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February 2014

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The Reader Writes

One of my favourite films is called 'Love Actually' and is really several stories all different but interwoven and demonstrating as the title of one of the songs from the soundtrack says, 'That Love is all Around us'. The Film is, funny, sad and moving by turns, a little like life really and so as someone who really does believe that love is all around us and as it is Valentine's Day this month I thought we might think about Love.

Most of us want to be loved and in our teens particularly yearn to receive Valentines cards. But just who was Valentine? The history of Valentine's Day and the story of its patron saint is shrouded in mystery. We do know that February has for a long time been celebrated as a month of romance, and that St. Valentine's Day, as we know it today, contains parts of both Christian and ancient Roman tradition. But why is St Valentine associated with love?

The Church recognizes at least three different saints named Valentine, all of whom were martyred. One legend tells us that Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome and that when Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, and outlawed marriage for young men. Valentine, realizing how wrong this was performed marriages for young lovers in secret. When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death.

□□ Other stories suggest that Valentine may have been killed for attempting to help Christians escape harsh Roman prisons, where they were often beaten and tortured. According to one legend, an imprisoned Valentine actually sent the first "valentine" greeting himself after he fell in love with a young girl possibly his jailor's daughter who visited him during his imprisonment. Before his death, legend tells us that he wrote her a letter signed "From your Valentine," an expression that is still in use today. Although we don't really know the truth behind the Valentine legends, the stories all emphasize his appeal as a sympathetic, heroic and most importantly romantic figure. By the Middle Ages, perhaps thanks to this reputation, Valentine had become one of the most popular saints in England.

But you know just as in the Film 'Love Actually' there are different sorts of love although all love is a gift from God. We are told in the Bible not just that God loves us but that **He is Love**; and God's love for us is demonstrated in that he sent us Jesus. In Jesus we see faithful, selfless love. Ultimate love because Jesus sacrificed his life for the sake of love so that nothing would be able to separate us from God for eternity. Jesus said, "**Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends**".

You may not get a Valentine card on the 14th February and you may have suffered the pain of rejection or betrayal, but remember that **you are loved by God**. Jesus shows us how much with his life.

Happy Valentines Day Glen.

**HALSALL FROM THE REGISTERS
November/December 2013**

WEDDINGS

23rd November 2013

Robert Anthony Treçarichi & Rebecca Elizabeth Jones

28th December 2013

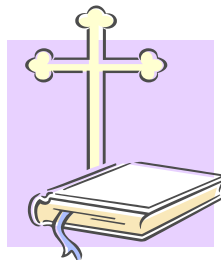
Graeme Kenneth Mitchell & Sarah Louise Comfort

BAPTISMS

No Baptisms

FUNERALS

No Funerals



A huge
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to everyone who
contributed to the
'Save our Spire'
Appeal.



Through the kindness, support and generosity of the community of **Halsall**, and friends from far and wide - we were able to make the **Spire Safe**. This meant we could open for Christmas, so **Thank You** for your help.

The work of **Repairing the Spire** is on-going and the fundraising continues - we still need your help. We will keep you informed of the progression of the works. To date we have over £14,000 in the account and that is because of **Your** support.

Thank you so much
The Revd Paul Robinson



Halsall St Cuthbert's Sunday School

Tara and I wish to thank all the families who came together for our Nativity. The atmosphere was warm and enthusiastic. We got the feeling that both the children and adults enjoyed themselves and hopefully talked about it over Christmas. Our next meetings will be on the 9th February, 23rd February, 9th March and the 23rd March.

The 23rd February meeting will be a Family Service, the theme of which is 'Love'.

Tara Kenyon and Ann Cushion

Sunday Services in the United Benefice – February 2014

Sunday 2nd February – Candlemas

8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'
9.30am	Holy Communion + Hymns	St Cuthbert's
11.15am	CW Sung Eucharist	St Thomas'

Sunday 9th February – 4th Sunday before Lent

8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'
9.30am	CW Sung Eucharist	St Cuthbert's
11.15am	Parade Service	St Thomas'

Sunday 16th February – 3rd Sunday before Lent

8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'
9.30am	Holy Communion + Hymns	St Cuthbert's
11.15am	CW Sung Eucharist	St Thomas'

Sunday 23rd February – 2nd Sunday before Lent

8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'
9.30am	Family/Parade Eucharist	St Cuthbert's
11.15am	Family Eucharist	St Thomas'

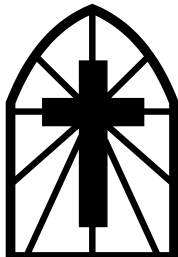
Mid-Week Eucharist Services in the United Benefice

Wednesday February 5th NO SERVICE

Wednesday February 12th NO SERVICE

Wednesday February 19th 10.00am St Cuthbert's Church

Wednesday February 26th 10.00am St Cuthbert's Church



WARDENS AND SIDESPERSONS FEBRUARY 2014



DATE	WARDEN	SIDESPERSONS	
2nd Feb	Brian Heaton	Bill Banks	John Wroe
9th Feb	Mike Hilton	Bill White	Beryl Sephton
16th Feb	Lynda Bramwell	Eileen Houlgrave	Anne Critchley
23rd Feb	Malcolm Serjeant	Eleanor Wroe	Stephanie Hilton



CHURCH CLEANING ROTA FOR FEBRUARY/MARCH 2014

9th February	P Carr A Grimshaw	E Houlgrave J Showering	E Carr S Lloyd
23rd February	B Knowles K Mudd	E Wroe S Jessop	J Quinn
9th March	E Banks L Wilkinson C Parry	N Harbinson C Meehan	M Webster D Backhouse
23rd March	A Critchley K Twist	P Waterworth K Orrit	S Waterworth G Ennis



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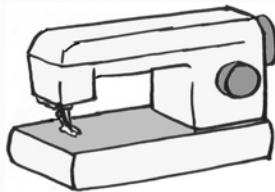
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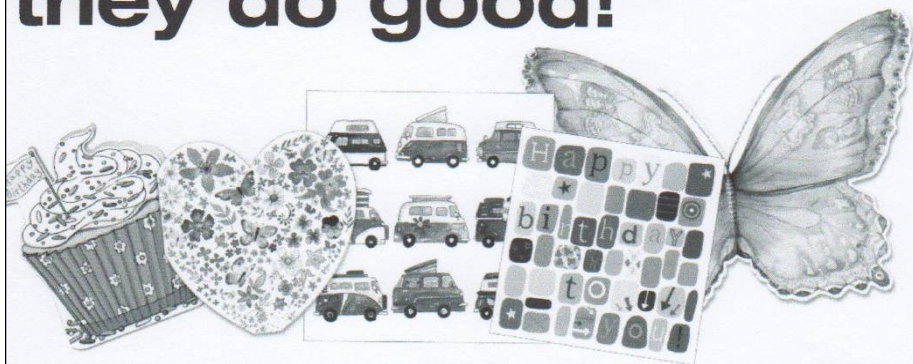


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The New Year at Halsall St Cuthbert's February 2014



School Concerts

We raised over £2,000 for the Philippines Disaster Fund through ticket sales and raffles at our school concerts. (Joseph and His Technicolour Dreamcoat and the Nativity)

Many thanks to all those people who came along to support the events, donate goods for the raffles and help with refreshments. The children performed beautifully and it was so nice to see them singing and dancing and grow in confidence.

Blythswood Care

We sent over 100 Christmas boxes for distribution to countries across Eastern Europe, where children often have very little! Hopefully, they've brought a few smiles to children's faces over the Christmas period. Thank you for your generosity.

Toy Sale (Christian Aid)

When we returned to school after Christmas, we asked the children to search through their toy boxes and bring in any unwanted toys to school. The response was incredible and there were hundreds of donations. The children loved searching through the tables for that special toy and everyone took something home.

Altogether, we collected over £250 for Christian Aid. A really fabulous effort!

Staffing

Mrs Tydd (teaching assistant) has sadly left for pastures new. She has taken up an Early Years opportunity closer to home. Mrs Tydd was a valued member of staff at Halsall St Cuthbert's for over 8 years, she supported children throughout the school and she will be sorely missed by everyone. We wish her the very best in her new challenge.

We hope to appoint a replacement soon. (In the meantime, Mrs Kendall will provide temporary cover)

Building and Premises

Future projects will hopefully include :

- Refurbishment of the school hall
- Extension of the staffroom
- Resurfacing and relining of the school playground
- Renewal of perimeter fencing
- Renovation of flooring and lighting in the Parish Centre

Church Spire : Donations

The school was glad to host the weekly services just before Christmas when the church premises had to be closed for reasons of health and safety. Hopefully, the monies raised from the school concerts and the donation from the PTFA, will help to fund permanent spire repairs in the near future.

School Holidays 2014

This year we've organised two fantastic holidays.

- * An Outdoor Pursuits Weekend in Derbyshire (for years 4+5)
- * The Adventure Week in Skegness (for years 5+6)

These trips will give children the opportunities to do lots of things that they haven't done before. It should be great fun! Hopefully, they'll learn to become even more organised and independent, learn how to work as part of a team, make new friends and become more self-assured and self-confident.

Netball Team : Success

Halsall St Cuthbert's netball team is through to the Lancashire Schools Finals at Blackpool in July. The team was crowned the West Lancashire winners this week after recent matches against schools from Ormskirk, Skelmersdale and Burscough. The school will now go on to compete against other district winners from across the county. The children will be practising hard in the next few months. Well done to Mia Edmondson-Lloyd, Ryan Linford, Millie Machin, Amber Bartlett, Chloe Edwards, Charlie Farrar and Luke Mc Kibbin.

Mrs Mentha's Retirement

As you may well be aware, Mrs Judith Mentha is due to retire at the end of the summer term. Mrs Mentha has been a reception teacher at Halsall St Cuthbert's for more than 30 years and in that time she probably taught more than 1,000 children. She has been so passionate about doing the very best for all the children in her care and has always provided a wonderful, happy and nurturing environment where the children can play and learn and grow in confidence.

Many of the children that she taught in her early career, have actually been mums at the school.

To celebrate this wonderful achievement and the many fantastic years at the Halsall, we want to try and build up a scrap book of pictures and stories to present to Mrs Mentha when she leaves.

If you have any pictures or stories or anything that you think would be interesting, please let us know. You could drop it in, post it to school or e-mail to bursar@halsall.lancs.sch.uk. We would copy any photos and gladly return them. Thank you.

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February at-a-glance



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 o 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, Saxifrage apiculata, Daphne mezereum, Abeliophyllum distichum (white forsythia), Sempervivum

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PROJECTS

CCTV is now operational at St Aidans and The Memorial Hall. Thanks to West Lancashire Borough Council for jointly funding the project which will hopefully help to prevent vandalism and burglary.

Defibrillator installed at the Memorial Hall

The Parish Council wishes to thank Sue Murrin – Bailey and North West Ambulance Service for making this possible.

PLANNING

Planning Applications: 2013/1288/FUL - North Moor Barn Halsall Road - Ground floor extension to the side elevation of the dwelling
Decisions: 2013/1024/FUL - Park View Cottage North Moor Lane - Part two storey/part single storey rear extension – Permission Refused.

<http://www.westlancsdc.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.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 11th March 2014 at the earlier time of 6 p.m. for one month only to ensure a police representative at the meeting.

For information and the latest news visit:

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

REPORT ATTEMPTED CRIME AND SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES

The police have asked the Council to remind residents to report attempted crimes, even if this results in no loss to anyone.

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

PARKING

Can all residents please ensure when parking not to obstruct pavements.

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.

Parish Council Meetings

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 12th February 2014 at 7.30 pm at St Aidans Hall, Renacres Lane, Shirdley Hill.

Please note that no audio, video recording or photographs of the meeting are allowed without the express approval of the Council.

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

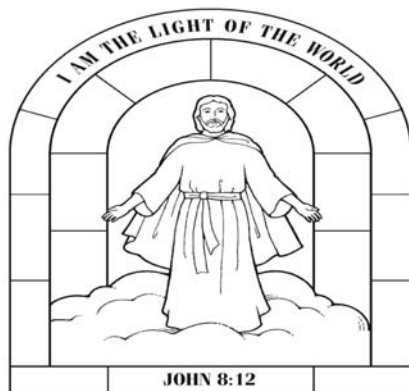
A full list of Councillors and contact numbers can be found toward the front of the magazine.

The Parish Council Website www.halsallparishcouncil.com includes agendas and minutes of previous meetings.

SANCTUARY LIGHTS

FEBRUARY 2014

- 1st Marion Chadwick
- 4th Peter Bradshaw
- 5th Margaret Dutton (Birthday)
- 7th Rose Mary Bailey (Birthday)
- 11th Alice Jane Ryding (Birthday)
- 12th D A Simpkin
- 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)



Halsall Football Club

My apologies for not having reported sooner this season. Unfortunately we had a bad start to the season when we had to withdraw our reserve team from the league due to lack of players.

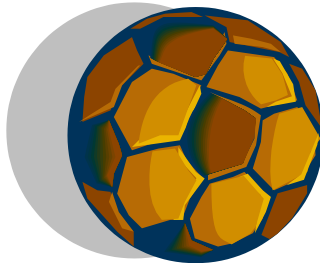
However the 1st team are having a great season so far. We are currently 1st in the Premier division and are also through to the semi-final of the Liverpool FA Sunday Cup, which includes all teams under the Liverpool FA banner.

Home games are played on a Sunday morning 11.30am kick off at The Memorial Field, Halsall.

You can check out all the fixtures, league tables and leading goal scorers on the league website.

www.southlancscounties.co.uk

**Yours in football,
Paul Williams**





If you have been to church recently you will probably have noticed that there are not many young adults in church. Currently under 10% of the people who go to church are between the ages of 16-30 and this is predicted to fall to under 3% by 2040. Red Church is a new initiative to try and connect young adults with church.

Red Church began when a group of Church of England churches from the Ormskirk deanery decided to try and do something about the falling numbers of young adults going to churches in this area. At the beginning of 2013 Ben Dyer was employed by the deanery to create a church that would connect with young adults in a new and different way. Red church is the result and we had our official launch night on 1st October. Our aim is to be a welcoming and honest group of people, who try to live life following Jesus and helping each other along the way.

For more information about Red Church or to find out what is going on visit our website www.redchurch.org.uk.

Halsall Sunshine Committee

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