

Halsall News

March 2017

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St Cuthbert's Church Spire update...

Work has now started on the West window (the one under the tower) so you can see the scaffolding inside church. We will look forward to the sun streaming through it again soon when it is repaired.

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THE CHURCH OF ST CUTHBERT, HALSALL

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THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST.CUTHBERT, HALSALL

Rector

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The Rectory
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Lydiate
L31 4HL

Phone: 0151 526 0512

Parish Mobile: 07518 926086

Email: paulrobinson407@gmail.com

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:

stthomassteph@btinternet.com

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.

Halsall St Cuthbert Hub website

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

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

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

WARDENS AND SIDESPERSONS

March 2017



	Warden	Deputy Warden	Sides Persons
5th	Lynda Bramwell	Anne Grimshaw	Christine Jones. Rebecca Trearich
12th	Stephen Henders	Elaine Ayre	Elaine Ayre. Philip Banks
19th	Lynda Bramwell	Colin Throp	Bill Banks. John Wroe
26th	Stephen Henders	David Jessop	Beryl Sephton. Bill White

The Rector Writes

Doesn't time fly by! The Season of Lent is upon us already! Lent is a time for Christians that should be set aside for reflection, penitence (being sorry), and preparation. In the Benefice we are setting aside each Wednesday in Lent as an opportunity to spend time with the Lord as the Christian Community in Halsall, Lydiate & Downholland. To start the day off there will be Morning Prayer at 8am; at 12noon there will be a Eucharist and at 7pm to end the day there will be Evening Prayer.** These services are to encourage us as Christians together to reflect on the Lord and what He is doing in our lives.

But of course Lent is a 40 day period starting on Ash Wednesday which gives us time to prepare for Easter, so during Lent I would encourage each of us to reflect upon these five questions:-

1. When I wake up on Easter Sunday morning, how will I be different
2. Is there something in my life that repeatedly gets in the way of loving God with my whole heart, or loving my neighbour as myself? And what do I do about it?
3. Is there anyone in my life from whom I need to ask forgiveness or be reconciled to?
4. What do I need to 'let go off' so that I can draw closer to God?
5. What can I add to my life – such as stillness, reflective time, prayer – which will enable us to keep our focus on God and not on ourselves?

May this Lent be for all of us a time for renewal, a time for reflection, and a time for growth, as we make the time and take the time to reflect on what God is seeking to do in our lives.

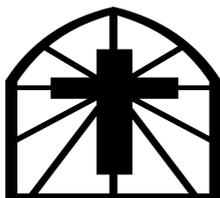
Yours in Christ
Paul Robinson

****The services will be held in St Thomas' Church**

Chalice Rota March 2017



5 th March	Ann Cushion	Lynda Bramwell
12 th March	Tara Kenyon	Stephanie Hilton
19 th March	Colin Throp	Lynda Bramwell
26 th March	Gwyn Williams	Ann Throp



Sunday Services in the United Benefice for March 2017

Sunday 5th March – Lent 1

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

Sunday 12th March – Lent 2

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

Sunday 19th March – Lent 3

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

Sunday 26th March – Lent 4 – Mothering Sunday

8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'
9.30am	School Service	St Cuthbert's
11.15am	Parade Service	St Thomas'

**FOR MID-WEEK SERVICES PLEASE SEE THE SEPARATE ADVERT
FOR WEDENSDBAYS IN LENT**

SCHOOL EUCHARISTS IN MARCH

Wednesday 29 th March	9.00am	St Thomas' School
Wednesday 29 th March	1.15pm	Haskayne School
Thursday 30 th March	9.15am	St Cuthbert's School

(PLEASE SUPPORT OUR CHURCH/SCHOOL LINKS – EVERYONE IS WARMLY
WELCOME TO THE SCHOOL EUCHARIST SERVICES)

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**



THE THREE PILLARS OF LENT

**It would be appreciated if all Christmas Wreaths &
Christmas Pots etc. could be removed from the
Churchyard by the end of March please**



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.

CHURCH CLEANING ROTA		March 2017		
5th March	E Wroe	J Wroe J Rawsthorne	K Mudd B Knowles	S Jessop
19th March	E Banks	N Donaldson S Roberts	M Webster	L Wilkinson
2nd April	A Critchley	P Waterworth C Moss	S Waterworth E Robinson	K Twist M Mills



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NEW NOTICE BOARDS

The Parish Council wishes to thank Cynthia Dereli (Parish Champion) for awarding us a grant to fund replacement boards for Moss Road and Segars Lane.

PLANNING

2016/1118/FUL – 128 Summerwood Lane – Single detached garage

2017/0023/FUL – 21 Summerwood Lane - Proposed first floor dormer extension to the front elevation

2017/0094/FUL - Malt Kiln Barn, Halsall Road - Replacement outbuilding in C3 use providing accommodation ancillary to the domestic use of Malt Kiln Barn

PARKING

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PARKING ALONG SUMMERWOOD LANE

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Please use the Memorial Hall car park whenever possible.

Parish Council Meetings

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday 8th March 2017 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.

UPDATE FROM THE ENVIRONMENT AGENCY ON THE POSSIBLE CLOSURE OF THE PUMPING STATIONS AND SETTING UP OF AN INDEPENDANT DRAINAGE BOARD

Representatives from the Environment Agency and West Lancashire Borough Council attended the Parish Council me held on 8th February.

Dale Gibbons (EA) advised us that the notice period has been extended to 31st December 2018 and that during 2017 they will be working with the NFU, CLA, Lancashire County Council, local communities, the relevant local authorities and other organisations interested in these changes to seek to develop a new advisory group which will be looking at possible options to help those affected to find a sustainable way to manage land drainage in the Alt Crossens catchment area.

There was a clear commitment by the Environment Agency to organise and hold the first meeting of the advisory group by the end of April.

Borough Councillor John Hodgson agreed to represent WLBC on the advisory board.

Dale Gibbons went on to say that a viable alternative solution needs to be identified before the end of December 2018. If there is clear support demonstrated by those affected for a preferred option that cannot be delivered with the existing notice period, the Notice period can be extended further if required to enable this option to be progressed. There will also be further engagement with those affected to ensure they have both the opportunity to be involved in this process and are also kept fully informed on progress.

What's On

Club/Group	Meetings	Contact
Archery Club	Sunday 2-4pm St Cuthbert's School Winter months.	Andy Yarnell 01704 870143
Badminton Club Over 16's	Thursday 7.30pm St Cuthbert's School	Margaret 01704 840305 Jim 01704 840908
Bootcamp	Monday 6.30-7.15 Wednesday 6.30-7.15 Halsall Memorial Hall	Rachel Pimblett 07875 483733
Halsall Community Group	Various	Louise 07734452323 Facebook. The Official Halsall Village Community
Halsall West End Cricket Club Junior Coaching Boys and Girls Year 3 to Year 6		John Kershaw (Junior Players Coordinator) 07718433492
Crown Green Bowling Club	Saracen's Head Halsall	Carole Toal 01695 577920 Charles Nason 01695 574073
Halsall Environment Group	Various working parties around the village.	Eleanor Wroe 01704 841216 Or Enid Banks 01704 567654
Shirdley Hill Roadside Environment Workers SHREW	Various	Dave Corfield 01704 840705
Halsall Football Club	Memorial Playing Field Halsall	Paul Williams

Club/Group	Meetings	Contact
Karate 7 years and over	Monday 6pm-8pm St Aiden's Hall Shirdley Hill	Graham Parsons 0151 531 7598 07745668129
Luncheon Club	St Aiden's Hall Shirdley Hill	Sylvia Corfield 01704 840705
Meditation Monthly Meetings	Sunday St Aiden's Shirdley Hill	Jenny Pearce 01704 840117
Pilates	Monday 7.30-8.30pm Halsall Memorial Hall	Rachel Pimblett 07875 483733
Shirdley Hill Residents Association	Various See Halsall News	Dave Corfield 01704 840705
	Scouting	
Beavers	Tuesday 6.30-7,30pm St Cuthbert's School	Barbara Threlfall 07817 382221
Cub Scouts	Monday 6-7.30pm St Cuthbert's School	Tracy Berkley 07531 603290
Scouts	Monday 7-8,30pm St Cuthbert's School	Jane Coventry 07887 685219
Snooker Club	Halsall Memorial Hall Playing Field	Gerald Neale 01704 841275 Or Jason Neale 07968228173

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Halsall St Cuthbert's Update : March 2017

If you wish to contact the school, for whatever reason, please ring us on 01704-840253. We'll be glad to help.



Sporting Opportunities

We continue to provide a multitude of opportunities for children to get involved in inter-school sports/activities. Over the past few months we've competed in : athletics, cross country, netball, bench ball, chess, tag rugby and soon there'll be the football tournament, a swimming gala and triathlon.

Mothering Sunday Service

This is always a lovely service and a special time in the Christian Calendar, when our children can say a big THANKYOU to their mums and wish for God's blessing upon them. As part of the worship, the children will be singing and dancing and handing out cards that they've made in school. We may need plenty of tissues.

Toy Sale

The children brought in any unused and unwanted toys for our big Toy Sale recently. Altogether, we raised £178 for Christian Aid. Well done everyone.

Share The Love Day (9th Feb)

The PTFA served yummy hot chocolate, squidgy marshmallows, sweet cream and heart-shaped shortbread biscuits to celebrate **Share the Love Day**. It was a nice treat for the children after their spelling tests and they all loved it. It really was such a lovely thing to do at the end of the half-term.

Thanks to all the volunteers who organised everything that afternoon.

Staffing

Mrs Joanne Gillard, one of our brilliantly talented and committed teaching assistants, has now left for pastures new. Mrs Gillard has been at Halsall St Cuthbert's for over 14 years and in that time she has been a fabulous asset to the team. Her compassion and genuinely lovely nature have always shone bright. We wish her all the very best in the challenges ahead. We're all confident that she will do brilliantly. We hope to appoint her replacement in the next few months.

Mrs Beryl Clinton one of our school cleaners, is still recovering at home following her illness. We wish her a speedy recovery and pray for God's help.

Building Improvements

Over the next term, we hope to access funding to carry out the following :

- * Repaint the school kitchen
- * Provide new lighting in the dining room
- * Install new flooring in the dining room
- * Replace fire doors in the school hall
- * Install new LED lighting in the office and entrance area.
- * Apply preservative stain to the activity trail equipment and PTFA sheds.

Quiz Night

PTFA Quiz Night is on Friday 24th March 7-00pm onwards.

This should be a very busy and popular event.

Please get a team together and come along.

Bring your own nibbles and drinks.

Tickets are available from the school office priced £5 per person.

D SCHOLES (HEAD)

Halsall St Cuthbert's Sunday School

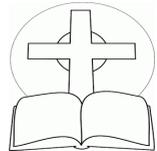


In March we will be meeting on the 12th at 9.30am in St Cuthbert's Church. It is hoped that the weather will be fine enough for us to go outside to explore the signs of spring around the village.

Our April dates for Sunday school are the 9th and the 23rd at 9.30am.

Tara Kenyon and Ann Cushion

Halsall From the Registers



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13th November 2016

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Southwood

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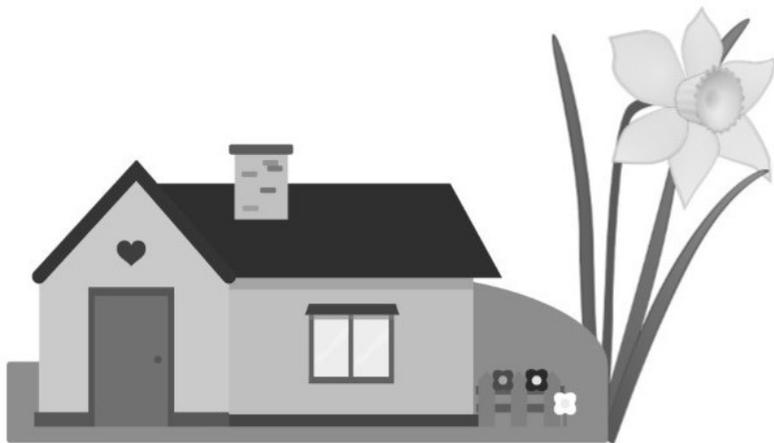
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SANCTUARY LIGHTS

MARCH

- 11th Sarah Prescott
- 11th Amy Florence Williams
- 11th Robert Heaton
- 12th Sarah Critchley
- 14th George Gaskell (Birthday)
- 15th Alice Webster (Birthday)
- 16th William Balshaw (Birthday)
- 17th Frederick Moorcroft (Birthday)
- 17th John Webster (Birthday)
- 19th John Morris (Birthday)
- 27th Richard Yule (Birthday)
- 27th Elizabeth Rhodes (Birthday)
- 28th Dennis Knowles (Birthday)
- 31st Norman Harlow (Birthday)



Halsall Village - Proud and Tidy

Spring will soon be upon us and the time has come to begin tidying up around our village.

On Thursday 23rd March we will be meeting up with some of our schoolchildren and teachers in Bishops Walk to have a tidy up of the area. Parents and friends are very welcome to come along too. Please meet in Bishops Walk at 1pm. If the weather is bad please ring the contact phone numbers below to see if it is going ahead or if it will be postponed to the alternative date of Tuesday 28th March.

**Please come and join us if you have an hour to spare.
It's good fun, not too taxing and the children really enjoy it!**

If you would like to find out more about our group please contact either -

Eleanor Wroe 01704 841216 elliwroe@hotmail.com

or Enid Banks 01704 567654 enidbanks@aol.com

I am hoping that Halsall folk may wish to take part in the
Keep Britain Tidy –Spring Clean -2017

On Sunday 5th March 2017

From 10am-12.00noon

Meeting at the memorial fields car park.

Members of the Halsall Proud and Tidy Facebook community are particularly welcome.

Please bring a pair of gardening gloves if you have them.

For Halsall's younger residents there is also a photography competition being run by Keep Britain Tidy – take a photo of litter in your local community or near your school. Submit your competition entries via email to info@greatbritishspringclean.org.uk by Monday 13 March 2017. Don't forget to include your name, school, age, address and contact phone number.

Hope to see you spring cleaning in Halsall soon ☺

Heroes Wanted.

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Sunday 5th March



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Gardener`s Corner

March at-a-glance

Remember the old rhyme about March winds & April showers? – Adding, a sharp frost can still catch you out but, the sun often shines this month and when it does you can almost see the new gardening season gathering steam daily. Happy Gardening.

General Garden Tasks

Spring clean the garden – fork over the soil in borders, weed & mulch, & dig up & divide overcrowded perennials.

Remove weeds & moss on paths & drives.

Deal with worm casts & molehills.

Make the first lawn cut if dry enough.

Redefine lawn edges.

Lay turf before the end of the month if not done in autumn.

Plant pot-grown shrubs, roses & climbers.

Prune modern bush roses, vigorous climbing roses, dogwoods & willows.

Tidy up patio roses, ground cover roses & shrub roses.

Moves deciduous trees & shrubs & plant new bare-root plants.

Renovate overgrown climbers.

Tidy up rock garden, alpine screes & sink gardens.

Sow wildflowers & hardy annuals.

Divide snowdrops `in the green`.

Scrub or pressure-wash patio slabs.

Prepare soil, then sow lettuce, rocket, radishes, spring onions, leeks, broad beans & peas.

Plant onion sets & shallots.

Plant early potatoes grown in pots undercover; plant outdoors at the end of the month.

Sow hardy herbs & plant & divide perennial herbs.

Plant rhubarb, pot-grown fruit trees & bushes & strawberry plants.

Prune standard apple & pear trees before the buds burst into growth.

Hand-pollinate peaches, nectarines & apricots & protect early blossom with fleece.

Sow tomatoes, chillies, sweet-peppers, aubergines & half-hardy annuals under glass.

Watch out for

Slugs, snails, woodlice & greenfly under glass.

Mice in sheds & greenhouses.

On cold nights cover vulnerable plants with fleece.

Plants in there Prime

Daffodils. Crocus. Lily-of-the-valley. Tulips. Magnolia stellata. Chaenomeles.

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