

HALSALL NEWS



December 2021 January 2022

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Closing date for Articles: Tuesday 18th January 2022

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All details in the magazine are correct to the best of our knowledge at the time of going to press.

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Street Lighting Fault Reporting Line 0300 123 6701

Fire Safety Helpline 0800 169 1125

POLICE CONTACT DETAILS

Neighbourhood Policing Sergeant, Darren Carr e-mail Darren.Carr@lancashire.pnn.police.uk

or alternatively Paul Austin who is the Community Beat Officer for Halsall at 1081@lancashire.pnn.police.uk (work mobile number 07966580004)

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Parish Mobile: 07518 926086

Email: stthomassteph@btinternet.com

<u>Parish Surgery</u>: 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:

stthomassteph@btinternet.com

<u>The Sick</u>: This parish is committed to the care of the sick. Names of those in need of this ministry, either at home or in hospital, should be given to the parish office on 07518 926086 or 0151 526 2292. 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.

The Dying: Alex can be contacted at any time in order to minister to the dying on 07798 702831 or 01695 422306.

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To advertise please contact Mrs Susan Roberts. 01704 897857 or susanroberts2805@aol.com



Club/Group	Club/Group Meetings	
Scouts/Cubs Groups Boys & Girls age 6 to 14.	Halsall School Monday 6.30pm—8pm	Karen 07973953651
Halsall Village Proud & Tidy Group	Various working parties around the village.	Eleanor Wroe 01704 841216 Or Enid Banks 01704 567654
Shirdley Hill Environment Group	Various projects on going around Shirdley Hill.	Dave Corfield 01704 840705
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
Jigsaw Library	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.	Sue Charnock https:// www.facebook.com/ groups/15262672108670 10

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.

Susan 01704 897857 or susanroberts2805@aol.com



Because this magazine must be edited and printed by our amazing team, I'm writing this letter to you in November and already I'm watching Christmas Adverts on the television and listening to Christmas music in the shops. I love the Christmas season not only the Lovely Christmas services in church but also the general hustle and bustle, the lights the tinsel and the sense of anticipation, especially this year when although we hope and pray for a happy, healthy Christmas, we are constantly concerned about how a big increase in Covid infections might affect our celebrations. Added to this, there is such a lot to get ready for isn't there? I 'm a great list person and just at this moment the list is frightening. Which is why I have decided to try to approach in a different way. Oh, I have no doubt all the things I usually do for Christmas will get done, but I'm going to try and change my priorities. I'm going to make a new list and instead of having Christmas presents, the tree and a million and one things to get done in the house at the top of my list I'm putting Jesus. This year I'm going to really try to get myself ready for the Birth of The Son of God.

When guests come into our homes, we usually prepare. We dust, mop, hoover, shake out the rugs, put out fresh towels, and fresh sheets on the bed, set the table for dinner, and if you are like me go into a frenzy of cooking. We do this to give the best welcome we can! To say, "You are an honoured guest!"

At Christmas Jesus comes to take up residence in our lives. Born as a baby in humble circumstances but exalted to the right hand of God the Father, he waits for us to invite him into our hearts and live as Saviour and Lord. So, we need to be ready for him and what better time than Advent to do this. Covid or not, Jesus Christ is coming! Time to welcome him by being prepared, and unlike the Christmas shopping this doesn't have to be hard work!

Try a short 'Quiet Time' every day with a reading from the Bible and a time to reflect and pray. Then do join us for worship and Carols in our beautiful church during Advent and Christmas, just as fellow Christians have done for hundreds of years. Each of the Ministry Team look forward to welcoming you. Have a very happy Christmas and a healthy and peaceful New Year.

Glen

Carols Around the tree



Sunday 19th December 4.00pm

At

St Cuthbert's, Halsall

Come and Sing your favourite Carol With Marshside Brass Band

Followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

All are welcome



Christmas Tree Festival at St Cuthbert's Church

Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th December

Church open to visitors 1pm - 5pm both days.

There is still ample time to conjure up ideas for the Christmas Tree Event. Come and join in the fun, businesses, family, school, friendship group, everyone welcome. There is no theme, so let your imagination run wild

Something topical, climate change, coming out of the pandemic. Your favourite carol, hymn, pantomime, a colour theme. Endless ideas.

Your tree can be traditional, or made out of any type of material. Any size. Also, if you could make a sign with the entry would be ideal. e.g. (Name, Title.)

Only stipulation if illuminated is to use battery operated lights. Go on Pinterest for some brilliant ideas.

The covered display boards will be in position if needed for your tree.

We would like everything set up by Friday evening December 10th.

We will be leaving all exhibits in place until after Christmas.

You can also view updates about the event on Facebook.

We will be serving light refreshments both days.

Christmas Services

SUNDAY 19th December

4.00pm Carol Service with

Marshside Brass Band St Cuthbert's

FRIDAY 24th December – Christmas Eve

4.00pm Christingle Service St Cuthbert's 11.00 pm Midnight Eucharist St Cuthbert's

SATURDAY 25th December – Christmas Day

10.00am Short Christmas Service St Cuthbert's



CHURCH CLEANING ROTA



December 2021 & January 2022

12th December	P Carr	E Houlgrave A Webster	E Carr J Aynsley	A Grimshaw
26th December	E Wroe	J Wroe J Stone	A Cushion S Richards	G Williams
9th January	ary E Banks M We		L Wilkinson S Roberts	M Cheetham
23rd January	M Mills	K Twist R Fishlock	C Moss	N Fish



Sunday Services in the United Benefice for December 2021 & January 2022

Sunday 5th December

8.00 am St Thomas'

9.30 am St Cuthbert's (With Messy Church group) 9.30 am ZOOM Service (With children's group)

11.00 am St Thomas'

Sunday 12th December

8.00 am St Thomas' 9.30 am 9.30am 11.00 am St Cuthbert's.

ZOOM Service (With Children's group)

St Thomas'

Sunday 19th December

8.00 am St Thomas' 9 30 am St Cuthbert's

ZOOM Service (With children's group) 9.30 am

11.00 am St Thomas'

St Cuthbert's Carols Around the Tree with Marsh 4pm

Side Brass Band

Christmas Eve

4pm St Cuthbert's Christingle Service 11pm St Cuthbert's Midnight Eucharist

Christmas Day

10am St Cuthbert's short Christmas Service

Sunday 26th December

9.30am ZOOM Service (to be confirmed)

Sunday 2nd January

8.00 am St Thomas'

8.00 am 9.30 am 9.30 am 11.00 am St Cuthbert's (With Messy Church group) ZOOM Service (With children's group)

St Thomas'

Sunday 9th January

8.00 am St Thomas' 9.30 am
St Cuthbert's.

200M Service (With Children's group)

Sunday 16th January

8.00 am
9.30 am
9.30 am
St Cuthbert's
9.30 am
ZOOM Service (With children's group)

11.00 am St Thomas'

Sunday 23rd January

St Thomas' St Cuthbert's ZOOM Service 8.00 am 9.30 am 9.30 am 11.00 am St Thomas'

Sunday 30th January United Benefice Service

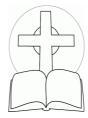
For ZOOM login details please contact Rev Alex or Stephanie in the office.

HALSALL FROM THE REGISTERS

FUNERALS

10th November

Helen Ainscough



NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

NEW COUNCILLORS

Andy Tomin and Joseph Farley were co-opted onto the Council at the meeting held on 10th November 2021

The Council welcomes them as part of the team and wishes them well.

PLANNING

2021/0808/FUL - Land Adjacent To Malt Kiln Cottages , Halsall Road - . Erection of 4 no. semi-detatched affordable dwellings including new access road – The Council is objecting to this proposal as it has traffic and road safety concerns.

2021/1202/FUL - Charles Farm, North Moor Lane - Proposed single storey extension to residential dwelling.

PARKING ALONG SUMMERWOOD LANE

Car parking either side of Summerwood Lane at school times and when funerals and weddings are taking place at St Cuthbert's are causing an obstruction and prevent large vehicles, including the emergency services from passing through

Please use the Memorial Hall car park whenever possible.

PARKING ON CARR MOSS LANE NEAR TO THE JUNCTION WITH LINAKER DRIVE

The Parish Council would ask people to use some common sense when parking their cars and not to park so close to the junction as to restrict residents of Linaker Drive from being able to see oncoming cars approaching from both directions when exiting the drive.

PARKING ALONG SEGARS LANE

Cars double parking and parking on pavements are causing problems along Segars Lane. Can residents please park in their driveways if possible and leave enough room when parking on pavements to allow prams and wheelchairs to get through.

PARKING ALONG MOSS ROAD

Cars parking on pavements are causing problems along Moss Road. Can residents please park in their driveways if possible and leave enough room when parking on pavements to allow prams and wheelchairs to get through

NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL continued

315 Ormskirk to Southport Bus Service

Halsall Parish Council is looking at the feasibility of conducting an on-the -bus customer survey to collect information on how the bus is used and what ideas customers might have for improving the service. If anyone is interested in volunteering to ride on the bus and help complete questionnaires then please contact Chris Pyne at chrispynehpc@gmail.com.

Parish Council Meetings

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday 8th December 2021 at 7.30 p.m. at St Aidan's Hall, Renacres Lane, Shirdley Hill, Halsall

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

The Parish Council Website www.halsallparish.com includes agendas and minutes of previous meetings together with the final audited accounts for the year ended 31st March 2021 and Governance and Accountability Statement

CO – OPTION TO FILL VACANCIES FOR PARISH COUNCILLORS

Would you like to work with others to promote the quality of life in Halsall?

Would you like to help Halsall remain a good place to live? Do you have skills you could use to support our village? Do you think you could represent the views of local people?

If you have answered YES to any of these questions then why not apply to join Halsall Parish Council.

Please write to David Bond Clerk to the Council 3 Rawlinson Grove, Southport PR9 9NF

(email davebondhpc@aol.com) or phone 01704 534090 / 07837 787525 Applications to include a brief c.v and short statement of what you believe you could contribute.

Supporting St Cuthbert's Church

The website for St Cuthbert's Church can be viewed at

www.halsallstcuthberthub.co.uk

This website 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. On the spot updates are also available via the St Cuthbert's Facebook page through which direct messages can also be sent. There are several ways in which you can support the Church:

Parish Giving Scheme

Regular giving can be set up very easily by searching:

www.parishgiving.org.uk

and look up St Cuthbert's Halsall (there is also a link on our website). 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.

Friends of St Cuthbert's

Donations can be made to our "friends" scheme and the form can be downloaded from our website (Friends link on the home page). All funds raised through this 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.

Ad hoc Donations

These can be made via the collection box in Church or by post.

Volunteer Support

If you have a little time to spare you may like to join our team of volunteers who help to keep the Church and its grounds tidy and clean. Please message via our Facebook page or e- mail us for further information on: info@halsallstcuthberthub.co.uk

Thank you!

Lighting up St Cuthbert's Tree

You may wish to remember a loved one or simply support our Christmas Tree by sponsoring a light.

Dedications will be displayed around the Tree from 15th December.

You can make your dedication by completing a donation envelope that will be available in Church and placing it with your chosen donation in the box.

Thank you so much for your support and don't forget that we will be singing carols on Sunday 19th December at 4pm accompanied by Marshside Brass Band. All are welcome so please come and join us!



Report from Halsall St Cuthbert's: December

Fireworks Night

Thanks to everyone who came along to the Bonfire night last week to support the school and its PTFA. An even bigger thanks to everyone who helped organize the event by working on stalls, helping people cross the road, monitoring car parking, taking and counting money, helping set up and clear away etc. Hopefully, any inconvenience to local people and any congestion was kept to a minimum. It was a massive team effort. All the stall holders managed to raise lots of money for their good causes.

The school's PTFA raised a substantial sum on the night and this was especially pleasing, as opportunities to raise funds have been few and far between over the past couple of years. Well done to the PTFA committee and its volunteers.

Chester Zoo

It was a privilege to take the children from Class H and Class F to Chester Zoo in early November.

It was such a gorgeous day! They were all so excited, they had an absolutely brilliant time and they loved seeing all the different animal species. Their favourites were probably the meerkats, the elephants, the giraffes and the penguins. Thanks to the staff and all the volunteers for supervising the groups throughout the visit. And thanks to the PTFA for funding the coach. What a great day out it was!

Christmas Concerts

We have made slight changes to the Christmas show schedule. The year 1 and 2 children will now be performing a school nativity. The reception nativity will be a week earlier now. Please see below.

Frid 3rd Dec 9-30am : Reception Nativity

Tues 7th Dec 10-00am: Joseph Wed 8th Dec 2-00pm: Joseph Thur 9th Dec 7-00pm: Joseph

Frid 10th Dec 9-30am: Year 1+2 Nativity

Christmas Events

Monday 13th Dec Wednesday 15th Dec Talent show Children's Christmas Party Christmas Film Toy Day

Thursday 16th Dec Friday 17th Dec Friday 17th Dec 2-00pm Thursday 6th January School Closes School reopens

From all at Halsall St Cuthbert's Have a great Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year 2022

CAROL SINGING AT TESCO KEW SOUTHPORT



TUESDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2021 FROM 7.00PM TO 8.00PM

All singers welcome.

Please contact Edward Carr on 01695 423817 if you wish to join us.

There will also be a sign up sheet at the back of the church.

Merry Christmas











Halsall Proud & Tidy Group

We have now received the reports from both sets of judges for the Lancashire Best Kept Village who came during the summer to judge our entry in the large village class. It is interesting to read both reports and see how separate judges view things differently.

Report from First set of Judges

A very clean, tidy village. Very little litter but plenty of weeds about at the edges of pavements. There was no graffiti.

The school stood out as the main focal point due to some lovely scarecrows on the fence. The nature walk was well kept (no dog poo) but marked down due to the low blue fencing not being kept in good order.

Throughout the village all of the benches needed some loving care. There were also plenty of cobwebs in the bus shelter and church lytch gate. The church notice board needed wiping down. The church was enhanced by the lovely display of begonias, but we felt it fell well below what is expected as an outstanding feature.

We were also disappointed with the telephone box – no books no phone. Although it was clean inside, any information about its current use would have been appreciated.

The pub is in an idyllic setting but slightly let down by discarded masks and, although there were plenty of dog water bowls, the water in them was green.

Report from Second set of Judges

Impressive. It shows there is a good community spirit by all the scarecrows around the village There was very little litter, no graffiti, but some weeds in the kerbs and gutters and a lot of dead leaves along Summerwood Lane. Otherwise it was obvious residents take a pride in their village and work hard to maintain such a high standard.

The areas needing improvement include more weeding, improvement of benches in the churchyard and the forecourt of New Street Motors which does not present well with numerous weeds and poor paintwork.

The Church – the upkeep of the graveyard, paths etc was exemplary. One or two benches need attention.

The Saracens Head – good tables and benches throughout. Children's play area well kept. All signs are clean, clear and well maintained. The extensive car park is in very good order. It is a most attractive and well cared for venue.

Cricket Grounds and Surrounds -the pavilion is well maintained. The charming and well equipped tea room with outdoor seating is a credit to the area. The smaller green corrugated building is an old building and the windows look in need of maintenance and paint. The playing surface, screens and landscaping are all in excellent condition.

The school -good railings. clean colourful impressive notice boards. Tidy playground, no litter or graffiti. Well maintained grass and borders. A lot of care and attention is evident in the building itself.

War memorials – both were well maintained and attractive. Bishops Walk – a great amenity for the village. Well maintained paths, excellent entrances including a ramp. A calm tranquil area with picnic benches placed within the area.

Properties - Generally standards are reasonably high in both residential and commercial property. However the appearance of New Street Motors could be improved by some paintwork, better signage and weeding.

The report from the second set of judges is far more detailed than can be printed here, and if anyone would like a copy of the report in full, please let us know

For further information please contact -

Eleanor Wroe (elliwroe@hotmail.com or 01704 841216) or Enid Banks (enidbanks@aol.com or 01704 567654)

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1st

3rd

29th

Joan Aindow (Birthday) 7th 7th John Marshall (Birthday) 8th Edward Shacklady Gladys May Core (Remembrance) 9th 11th Margaret Haldane (Anniversary) 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) 27th Harry Blundell (Birthday) 28th John Johnson (Birthday)

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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

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Our churches have a website, a Facebook page and a Twitter feed. Hopefully they will provide a gateway to those that already exist and an information resource for those wanting more information about our churches. Weekly Newsletters and service times should be uploaded regularly. If you are interested, please sign up to the Facebook group and Twitter feed. You might also like to make suggestions for content on our website and please let me know any errors you spot!



www.tsncs.church



Our new website provides links to the existing websites and the Church or England 'A Church Near You' Websites.



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The following websites are also recommended:

<u>www.pray-as-you-qo.orq</u> – a Jesuit resource of Daily Prayer set to music you can listen to.

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

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	Warden	Deputy Warden	Sides persons
5th	Elaine Ayre	Anne Grimshaw	Bill Banks John Wroe
12th	Lynda Bramwell	Angela Webster	Beryl Sephton Tara Kenyon
19th	Elaine Ayre	Pam Carr	Elaine Ayre Philip Banks
26th	Lynda Bramwell	Colin Throp	Christine Jones Rebecca Ridley

January 2022

	Warden	Deputy Warden	Sides persons
2nd	Lynda Bramwell	Anne Grimshaw	Eileen Houlgrave Gwen Williams
9th	Elaine Ayre	Pam Carr	Eleanor Wroe Enid Banks
16th	Lynda Bramwell	Anne Grimshaw	Beryl Sephton Len Davidson
23rd	Elaine Ayre	Colin Throp	Bill Banks John Wroe
30th	Lynda Bramwell	Angela Webster	Beryl Sephton Tara Kenyon

Church Reading Rota

5th Dec	Stephen Henders
12th Dec	Eleanor Wroe
19th Dec	Beryl Sephton
26th Dec	Gwyn Williams



2nd Jan	Stephen Henders
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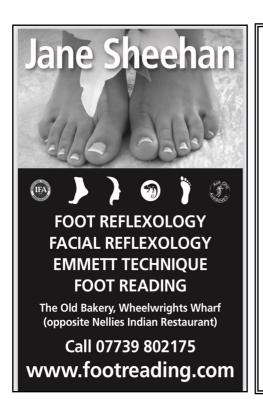
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General garden tasks

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!

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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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