

Halsall News



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HALSALL PARISH COUNCIL

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Rev. Ian Hopkins
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I saw my first snowdrops yesterday, in the mud at the side of the road, somehow they'd managed to grow. It has been a long winter, with grief and scary statistics and trying to adapt and be patient, with difficulty if you're anything like me. Yet still, somehow, in these 'muddy' unpromising conditions, life finds a way, hope finds a way, and spring and Easter are on the way. Once determined atheists like CS Lewis (Narnia) and GK Chesterton (Father Brown mysteries) began to wonder if these patterns of winter sadness and spring renewal, death and resurrection, viruses and vaccines, ancient myths and legends weren't just coincidence but in fact pointers, echoes of the great story at the heart of history: the Easter story of the death and resurrection of the Son of God which holds out hope for all our lives, a stubborn, enduring hope.

Big thoughts from a few snowdrops! Perhaps too big for the moment. But in time, Lewis and Chesterton walked the well-trodden Lenten road to Easter faith and Christian hope, and new imagination, fresh possibilities were released in their lives, totally unexpected but transforming. Incredibly, the Christian faith is that each of us can tread the same path, become ourselves part of the great story, even, or perhaps especially, in the challenging circumstances of today.

As local churches, we continue to meet each week on zoom, and will of course begin to meet again in person to encourage one another as soon as it is safe to do so. Please feel very welcome to join us, and be assured we continue to cover our communities in prayer and blessing every time we meet

Please stay safe, and our very best wishes as Easter approaches

Ian Hopkins
(Interim vicar)

NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

PLANNING

2020/1083/FUL - 37 Renacres Lane - Construction of annex at the rear end of the garden to house a swimming pool and gym area.

2020/1048/FUL – Tyrol House, Morris Lane – Proposed single storey rear extension.

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Parish Council Meetings

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday 10th March 2021 at 7.00 p.m. using ZOOM.

A 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 meetings.

News From Your Parish Council

The Government have now issued the regulations that give local authorities greater flexibility in the conduct of meetings, including allowing members to attend remotely, and for public and press access to those meetings. These 'Regulations' (The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020) came into force on 4 April 2020.

The next meeting of Halsall Parish Council will therefore take place on Wednesday 10th March 2021 at 7 pm using ZOOM and the agenda will be published on the www.halsallparish.com website at least 3 clear working days before the meeting is due to be held.

Please note that until such time as Government advice changes the Council will continue to hold remote meetings.

Members of the public who wish to attend should follow the guidelines listed below.

Before the meeting:-

1. The Agenda will be placed on the website and on the notice board (if possible) as normal (i.e. with three clear days of notice).
2. Any member of the public and press who wishes to attend the meeting will need to download Zoom. Please visit <https://zoom.us/meetings> where you will be able to download the App. The website gives tutorials and demonstrations on how to download Zoom and how to join meetings.
3. The Clerk will put a link, on the website, to join the Zoom meeting by 5pm on the day of the meeting. The Clerk will also include the meeting ID and password. For the Planning Committee meetings the link will be posted by 5pm the evening before.
4. The Clerk will upload to the website the full set of papers (other than for the Planning Committee) to support the meeting the day before the meeting.

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5. Members of the public are welcome (as usual) to send any questions or comments to the Clerk prior to the meeting via email to davebondhpc@aol.com or by calling the Clerk on 01704 534090. These must be received by 5pm on the day of the meeting. The Clerk will present any representations received to the Councillors to address.

The meeting:-

1. The Chair of the Council will Chair the meeting.
2. The Clerk of the Council will host the meeting on Zoom which will be recorded (please note that once the minutes have been approved at the next meeting the recording will be destroyed)
3. Members of the public will enter a “waiting room” on Zoom and wait for the Clerk to approve their attendance. It would be helpful if members of the public could “name their videos” so that the Chair and Clerk can refer to them correctly.
4. All attendees will be muted on entry to the meeting.
5. Members of the public will be able to make representation during the public forum.
6. Members of the public will be asked to “put their hand up” using the icon on Zoom if they wish to speak during the public forum.
7. The Clerk will “unmute” members of the public who wish to speak at the instruction of the Chair.
8. At the conclusion of the public forum the Clerk will “mute” all members of the public.
9. The required standards of behaviour and discussion are the same whether in remote or face-to-face meetings. Members of the public who use or display inappropriate or offensive language and/or behaviour will be removed from the meeting to the waiting room. This includes any inappropriate backdrops on display on the video.
10. The Council will discuss, via email, prior to the meeting any items which are considered sufficiently confidential as to warrant exclusion of members of the press and public under the provisions of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and will advise, if appropriate, of the outcome of any discussions at the meeting.
11. The Clerk will end the ZOOM meeting once business has been concluded.

After the meeting

1. The Clerk will take the minutes of the meeting as usual.
2. Members of the Council and the Clerk will review how the meeting went and may make some changes to the process if necessary.

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.

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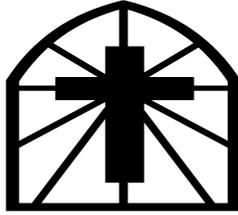
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SANCTUARY LIGHT

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)
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Staff

I'd like to say an enormous thankyou to the school staff for all their hard work and dedication over the past few weeks. In particular, the teachers and their assistants have been on-hand each day to respond to 1000s of online queries and questions, offer advice and contact parents if necessary. And in addition to this, they've focussed on teaching and supporting the key workers' children in school and they've been busy planning the weekly curriculum, devising new activities, making explanatory videos, reading stories, marking work, accessing video clips, producing worksheets, etc, all ready to upload as the next day's work. They've worked tirelessly and there has been very little if any, spare time.

Essential Remote Learning

The remote learning system we adopted during this lockdown (which involves no "live" lessons) was our preferred option because it provided flexibility. It provided flexibility when accessing materials, for when parental/adult support was available and even more importantly, when there was a PC, laptop, tablet or mobile phone free. This obviously varies greatly, depending upon family circumstances.

Online remote learning will never replace daily, live and interactive teaching in school. But as a short-term substitute to keep children educationally engaged and to minimise the effects of lockdown and missed learning, it has been both very useful and very successful.

When the children have accessed learning tasks with enthusiasm, have tried hard, persevered and have received appropriate support when needed, most tasks have been completed accurately and the quality of work overall, has been excellent. The staff have been incredibly impressed by the way most children and parents (and in some cases grandparents) have tackled the challenges of remote learning.

A big, big thanks to all our families, for all their hard work and support for the children's learning at home. This is such an invaluable investment for each child's future.

Key Worker Provision

At present, we have over 40 families registered for the key worker provision. The sessions start at 9-00am and the children are collected at 3-30pm. The number attending each day has increased over the past few weeks. Overall, they've been a pleasure to teach, most have made solid progress and for many it's been a really productive last couple of months.

Admissions

We are presently ranking the applications for admission for September 2021. Church reference forms are being verified and lists compiled, ready to return to the LEA. Parents should receive their **Admission Offer** letters in early April. Any parents wishing to send their child to Halsall St Cuthbert's, who are offered an alternative school, are encouraged to contact Mr Scholes as soon as possible.

NOR

At present we have just over 150 children registered at the school. We have a small number of spaces in certain classes and we are still able to accept in-year applications.

If anyone is interested in their child attending Halsall St Cuthbert's, please contact us so that we can arrange a brief tour of the school and address any of your concerns/questions.

Re-opening

We are so pleased to be re-opening in March. It'll be so nice to see all the children back in the classrooms with their friends. The social side of school is so important and the present cohorts have missed out a great deal.

Whether we are still able to organise some of our major events, such as summer carnival, family night, sports day, strawberry teas, Mothers' Day, Leavers Service, PGL trips, Year 6 holiday etc, we are just not sure. If there is the slightest possibility that we can, we will. These are the occasions when we see the children shine and make memories that will last a lifetime.

We hope and pray that there will no need for any further lockdowns. Everyone should be relieved to get back to normal, whatever normal is. Hopefully when we do, we may just appreciate what we have a little more and not take what we have for granted. Stay safe.

D Scholes (Head Teacher)



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.

Move 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 their Prime

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

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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 of England 'A Church Near You' Websites.



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The following websites are also recommended:

www.pray-as-you-go.org – a Jesuit resource of Daily Prayer set to music you can listen to.

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

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