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Parish Surgery: 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:

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The Sick: 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.

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



**Check out St Cuthbert's Church Halsall Facebook page to keep up to date with the spire and roof repairs.
Work supported by The Heritage Lottery Fund.**

Halsall St Cuthbert Hub website

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

<http://www.halsallstcuthberthub.co.uk>

The aim of the site is to:

- Raise funds for the repair of St Cuthbert's Church spire – through volunteering and fundraising events
- Showcase archive church documents, school reports and the Halsall Parish Magazine/Halsall News which date back to 1800s and up to the present day
 - Church service times and other news

For more information please contact Colin Throp on 01704 841281 or email: info@halsallstcuthberthub.co.uk

The Reader Writes...

One of my privileges as a Reader is to be able to help Paul our Rector during some of our Baptism Services. These are such happy family occasions and a time when parents, grandparents, Godparents and friends demonstrate and promise their unconditional love and care for the child about to be baptized. They also promise to bring the children up in the love and knowledge of God. I always hope and pray that each of the precious children will as they grow indeed be taught that they have a Heavenly Father, who loves them very much.

Its February and of course on the 14th of this month its St Valentines day, St Valentine is of course the patron saint of lovers and it's the time of year we especially think about love. It is always lovely to receive a Valentine card at this time of year and to be reminded that we are loved, but of course not everyone will receive a card every year or even feel that are loved, which is very sad and also totally untrue. God unconditionally loves every one of his children as though they were his one and only child. Each person is infinitely precious to our Heavenly Father.

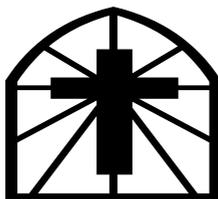
Our God loves us and he wants us to love and care for others, which is a great thing to do while we can. However Gods' love is unconditional and is not dependent on what we do or are able to do for Him. We must never forget this because there may come a time when our ability to work for God is torn from us by health, or failure or unforeseen circumstances and it is at this time in our lives that God wants us to remember that He loves us not for what we do for Him but for who we are: His children! Once we turn to God and know him as our loving Heavenly Father, nothing will ever separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord (Romans 8. 35). So I'd like you each to remember this Valentines Day, that whether you receive a Valentine card or not, your -

HEAVENLY FATHER LOVES YOU

Happy Valentines Day

With love Glen





SUNDAY SERVICES IN THE UNITED BENEFICE FOR FEBRUARY

Sunday 5th February – 4th Sunday before Lent

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

Sunday 12th February – 3rd Sunday before Lent

8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas' Church
9.30am	Eucharist & Baptism	St Cuthbert's Church
11.15am	Parade Service	St Thomas' Church

Sunday 19th February – 2nd Sunday before Lent

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

Sunday 26th February – Next before Lent

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

MID-WEEK SERVICES IN THE UNITED BENEFICE

Wednesday 1 st February	10.00am	St Thomas' Church
Wednesday 8 th February	NO SERVICE	
Wednesday 15 th February	10.00am	St Thomas' Church
Wednesday 22 nd February	10.00am	St Thomas' Church

ASH WEDNESDAY

1ST MARCH

10.00AM	Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes	St Cuthbert's Church
7.30PM	Sung Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes	St Thomas' Church

ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH

Come and Join us

At our

Family Eucharist Service

On

Sunday 26TH February 2017

At

9.30 am for Refreshments
(Available from 9.15am)

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Celebrating God's Goodness





This is an important day in the Life of all Christians. Both the Book of Common Prayer and Common Worship remind us that Ash Wednesday is a Holy Day - a day when all Christian people should gather to worship the Lord.

On Ash Wednesday there is the opportunity to receive the 'Imposition of Ashes' on your forehead.

What does this mean?

Well very simply at a point in the service - and it is optional - you are invited to come up to the altar rail and receive the cross - the sign of Jesus - on your forehead. This is a symbolic gesture that reminds us of certain things:-

That we are sorry for our sins and wish to repent of them.

That through the cross we are sealed for Christ.

That through the cross we are redeemed and saved.

So at the start of Lent (Ash Wednesday) please join us in church as we start our journey towards Easter.

ADVANCE NOTICE Worship Wednesday

Each Wednesday in Lent commencing
March 8th

8.00am - Morning Prayer - St Thomas' - Every
Wednesday

12Noon - Eucharist - St Thomas' - Every
Wednesday

6.00pm - Evening Prayer - St Thomas' - Every
Wednesday

March 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th, April 5th

**TAKE THE LENTEN CHALLENGE - DON'T
GIVE UP THIS LENT! TAKE ON INSTEAD**

WARDENS AND SIDESPERSONS



	Warden	Deputy Warden	Sides Persons	
5th	Lynda Bramwell	Anne Grimshaw	Eleanor Wroe	Stephanie Hilton
12th	Stephen Henders	Colin Throp	Tina Roberts	Polly Tomlinson
19th	Lynda Bramwell	Elaine Ayre	Jim Critchley	Len Davidson
26th	Stephen Henders	David Jessop	David Jessop	Ann Cushion

Hello!

A little introduction

My name is Keith Thornborough and I am a second year ordinand training for ordained local ministry at St. Nicholas' Church, Blundellsands. I am with you on placement for four months from the end of February and am very much looking forward to my time with you, Fr. Paul and the ministry team.

I have two teenage children who are a real blessing and joy.... most of the time! Sadly I am widowed having lost my wife Colette to lung cancer five years ago.

In my professional life, for the last six years I have served as a Children's Diabetes Nurse Practitioner, and prior to this I was a Ward Manager at Alder Hey for 15 years.

I love music, most types, I sing bass in our Church Choir and also deputise on the Organ once a month for our DM.

When I was a Student Nurse training at Southport, I used to drive home to my parents in Liverpool past St. Thomas' Church, most weeks, and here I am many years later coming to learn, share and serve!

All through my discernment and training journey I have been deeply moved and aware of God very near in every situation and in all those whom I have met. As I have knocked at the door it has been opened with an amazing welcome on the other side, and I truly feel so supported, so loved and so blessed.

Thank you Lord.

Keith

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PLANNING

2016/1173/FUL - 14A New Cut Lane - Demolition of dwelling, erection of one dwelling with private rear garden, in-curtilage car parking and served by a new access road - Comments submitted to WLBC Planning under delegated authority.

2016/1184/FUL - 14A New Cut Lane - Removal of Condition No. 8 imposed on planning permission 2014/0301/FUL to enable the access road to extend further south, to facilitate access to an adjacent development - Comments submitted to WLBC Planning under delegated authority

2016/1206/FUL - Various Locations Along Dicconsions Lane - Temporary access points, fencing and gates to facilitate Blundell House to Springfield Raw Water Main Lay

2016/1271/FUL - 36 Renacres Lane - Single storey extension to side of dwelling replacing current conservatory, and conversion of garage into a habitable room

PARKING

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.

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.

Parish Council Meetings

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday 8th February 2017 at 7.30 p.m. at the Memorial Hall, Halsall Road, 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.

HALSALL PARISH COUNCIL
VACANCIES

**THE COUNCIL WISHES TO INVITE ANY
RESIDENTS WHO WISH TO BE
CONSIDERED FOR CO-OPTION TO APPLY
IN WRITING BY**

Friday 17th February 2017.

**APPLICATIONS SHOULD
CONTAIN A BRIEF PERSONAL PROFILE
AND STATE THE REASONS WHY YOU WISH
TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE VACANCY.**

**Applications to be sent to Dave Bond, Parish
Clerk, 3 Rawlinson Grove, Southport PR9 9NF.
Or email: davebondhpc@aol.com**

Acknowledgement

Halsall Parish Council wishes to thank Primrose Nurseries for stocking the planters which surround the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday.

St Cuthbert's parish church is in need of a Verger to assist at weddings and funerals. The post would suit a retiree or a person who has some hours to spare during the day. Full training is given but duties are not onerous. The main task is preparing the church 40 minutes before a wedding or funeral service and closing the church afterwards. There is a small amount of paperwork involved. This is an important role and there is a remuneration of £90 per service.

For more information or an informal chat contact the Rector on [0151 526 0512](tel:01515260512) or

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

February 2017



5th Feb	A Critchley	P Waterworth C Moss	S Waterworth E Robinson	K Twist M Mills
19th Feb	P Carr	E Houlgrave E Parry	E Carr A Webster	A Grimshaw
5th March	E Wroe	J Wroe J Rawsthorne	K Mudd B Knowles	S Jessop

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New Horizons Support Group for Adult Survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse

Are you trying to come to terms with childhood sexual abuse? New Horizons is a peer-to-peer support group for survivors. We meet in a secure community room in a Southport town centre location every second Thursday of the month. We have been holding meetings for over two years and welcome both male and female survivors over 18 years old. As survivors ourselves, we recognise that survivors often just want to be heard and believed. Our main function as a group is to listen without judgement. There is no charge and people can come for one meeting or for many. Please remember you are not alone

For more details, please contact us at:

Phone (07593) 055637

Email: NewHorizons27@talktalk.net

Website: www.NewHorizonSupportGroup.org

Update from Halsall St Cuthbert's - January 2017



Admissions

The admissions round for reception places in September 2017 has now closed. Initial indications are that there is a very strong demand for places. St Cuthbert's has an Admissions Number of 20 but on occasions parents have been accepted and welcomed, following a successful Appeal through the LEA.

The Admissions Criteria, which is used as a basis to rank applications, can be found on both the school and LEA websites.

Christmas Concerts

The **Head Teacher Cancels Christmas** and the **Reception Nativity** shows, were both a big success. The children performed brilliantly and we were all so proud of them.

Everyone was so kind in helping to raise money for our chosen charities this year, the Tom Church Foundation and Clare House Hospice. Altogether, we raised **£2,335**.

An absolutely magnificent effort.



Spelling Bee

To help improve our children's spelling accuracy and consistency, we have introduced half-termly tests for each year group, with prizes for those who attain high or make significant progress. Children are given sets of words each week as part of their literacy sessions and are expected to practice at home and revise, ready for the end of term assessment. At the moment it appears to be making a big difference and we can see a rise in both the spelling confidence and in the pace of writing, of most children. Hopefully this will continue to be a very successful initiative and help to further raise standards of achievement in school.

PTFA

The PTFA continues to do a fabulous job supporting school events and raising much-needed funds. Many volunteers have recently given up their time to help out at Bonfire Night and the Spooky Disco, they've wrapped presents for Father Christmas, organised the catering at the Christmas concerts, decorated the school entrance and organised the food and entertainer at the brilliant Christmas Party. We thank them for their effort and commitment, to make children's time at Halsall that little bit more exciting and special.

Things to Look Forward To

Toy Sale : Friday 20th January
PTFA Bingo Night : Friday 27th January 6-00pm
Hot Chocolate Day : Thursday 9th February (Share the Love)
PTFA Quiz Night : Friday 10th March
Parent Consultations : Tuesday 21st March
PTFA Cinema Night : Friday 24th March
Mothering Sunday Service : Sunday 26th March 9-30am
Eucharist Service in School : Thursday 30th March

Trespassing on School Premises

If anyone witnesses people trespassing on the school premises (playground, car park or field) please let us know. We need to identify individuals and contact them as soon as possible.

This will hopefully reduce incidents of vandalism and anti-social behaviour and the problems with dog mess both on the grass and on the activity trail. Thank you. 01704-840253

D Scholes : Head Teacher

Chalice Rota



February 2017

5 th February	David Jessop	Lynda Bramwell
12 th February	Diane Comfort	Lynda Bramwell
19 th February	Beryl Sephton	David Jessop
26 th February	Sarah Mitchell	Elaine Ayre

A big thank you to the person(s) who left bottles of bucks fizz on the door steps in Morris Lane on Christmas Eve.

It was a lovely gesture and made Christmas Eve even more special. A great start to the festive season.

Thank you and Kind Regards
Margaret Buckles

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St Cuthbert's Church Spire update...



Our target to raise the necessary funds to complete the current scheme has now been met and our thermometer is now red! We certainly could not have done it without the support of the many members of our local community and friends together with the Heritage Lottery Fund. **Thank you so much!!**

The scheme continues, the scaffolding is now on its way down the spire and work has started on the vestry roof. We are delighted to now be 'wobble free' and look forward to being dry once this section of the roof is done. A new lightning conductor has been installed and the clock is being fully refurbished. You may have already heard some of the testing of the chimes taking place!

We still have several weeks of work to go and there will always be more work to do. However, this scheme will, on completion, mean that the west end of the Church will now be secure and watertight.

We will all be glad to see the Church without its 'corrugated overcoat' in the coming weeks. Once we regain full access to the vestry we will be able to progress the "Heritage" aspects of the scheme with the provision of display boards and historical information.

SANCTUARY LIGHTS

FEBRUARY

1st	Marion Chadwick
4th	Peter Bradshaw
5th	Margaret Dutton (Birthday)
7th	Rose Mary Bailey (Birthday)
11th	Alice Jane Ryding (Birthday)
12th	D A Simpkin
12th	Dorothy Cheetham (Anniversary)
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 St Cuthbert's Sunday School



The church congregation, Tara and I would like to thank the families who came together in their wonderful costumes to give an enthusiastic performance for our Nativity. A special mention is made to our wonderful 'real sized' Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus, alias the Thomas family with Leo enjoying the role of baby Jesus. Also a big thanks to the narrators and the host of angels led by Darcy. Our next meetings will be on the 12th February and a Family Service on the 26th February. In March we will meet once on the 12th. This is due to the school's Mothering Sunday service taking place on the 26th March, which will be an enjoyable event for all the families involved.

With every best wish to all for 2017.

Tara Kenyon and Ann Cushion



S.H.R.E.W.

Shirdley Hill Residents Environment Workers

- I would like to thank Steve Massam for providing the beautiful Christmas tree and the Volunteers who put it up.**
- I would also like to thank Hazel for looking after the flower boxes on the green and Vince for tackling the overgrown sensory garden and the shrubbery around the wild life pond.**
- If anyone else would like to help with the wild life area and other areas of the Green please contact me.**

Chairman Dave Corfield 01704 840705



Could you do something incredible and be a foster carer?

Lancashire County Council is asking people to consider if they could help a child or young person achieve their dreams by becoming a foster carer.

The new campaign focusses on the need for new foster carers to help children in care reach their true potential. The county council has recently raised their allowances for new foster carers in recognition of their valuable role and rising costs. This means that newly approved foster carers can expect to receive between £241 and £415 to meet the needs of each child they care for.

Unlike some Independent Fostering Agencies, the county council's fostering service is not for profit so they prioritise the needs of the children. This also means that an excellent package of support and training is available to support foster carers in their role.

If you have a spare room and want to make a difference to a young person's life, could you be a foster carer for your local authority?

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Gardener`s Corner

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 to 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, Saxifraga apiculata, Daphne mezereum, Abeliophyllum distichum (white forsythia), Sempervivums

Bulbs – Iris reticulata, Crocus, Narcissus (varieties) scilla, Anemone blanda

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