4.00pm** 11.30pm Morning Prayer Christingle Service Midnight Mass St Thomas' St Cuthbert's St Cuthbert's

#### Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Day

8.00am BCP Holy Communion + Carols St Thomas'
9.30am Eucharist and Carols St Cuthbert's
11.00am Eucharist and Carols St Thomas' (Children bring a toy to show the Rector)

#### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December

8.00am 10.30am BCP Communion United Benefice Eucharist and Carols

St Thomas' St Cuthbert's



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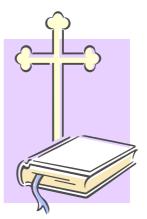
## **WEDDINGS**

**11<sup>th</sup> October 2014** Jonathan Baldwin & Catherine Nalborczyk

## **FUNERALS**

2<sup>nd</sup> October 2014 George Becksmith

9<sup>th</sup> October 2014 Gladys Doherty



## CHURCH CLEANING ROTA FOR DECEMBER 2014 / JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2015

14th Dec	E Banks L Wilkinson	N Harbinson C Meehan	M Webster C Parry D Backhouse
28th Dec	A Critchley K Orrit	P Waterworth S Waterworth	K Twist
10th Jan	P Carr A Grimshaw	E Houlgrave J Showering	E Carr S Lloyd
24th Jan	B Knowles K Mudd	E Wroe S Jessop	J Quinn
7th Feb	E Banks L Wilkinson	N Harbinson C Meehan	M Webster C Parry D Backhouse
21st Feb	A Critchley K Orrit	P Waterworth S Waterworth	K Twist

WARDENS AND SIDESPERSONS DECEMBER 2014 JANUARY 2015										
DATE	WARDEN	SIDESPERSONS								
DECEMBER										
7th	Brian Heaton	Len Davidson								
14th	Marilyn Westley	Jim Critchley Peter Aynsley	Anne Cushion							
21st	Lynda Bramwell	Elaine Ayre	Philip Banks							
28th	Malcolm Serjeant	Christine Jones	Paul Goldstraw							
JANUARY										
4th	Brian Heaton	Bill Banks	John Wroe							
11th	Marilyn Westley	Beryl Sephton	Bill White							
18th	Lynda Bramwell	Eileen Houlgrave	Ann Critchley							
25th	Malcolm Serjeant	Eleanor Wroe	Stephanie Hilton							

# TWO GREAT SERVICES ON SUNDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER AT ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH



COME AND JOIN US AT 9.30AM FOR OUR EUCHARIST AND NATIVITY

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# PLEASE NOTE THE NEW EARLIER TIME

## NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

## **PROJECTS**

Work on repair of walls either side of Memorial Gates was completed in time for Remembrance Sunday and the gates were painted in advance.

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS

2014/0993/FUL - Andersons Farm, Philip Drive - Change of use of land to residential garden. Construction of a single storey garage, log store/kennel block and a play house.

2014/0984/FUL - Malt Kiln Barn, Halsall Road - Construction of proposed new garage on gable wall between Malt Kiln Barn and Malt Kiln Cottage.

2014/1059/FUL - 86 New Street - Single storey rear extension and porch to front. New vehicular access and driveway

http://www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning.aspx

## P.A.C.T. (Police And Communities Together) Meetings

Meetings are held in Haskayne Village Hall 109 School Lane with public participation.

For information and the latest news visit:

http://www.lancashire.police.uk/neighbourhood/halsall

## <u>PARKING</u>

Can all residents please ensure when parking not to obstruct pavements or park in bus lay-bys. Pedestrians with prams and wheelchair users need to be able to use the pavement and you should allow enough room when parking to enable them to do so.

## REPORT ATTEMPTED CRIME AND SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES

A number of thefts have been reported recently and the police have asked the Council to remind residents to report attempted crimes, even if this results in no loss to anyone and please let them know if you spot this vehicle.

If you observe anyone acting suspiciously (including possible bogus callers) or if you are uncertain as to whether you should be reporting something dial 101 to let them know so that the police can take preventative action if necessary.

## NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL Continued

## HGV Traffic using the Moss Roads

Please note that following complaints and enquiries from members of the public about increased volumes of heavy goods vehicles using the moss roads the Parish Council in conjunction with your local Borough and County Councillor are investigating the problem and will be trying to ensure that restrictions are placed upon the movement of HGVs to force them to use main roads.

#### Shirdley Hill/Kew/Ormskirk Bus Service

The Council are liaising with Lancashire County Council to investigate the possible introduction of a pilot scheme look at the feasibility of running an hourly service both ways between Kew, Shirdley Hill, Halsall Church and Ormskirk (please fill in the questionnaire overleaf)

### Parish Council Meetings

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2014 at 7.30 p.m. in Memorial Hall, Halsall Road, Halsall.

Please note: If you wish to make audio or video recording, or take photographs of the meeting please phone Dave Bond, Parish Clerk on 01704 534090 or email <u>davebondhpc@aol.com</u> in advance of the meeting so that this can be arranged in an organised manner in order to minimise any disruption.

Contact Dave Bond, Parish Clerk on 01704 534090 or email <u>davebondhpc@aol.com</u> in advance of the meeting to seek permission.

A full list of Councillors and contact numbers can be found toward the front of the magazine.

Cllr. Sylvia Corfield has resigned her position as Councillor after many years of loyal service and the Council wishes to acknowledge her contribution to the residents of Halsall over the years and thank her for

all her help.

Assuming that an election is not called within the required time limit the Council will be looking to co-opt a new Councillor and any interested parties should contact the Clerk on the above phone number.

The Parish Council Website <u>www.halsallparish.com</u> includes agendas and minutes of previous meetings.

## HOPE FOR A SHIRDLEY HILL BUS SERVICE

# Proposed MINI BUS SERVICE TO REPLACE 300 to run between Kew, Shirdley Hill, Halsall Church and Ormskirk.

### **Questionnaire**

Lancashire County Councillor John Fillis has announced that he intends to create new regular small bus services for rural communities with your help maybe we could persuade him to use Shirdley Hill for a trial, your input is essential.

Please complete and return the questionnaire to Halsall Memorial Hall Pharmacy or Gregory Lane Garage ASAP. Unfortunately we are unable to collect them but it is really important to return these as soon as possible to help make a case. Please consider when completing the form that you may need to use the bus in future years either for your family young or old or friends visiting, consider times, days and possible frequency.

Name
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Address--

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Days best for all

Times most likely to use Any comments-

Thank you

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Ensure that cleaning work is carried out to the required standard

Organise and issue the agendas for Trust meetings

Attend Trust meetings as required and take and issue the minutes

Ad hoc work as and when necessary

Maintain filing system

Financial:

Raise invoices for rent

Take electric and water meter readings and bill users accordingly

Ensure that monies are received re the above.

Ensure that monies are banked weekly and cheques for payments raised and despatched promptly

Maintain Income and Expenditure Account

Reconcile Income and Expenditure Account to bank statement

Produce Annual Report and liaise with Auditor to ensure that the accounts are signed off

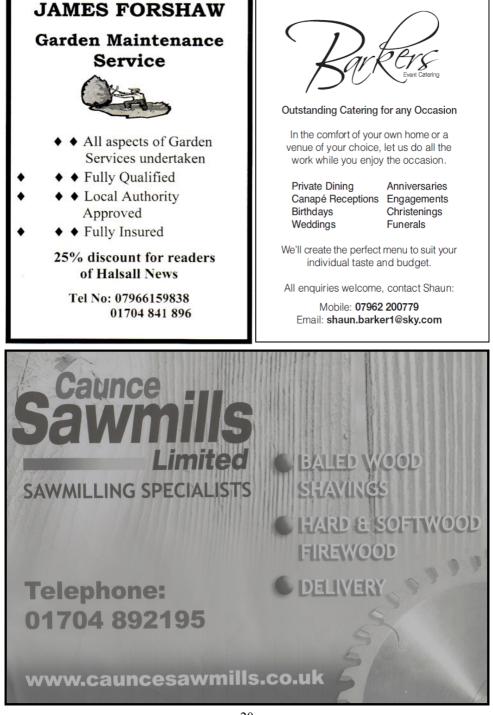
Submit Annual Report to the Charity Commission once approved by the Trustees

If you are interested in applying for the post please contact Brian Young (Chairman) by email at brian@bya.ltd.uk

A vacancy has arisen for a deliverer for the Halsall Newsletter in the New Street area.

A volunteer is required to deliver 50 copies on 10 months of every year. (Only takes about 30 minutes)

Anybody who is over 18 years of age and interested should contact Edward Carr on 01695 423817







# CAROL SINGING AT TESCO SOUTHPORT THURSDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2014 FROM 7.00PM TO 8.00PM

# Volunteers are requested to join with St Cuthbert's choir in this fund raising event.

# If you feel you can sing or even hold a collection tin please contact Edward Carr on 01695 423817

It is proposed to have 2 short practices at approximately 10.30am after the Sunday morning services on 30<sup>th</sup> November and 7<sup>th</sup> December.

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# Halsall Environment Group

Due to lack of space in the last two newsletters we are only now able to let you know the results of the Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition 2014.

We are very pleased to announce that Halsall has been placed third out of 11 villages in the Championship Class in the Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition and will be presented with a Highly Commended Certificate. The first and second places were awarded to Blacko and Wrea Green.

Congratulations to Brian & Celia Webster of Manor House Farm for being judged the Best Kept Farm in Lancashire along with Frank and Andrea Baybutt who were awarded a Highly Commended in the same category.

The Saracens Head has also been awarded a Highly Commended in the Best Kept Pub Category

Thanks to everybody in the village whose efforts have made such a big difference to our surroundings.

There are too many to mention by name but we feel a special mention should go to Brian Lloyd who mows areas of grass all around the village. Thanks Brian!



Please contact either Eleanor Wroe 01704 841216 <u>elliwroe@hotmail.com</u> or Enid Banks 01704 567654 <u>enidbanks@aol.com</u> if you would like to find out more about our group



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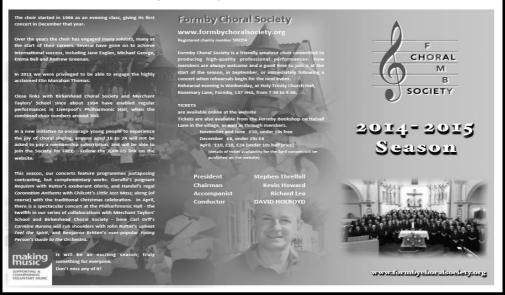
#### AND an opportunity to apply for a £250 bursary (up to 21)

Come and **join us now** to sing Carl Orff's rousing **Carmina Burana at the Philharmonic Hall, April 2015,** and a joyous selection of popular works by Handel, Lauridsen and Chilcott during our current season.

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www.formbychoralsociety.org. Or email berylkev@howardmail.me.uk The choir practices every Wednesday evening in Holy Trinity Church Hall, Formby, from 7.30 to 9.30pm. .

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# <u>What's Been Happening at Halsall CE</u>

# <u>December Report</u>

Many apologies for last month when the wrong report was inadvertently e-mailed to the editor of the Parish Magazine.

The report should have included some of the amended information below.

#### School Roll

At present we have 153 children on-roll and there are 5 classes.

We have 6 teachers and 10 teaching assistants who provide effective support in both the classroom and through special individual/group intervention work. There are about 30 children registered with the Learning Tree Nursery and Smiley Faces Playgroup.

Annual Summary Report

We have recently received our LEA Annual Summary Report devised by the external advisor and it makes excellent reading.

The report asserts that the leadership and management of the school are strong and that the school's self-evaluation is honest, thorough and accurate. It states that the school has clear targets for development and that governors know the school well. It judges that the pupils' personal development and well -being are outstanding, that the quality of teaching is consistently good with much outstanding and that the impact of this on achievement, from on-entry to year 6, is at least good.

It summarises that overall, the capacity to sustain current levels of improvement is outstanding. Well done to everyone concerned. <u>School Concerts 2014</u>

This year We're raising money for the charity : <u>WAR CHILD</u> This is a lesser known charity that supports children in war-torn countries around the world. Hopefully our donation will make a difference to the lives of many suffering children.

There will be performances on : Tuesday 9th December at 10-00am

Tuesday 9th December at 10-00am Wednesday 10th December at 2-00pm Thursday 11th December at 7-00pm

There will be a Reception Nativity on Friday 12th December at 9-30am If there is anyone from the church or the Halsall community, who would like to come along to the Tuesday performance, please let us know. Tickets are £3 each.



New Admissions - September 2015

Parents/carers are now applying for their child to start school in September 2015. If there is anyone who would like a tour of the school, please let us know. Otherwise complete the relevant forms online at

www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

The School Admissions Policy can be found on the school website.

Please note the order of the Admissions Criteria and the importance placed on a faith commitment.

Cathedral Visit 2015

Next March, we have organised a whole-school outing to the Anglican Cathedral in Liverpool. We've lots of interesting workshops timetabled through the day and the children should really get a sense of awe and wonder in such a wonderful and spiritual house of worship. And Rev Paul Robinson is coming along too.

<u>Kidz Club</u>

Our new after-school club manageress Mrs Hannah Massam, has now joined at Halsall Primary School. We wish her well in this exciting, new challenge. I'm sure she'll love it.

On behalf of the parents and carers, I would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Sue Wilson and Mrs Sheila Benbow, who have jointly managed the club over the past couple of years. I'm glad to say that they'll both continue as assistants at the club.

Confirmation 2014

Many of our year 5/6 children were confirmed by the Bishop of Warrington in a special service at St Cuthbert's in October. They'd followed a series of inspirational lessons early in the new term. They all did fantastically well. Thank you to their tutors and to their parents/carers who supported them. <u>Flash Mob</u>

A few weeks ago, the dance/drama group, children and eventually staff, performed a special dance for everyone in the playground. They were fantastic. The dance is now on the school website and is worth a look. (front page link)

Africa Week

During our Africa Week, the children played the bongo drums during some inspirational musical workshops. We had an African Storytelling day with lots of drama and the children painted lots of African art pictures.

We also had a Welly Walk around the village to raise money for Farm Africa. Altogether we collected nearly £1,500. What a fabulous effort!

#### Staffroom Extension

The extension has now started and we hope that everything will be finished by mid February. Although the extension will be quite substantial in size and will significantly alter the facia of the building, the materials used will be sympathetic to the present brickwork and architecture. It should be a

wonderful new resource.

Harvest Service

The children performed wonderfully well at the recent Harvest Service in October.

Thanks to everyone who came along to support the school and a special thanks to all the volunteers who decorated the church so beautifully and helped with the distribution of the hampers the following week. There was such a lot to do.

PTFA Bonfire Night

This was another fabulously successful occasion. We were blessed with a perfect chilly night with no rain or wind. Thousands of people flocked to sample the unique atmosphere at the event.

A massive, massive thanks to everyone who helped with the organisation. There is always so much that needs to be done to make such a big event run so smoothly.

As always, there were a few individuals who parked their cars inconsiderately but overall inconvenience was low and by 9-30pm the village was back to normal.

The school's PTFA and the many groups who managed stalls on the night, made significant amounts of profit to help fund future activities. Well done. <u>PTFA\_Funds</u>

The PTFA continues to be absolutely brilliant, in raising valuable funds to spend on the pupils at Halsall St Cuthbert's Primary. The committee recently approved spending on the following :

£20 per child for school trips during this academic year.

Whole School outing to the Anglican Cathedral in Liverpool.

Renovation of the fruit/vegetable garden and the surrounding nature areas.

Extension of outdoor play facilities and equipment in the early

ICT Software package subscription. (Purple Mash)

External floodlights around school.

Christmas Party and activities.

### Christmas Boxes

This year we collected Christmas boxes for the charity Blythswood Care, which distributes to children in many poor families in Eastern Europe. Altogether, we amassed over 90 boxes. This was another magnificent effort by our parents/carers and many, many thanks to anyone who donated. It was most kind and thoughtful.

Children in Need (Fund-Raising)

We raised nearly £150 recently when all the children and staff came to school dressed as either a SUPERHERO or WEARING SPOTS! There were some wonderful outfits on display.

D Scholes (Head Teacher)

# Halsall St Cuthbert's Sunday School



The next meeting of the Sunday School will be on the  $14^{ hetah}$ 

December to prepare for the Nativity service. This

performance will take place on the 21<sup>st</sup> December during the 9.30am service.

We were all so proud of our three young girls who laid the Sunday School cross of poppies at the War Memorial on

Remembrance Sunday. So, we say a big thank you to Rachel, Georgia and Evie for being such excellent role models for the other children. Wishing you all peace and joy at Christmas.

Tara Kenyon and Ann Cushion

(Dates for January are the 11<sup>th</sup> and the 25<sup>th</sup>.)

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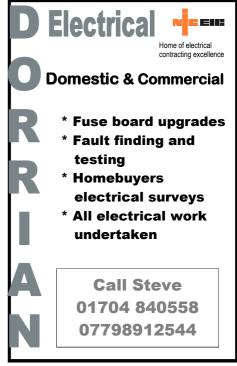
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## SANCTUARY LIGHTS

### DECEMBER

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## JANUARY

1st Elizabeth Rhodes 3rd R J Critchley 7th Joan Aindow (Birthday) 7th John Marshall (Birthday) 8th Edward Shackladv 9th Gladys May Core (Remembrance) 12th Marjorie Dunbavand (Birthday) 14th The Mercer Family 15th Jack Huyton (Birthday) 20th Henry Serjeant 25th Tom Dennett (Birthday) 26th Jack Huyton (Anniversary) 27th Albert Pilkington 27th George Gaskell 27th Rose Mary Bailey (Anniversary) 28th John Johnson (Birthday) 29th Richard Bolton Ainscough (Anniversary)



# Gardener`s Corner



#### December at-a-glance

The garden is magical in winter. The colour palette is limited, but the strong shapes & skeletal framework provide its own kind of beauty & don't forget the garden can be a great source of home-grown material for a natural feel to Christmas decorations in & outside the home. Happy Christmas & Happy Gardening.

#### General garden tasks

Continue winter digging if soil is workable.

Plan & begin any landscaping jobs.

Clear away any debris to prevent harbouring slugs & snails.

Rake up the last of the leaves.

Send off for seed catalogues to browse through on darker rainy days.

Carry out lawn repairs if weather conditions allow.

Move or plant deciduous trees or shrubs if the soil is workable.

Prune ornamental vines.

Cut shoots for indoor decorations.

Organise your Christmas tree.

Sow seeds of hardy plants.

Plant seasonal outdoor tubs & hanging baskets for Christmas.

Plant fruit trees & bushes.

Continue to check stored fruit.

Tidy plants in the greenhouse & continue to water sparingly.

Check any bulbs in store.

Check tubs planted with bulbs for mice disturbance.

Make provisions to prevent pond from freezing over.

Clear up the shed, clean tools, wash pots & trays – spring will be here before you know!

#### Watch out for

Chilled pot plants – pot plants that have been standing in the open outside shops may have come straight from a warm & sheltered greenhouse. Poinsettias are especially vulnerable.

#### Plants in their prime

Prunus `Autumnalis`. Viburnum. Mahonia. Japonica. Cotoneaster. Fatsia. Malus. Photinia. Pyracantha. Skimmia. Clematis `freckles`. Jasmine varieties. Winter flowering pansies.

Tina Lloyd

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