# **Halsall News**





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November 2018 MAGAZINE

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### THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST.CUTHBERT, HALSALL

Rector The Revd Paul Robinson The Rectory Church Lane Lydiate L31 4HL Phone: 0151 526 0512 Parish Mobile: 07518 926086

Email: paulrobinson407@gmail.com

<u>Parish Surgery</u>: Anyone wishing to arrange a Baptism or Wedding should ring the Rector's 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 Paul. 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.

<u>The Dying:</u> Paul can be contacted at any time of the day or night in order to minister to the dying.

#### Halsall St Cuthbert Hub website

The website for the St Cuthbert Church community can be viewed at www.halsallstcuthberthub.co.uk

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.

It also provides a link to *Virginmoneygiving.com* where it is possible to donate to us online. On the spot updates are also available via the Facebook page.

We would love to hear from anyone who may wish to suggest other content that would be relevant and of interest to the community.

General enquiries about the site can be directed by e-mail to: <u>info@halsallstcuthberthub.co.uk</u>

#### The Reader writes...

I love Autumn, the beautiful colours as the leaves take on the vibrant hues of the season. I enjoy harvest, duck apple and Bonfire Night. The changing seasons of the year are one of the real bonuses to living in our lovely part of the world. Other changes are less welcome and some can be the cause of real anxiety. I know that some of the children approached the new term with trepidation and concerns about going into a new class or a new school, concerns quickly overcome as the familiar routine of school calmed their fears.

Change can be difficult for all of us at times and as we get older change can be more challenging; but it can be fun too and sometimes exciting. This Autumn brings lots of changes for me and along with having to change my working days and even where I work, the biggest change is that I am now officially an Ordinand or in other words a trainee priest. I along with many other Ordinands and trainee Readers from across the whole of the North West had our induction day last week and this week we started our first training module. Like everyone else I am now feeling more than slightly overwhelmed by the task ahead and all the changes; but I'm excited too and grateful that the Church has seen fit to confirm my calling.

This is a joyful if scary sort of change but others I know face challenges of a more worrying nature, concerns about the health of themselves or loved ones, or changes or losses in life that lead to anxiety or heartache. Changes in life and fear for the future affect us all at some time but as Christians we have our loving Heavenly Father to cling to in our need and our Christian family to support us.

*St Francis de Sales* puts it much better than I ever could, and so I leave you with his words of comfort

Do not look forward to what might happen tomorrow: The same everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you tomorrow and every day. Either He will shield you from suffering or He will give you unfailing strength to bear it.

Be at peace, then, and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginings.

Have a lovely Autumn best wishes Glen



### Sunday Services in the United Benefice

#### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October – Trinity 19

8.00am 9.30am 11.00am BCP Holy Communion BCP Holy Communion CW Sung Eucharist St Thomas' St Cuthbert's St Thomas'

#### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October – HARVEST FESTIVAL

8.00amBCP Holy CommunionSt Thomas'9.30amSchool Harvest ServiceSt Cuthbert's11.00amParadeSt Thomas'6.00pmUnited Benefice<br/>Sung EvensongSt Cuthbert's

#### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October – Trinity 21

8.00am 9.30am 11.00am BCP Holy Communion BCP Holy Communion CW Sung Eucharist

#### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October – SS Simon & Jude

8.00am 9.30am 11.00am **6.00pm**  BCP Holy Communion CW Sung Eucharist CW Sung Eucharist United Benefice All Souls Service

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#### St Thomas'

#### Mid-Week Communion Services

Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	10.00am 10.00am 10.00am 10.00am	St Thomas' Church St Thomas' Church St Thomas' Church St Thomas' Church
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	10.00am	St Thomas' Church
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	10.00am	St Thomas' Church

## UNITED BENEFICE SERVICE IN ST THOMAS' ALL SOULS SERVICE SUNDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER AT 6.00PM



This is our annual Service of Remembrance of our dear departed loved ones. We invite all those who have lost loved ones to come to this special Service of Remembrance, as we remember those whom we love who have departed this life and are now in God's safe-keeping. We thank God for their lives and the memories they have left behind for us; we give thanks for all they meant, and still mean to us today. There will be an opportunity to light a candle in remembrance of those whom we love but see no more.

The families and friends of all those who have lost loved ones during the past year are especially invited to this Service as the names of their loved ones are remembered out loud.

## Members of the congregations at both churches are invited to this special service.

#### WARDENS AND SIDESPERSONS October 2018



9th	Stephen Henders	Anne Grimshaw	Eleanor Wroe Enid Banks
16th	Lynda Bramwell		Jim Critchley Len Davidson
23rd	Stephen Henders	Elaine Ayre	Bill Banks John Wroe
30th	Lynda Bramwell	Colin Throp	Beryl Sephton Rebecca Ridley

#### Halsall St Cuthbert's Update

#### Admissions 2019

Anyone wishing to access a reception place for their child next September 2019, please complete the online application as soon as possible. (the deadline is early January 2019) As normal we will be hoping to welcome 20 new children.

If anyone has a child that is starting next September and they would like to visit the school for a tour, please get in touch.

Please refer to the Admissions Criteria which can be found on both the school website and on the LCC website. The importance of a faith reference (parental worship of at least once a month from March 2018 up to March 2019) cannot be underestimated.

#### **School Residential Trips**

We are hoping to organise a year 6 Adventure Holiday to Scarborough next June. We are awaiting accommodation confirmation and then we'll be planning the activities for the week. The children should have an amazing time before they leave for secondary school.

The year 4 and year 5 children will go on separate PGL holidays in May.

Once again, a big thanks to the staff for their commitment to these wonderful learning opportunities for the children. Without that support, they wouldn't be possible.

#### **Christmas Production**

This year our Christmas show will be **Cinderella**. We'll be busy over the next few weeks working on the script, songs, dances and scenery. It should be great fun for the children. More details to follow next month.

#### Activity Trail

The Activity Trail was closed for a few weeks recently as it underwent a programme of repairs which were unfortunately delayed from the summer holidays. Hopefully all the work is now complete and the children have lots of opportunities to use it at playtimes.

#### <u>Vacancies</u>

We have a cover vacancy at <u>Kidz Club</u>. (after-school club providing childcare 3-30pm – 5-30pm) Please let us know if you are interested. Training provided. We are also looking for a welfare assistant to provide supervision at lunchtimes.

Please let us know if you need further details.

**Doug Scholes (Head)** 

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA October 2018				
14th Oct	P Carr	E Houlgrave A Webster	E Carr J Aynsley	A Grimshaw
28th Oct	E Wroe	J Wroe J Rawsthorne	K Mudd B Knowles	S Jessop

## HARVEST SUPPER

We are holding our annual Harvest Supper on

SATURDAY 13th OCTOBER IN

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Starting at 7.30pm prompt Fun evening with hot pot supper, quiz, and entertainment by

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CHALICE ROTA

October 2018



7 <sup>th</sup> October	Beryl Sephton	Lynda Bramwell
14 <sup>th</sup> October	Diane Comfort	Lynda Bramwell
21 <sup>st</sup> October	Tara Kenyon	Lynda Bramwell
28 <sup>th</sup> October	Sarah Mitchell	Elaine Ayre



#### St Cuthbert's Church, Halsall: Sat. 6th October 2018 at 7.30pm THE HOGHTON PLAYERS GILBERT AND SULLIVAN SOCIETY

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Why aren't the Pirate King's crew rolling in pieces- of-eight and doubloons?

Why did General Stanley choose today of all days to take all his daughters out on a picnic?

What is the General's guilty secret?

Why must Frederic desert Mabel on the eve of their wedding?

Can the timid local Police-force defeat the cut-throat pirates?



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## HALLS FOR HIRE

One offs or Regular basis

#### ST AIDAN'S HALL HIRE RATES

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HALSALL ST CUTHBERT'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL

Tuesday Evenings from 6pm or Saturday all Day Contact Mr Scholes at School

#### HALSALL PARISH CENTRE

The Parish Centre is available for private lettings Please contact Mr Scholes at school For details of charges and availability Tel; 01704 840253

## \*\*\* URGENT APPEAL \*\*\*

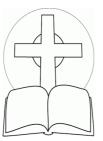
We still need a volunteer to deliver the copies of the Halsall Newsletter to the people who actually deliver them. The copies would be delivered to your home and would require splitting into the relevant rounds to be delivered to the various volunteer deliverers.

There are 15 drop offs all in the Halsall area with 10 issues in a 12 month period.

### If you feel you are able to assist please contact Mr. E Carr on 01695 423817.

Many thanks.

### Halsall from the Registers



#### WEDDINGS

1<sup>st</sup> June 2018 John Gregory Helsby & Sarah Jane Stopforth

**23<sup>rd</sup> June 2018** Nicholas Andrew Wareing & Amy Victoria Jane Kenyon

**30<sup>th</sup> June 2018** Jason Kenningley & Elizabeth Serjeant

**28<sup>th</sup> July 2018** Andrew Brian Roberts & Jade Eleanor Hamood

**18<sup>th</sup> August 2018** John Thomas Hogan & Joanne Nicola James

#### **BAPTISMS**

**10<sup>th</sup> June 2018** Maia Amelia Smith Henry Kevin Ronald Bond

8<sup>th</sup> July 2018 Harry George Thomas Jake Edward Thomas James Robert Cocks Cooper George Edward Bond

12<sup>th</sup> August 2018 Jaxson Daniel Finch Lily Jane Ward

#### **FUNERALS**

**20<sup>th</sup> July 2018** Irene Thompson

**27<sup>th</sup> July 2018** Robert Davies

**27<sup>th</sup> July 2018** Nicola Tague

**29<sup>th</sup> August 2018** Trevor Cunnington

#### **NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL**

#### <u>West Lancs Borough Council's Cabinet approves ambitious Local</u> <u>Plan Preferred Options for public consultation</u>

"West Lancashire Borough Council will shortly be embarking on a public consultation exercise and Halsall Parish Council would encourage the public to take the time to view the Plan on West Lancashire Borough Council's website and to submit their views on the proposals contained within it" either online or in writing (details to be published)

A Local Plan Public Consultation event will take place on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November, between the hours of 9:30am through to 9:30pm at The Memorial Hall, Halsall Road, Halsall and Halsall Parish Council would also encourage residents to attend this event and the next parish council meeting at which WLBC Cllr. John Hodson will speak on the subject and answer any questions you may have. As the consultation hasn't yet started the Parish Council will post further information regarding viewing the Draft Plan on the noticeboards and in Octobers Halsall News.

The next Parish Council Meeting takes place on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 7.30 p.m. at The Memorial Hall, Halsall Road, Halsall.

#### **PLANNING**

2018/0555/COU - 98 New Cut Lane - Change of use of land to residential and siting of temporary static caravan and storage container (Retrospective).

2018/0825/FUL - Renacres Hall Farm, Renacres Lane - Variation of condition 2 of planning permission 2017/1323/FUL to vary the approved plans.

2018/0826/FUL - Renacres Hall Farm, Renacres Lane - Variation of Condition No. 4 imposed on planning permission 2013/0463/FUL – Opening hours to be altered to include 08.00-17.00 Saturday and 10.00-16.00 Sundays and Bank Holidays. Mon-Fri to remain as 07.30-17.30.

#### PARKING ALONG SUMMERWOOD LANE

Cars 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.

#### NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL continued

#### Dog Fouling

The Parish Council has been informed of numerous incidents of dog poo not being picked up and disposed of properly. The dog warden has been informed and fines will be handed out to anyone caught not picking dog poo up or failing to dispose of it in the proper receptacle.

#### Parish Council Meetings

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 7.30 p.m. at The 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.

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

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

#### For information:

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### THE FRIENDS OF ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH HALSALL

The Friends of St Cuthbert's Church is a group of people from many walks of life, who are dedicated to this beautiful Church. They live in Halsall Village, in Lancashire, in Merseyside and further afield.

Each and every one of The Friends want to see that this beautiful place is able to continue to delight, inspire, give comfort and be a space in this busy world, where anyone can stand, sit or kneel and find a moment for personal prayer & reflection.

You do not have to belong to any Church or Denomination to become a Friend. Just your desire to see this building continue for future generations

The Membership Secretary, Friends of St Cuthbert's Church, The Parish Office, Church Lane, Lydiate, L31 4HL

#### PCC-St Cuthbert's Church



#### THE FRIENDS AND THEIR OBJECTIVES

There is a constant need for restoration work which has to be carried out to a high standard. The preservation and enhancement of this Ancient Building has to be maintained and adapted for the needs of our future generations. In order for this to happen we need YOUR help.

In the recent past the spire has been repaired, new pathways put into the churchyard, and this at a cost of many thousands of pounds. The PCC now needs YOU to help fund any future repairs and to support the upkeep of the fabric of the Church building and the Churchyard.

The Friends of St Cuthbert's was formed to help with the future cost of maintaining this beautiful church which is important to so many people.

St Cuthbert's has a warm and friendly atmosphere, a legacy from centuries of prayer and devotion. Please will you help by becoming a FRIEND of ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH and becoming part of its future.

Membership offers the opportunity to contribute to this work. All funds collected by membership and Gift Aid will be used by the PCC for the upkeep of the fabric and maintenance of the Church and Church – yard.

We will keep you informed of what is happening with a regular newsletter which we will send by email—please give us your email address, and via the Halsall Newsletter & FACE-BOOK page & the website

#### ANNE writes:

#### Why I want to become a friend of St Cuthbert's Church Halsall.

The parish church of St Cuthbert's Halsall is my parish church.

Although I was christened there my earliest memory is aged 5 when I said **Amen** too late and too loud, something I haver tried not to repeat. Aged seven I was given an Easter egg and 'told' by the curate it was time I came on a regular basis. I was not at all pleased as 'hopscotch' and playing out in the fresh air were much better alternatives and the prayers seemed never ending...

Many, many years later how grateful I am I was 'told'. This building has been my rock giving me wonderful memories, comfort at sad times and a place to worship and give thanks for all the blessings I have been given in life.

My (some may say) selfish reason for wanting St Cuthbert's to still be here is I would like my funeral in it...one last visit. I want my remains to go in the family grave with those I only know by name, my loving and devoted parents who gave me such a wonderful childhood, and the baby sister I never had a chance to know. This would make me a part of my church.

My overriding reasons that St Cuthbert's should still be here is that I want future generations to have the opportunity that was generously given to me by those who have gone before.

Anne

### HOW TO JOIN

Simply complete the forms on the back of this leaflet & place it, together with your initial membership cheque, in the box in church, or return to:

The Membership Secretary

C/O The Parish Office,

St Thomas Vicarage,

Church Lane, Lydiate L31 4HL

Tel No: 0151 526 2292

(Office Hours Mon-Wed 9am-1pm)

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DATE: GIFT AID DECLARATION Please treat as GIFT AID DONA- TION all qualifying gifts of money I have made since today, and all qual- ifying gifts I make in the future. I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax that the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference. GIFT AID SIGNATURE:	And a like sum annually on the 30th day of April until further notice. Signed: Account to be debited: Account Number: Please complete, sign and detach this Standing Order and forward to your bank. PCC—St Cuthbert's Church
DATE:	
(Please return to the Parish Office)	
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### SANCTUARY LIGHTS Joan Halsall (Birthday) Ken Mawdsley Florence Atherton Harold Dean (Birthday) **Richard Abram** Angela Hilton (Birthday) **Cvril James Bailev** (Anniversary) Harry Core (Remembrance) Vivian Osmond Weights Rebecca Gill Anne-Marie Musker John Harold Grimshaw (Anniversary) William Stopforth (Anniversarv) Roger Baldwin Lillian Draper (Anniversary)

- 27th Cyril James Bailey (Birthday)
- 28th Richard Yule (Anniversary)
- 31st Walter Herbert Bullough 31st Sarah Ann Heaton
  - (Anniversary)

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#### Bad Adelaide? The Rector's wife 1867.



Adelaide Fanny Ashworth Astley was the daughter of Francis Astley a baronet, her family had connections with royalty. She was born in 1841 and she married Thomas Blundell in Tonbridge, Kent in 1865, he was the brother of Henry Blundell Hollinshead-Blundell who was the patron of Halsall church and his family had taken over the advowson (deed of patronage) after it passed to the Blundell family on the death of Charles Mordaunt in the 18th century. Henry had married Beatrice Byng\* who was handmaiden to Queen Victoria. The Hollinshead Blundell's were to remain the patrons of the church throughout the 19th and 20th centuries until the church became a united benefice in 2008.

The Patron chose the rector and selected his brother. Thomas Blundell in 1863, to take up the post of rector. The family were enthusiastic about Empire, but tragedy befell them when Wilfred, the first born son of the Rector and Adelaide was killed in action age 29 during the Boer War in 1899 at the battle of Belmont. Their grief was the impetus to change the character of the church giving it a very Victorian military ambience by installing stain glass and brasses commemorating the sacrifice of their son and other relatives in the Boer war, who had died for Britain in pursuit of Empire. A sword used in battle by their son was also given pride of place on the south wall along with several military brasses and further militaristic windows on the North side depicting Angels as warriors alongside armed soldiers. The Bishop of Warrington Charles Claxton on a visit to the church in 1950 sent the sword back to the family with the rejoinder that "A weapon of war has no place in the House of God". They also added to the fabric of the church by gifting the construction of the lectern, from which today the gospel is read. This obscured one of the hagioscopes which is a unique medieval feature built into the chancel arch and was used in pre Reformation times to watch the faithful during the partaking of communion at the entrance to the Chancel.

One incident that happened on 25th August 1867 might illustrate the social 'mores' of the time and the deference to hierarchy. This incident made national newspapers and occurred during a normal Sunday service at Halsall in which Canon Blundell was presiding. A servant of the Blundell's, William Roadley took his position in the servant's pew in front of the Canon's wife Adelaide Blundell. Sometime during the service she stepped out of her pew and remonstrated with him accusing him of lounging. He respectfully denied this charge where upon Adelaide struck him twice and called on her husband Canon Blundell to stop the service until he removed himself. The servant refused to go and the Canon asked both to remain calm. The service continued but afterwards the servant brought charges of assault against Mrs Blundell and there were witnesses. Although summonsed to court, the Liverpool Mercury reported that Adelaide 26 sent her husband instead.

The courtroom was full and an eager crowd were disappointed when she avoided appearing. The 'old boy' network kicked in and the judge dismissed the case. A situation, some may imply, of a certain social class being above the law? Adelaide died in 1900 at the relatively young age of 58, the great big monument that dominates the churchyard is her grave and the inscription relates 'how she loved the church so much'. Some say she died of grief for her son who was killed 10 months previous. She certainly lavished money on the church filling it with elaborate memorial windows and with inscriptions which bear her name. Curiously on the window which commemorates her life, Jesus is working miracles amongst a crowd. In this window is a woman dressed in purple in Victorian fashion which may be the only image we have of what Adelaide Blundell looked like.



**Stephen Henders** 

\*A plague in the church indicates the floral tribute sent from Queen Victoria to Beatrice when she died in 1884. Her grave is that closest to the side gate on the left as you exit the path.

#### Halsall St Cuthbert's Sunday School

We will be meeting only once in October on the 28th at 9.30am. This is due to the Harvest Service from school taking place on the 14<sup>th</sup> October, which is a wonderful event for all the families involved.



In November, Sunday school will take place on the 11<sup>th</sup>, when the children will join the Remembrance Day service. Confirmation Service takes place on the 25<sup>th</sup>, which means that there will be no Sunday school on that date.

We thank all the families who shared their Summer News on our first session back in September.

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#### Gardener`s Corner

#### October at-a-glance

One big benefit of autumn is that it is the start of a brand new season with a pattern all of its own. We have the rich tapestry of autumn colours and late flowers to look forward to - low orange colour of an Indian summer and refreshing evenings with a nip in the air. Happy gardening.

#### General garden tasks.

Tidy borders lightly, clear weeds & cut down flower stems Compost all green rubbish Make a new lawn by laying turf **Reduce mowing** Carry out autumn lawn care Plant container grown trees & shrubs, climbers & roses Plant bare-root plants at the end of the month, providing the ground is ready Check tree ties in windy weather Prune late flowering climbing roses & repeat –flowering old-fashioned roses Take hardwood cuttings of roses towards the end of the month Pot up cuttings taken in the summer Trim privet hedges Remove fallen leaves from the crowns of plants to prevent rotting Lift tender perennials & bulbs Once the veg patch is cleared, carry out winter digging Cut down asparagus foliage Plant spring cabbage & over wintering onion sets Plant garlic towards the end of the month or next month Pot up herbs for winter use Pick apples & pears for storing mid-month Prepare for new fruit trees & plant if conditions allow Have a good clear out of the greenhouse & prepare for the cold weather Reduce the amount of water given to greenhouse plants as the nights get colder Have a pond clear out: cut down any dead & decaying leaves.

#### Watch out for

First frosts

#### Plants in their prime

Japanese maples. Acers. Euonymus. Prycanthea. Malus. Colchicum. Nerine. Amaryllis. Perovskia. Chanomeles. Viburnum. Clematis varieties. Asters. Chrysanthemums. Kniphofia. Lavatera. Liriope. Penstemon. Sedum. Solidago. Tricytis. Cosmos. Nicotiana. Salvia. Winter flowering pansies. Persicaria. Heleniums. Rudbeckias.

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