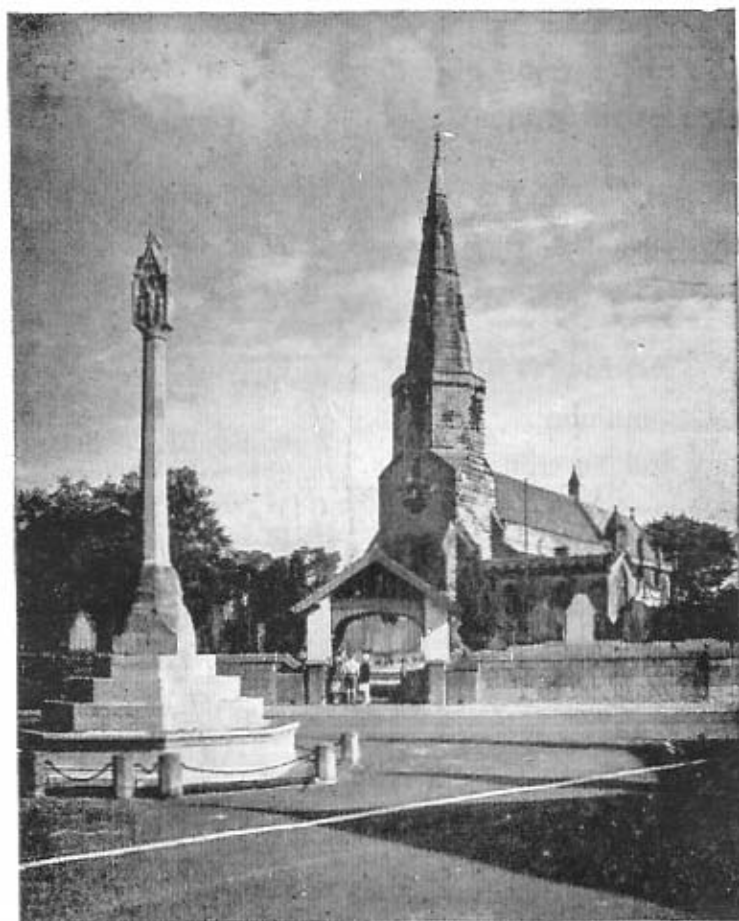


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## 1st SUNDAY IN THE MONTH

9.00 a.m. Holy Communion  
10.30 a.m. Mattins and Sermon  
6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon

## 2nd SUNDAY IN THE MONTH

10.30 a.m. Family Eucharist  
6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon

## 3rd SUNDAY IN THE MONTH

9.00 a.m. Holy Communion  
10.30 a.m. Mattins and Sermon  
6.30 p.m. Evensong with Holy Communion

## 4th SUNDAY IN THE MONTH

9.00 a.m. Holy Communion  
10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist  
6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon

## 5th SUNDAY IN THE MONTH

9.00 a.m. Holy Communion  
10.30 a.m. Mattins with Holy Communion  
6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon

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My dear Friends,

On Sunday 16th September the High Sheriff of Lancashire, County Alderman Sir Henry Lumby, J.P. will honour us by making an official visit to St. Cuthbert's Church for the morning service at 10.30 a.m. He will be accompanied by Lady Lumby. This will be a very great occasion in the history of the Parish, it may never happen again.

It is with very great joy that I am able to welcome Sir Henry Lumby on behalf of the Parish. His life has been spent in service to the community and he will be sadly missed when he retires next April from the Chairmanship of the Lancashire County Council.

In support of Sir Henry at this service we shall also welcome His Honour Judge Edward Steel L.L.B., our Diocesan Chancellor, accompanied by Mrs. Steel, the Chief Constable of Lancashire, Mr. Stanley Parr accompanied by Mrs. Parr, Mr. Harold Soref, M.P. for Ormskirk; the Chairman of West Lancashire R.D.C. and Members of the Council; the Chairman of Ormskirk Urban District Council and members; the clerk to the West Lancashire R.D. Council; the Clerk to the Ormskirk U.D.C.; the Chairman of Halsall Parish Council and members; the Clerk to the Halsall Parish Council; members of Lancashire County Council, representatives of the Police; the Fire Service; St. John Ambulance Service; the Chairman of the Magistrates, County Councillor Howard Ballance J.P. and members of the Bench; the Scouts; the Cubs; the Guides; the Brownies; the Chairman of St. Cuthbert's Guild and members; the Leader of St. Cuthbert's Junior Guild and members; the members of the Parochial Church Council; the Sidesmen; the Superintendent of the Sunday School with teachers and scholars; the managers of St. Cuthbert's school; the Headmaster and staff of St. Cuthbert's school; members of the Halsall Agricultural Discussion Society; the President and members of the Halsall Women's Institute; the Rose Queen and her retinue; the Organist and Choir; and many others.

The procession of witness which will leave the school at 10.00 a.m. will be headed by the Lancashire County Police Band. We shall all walk in procession

from the school to the Church. Members of the congregation and all visitors are requested to be at St. Cuthbert's school at 9.45 a.m. in order to join the procession and thus enable us all to enter the Church together. If the weather is wet we shall use macks and umbrellas for the short distance from the school to the Church. There will be no procession after the service.

Let us all try to make this historic occasion one that will be long remembered by the village.

May God bless you all,

Your sincere friend,

HERBERT BULLOUGH,

Chaplain to the High Sheriff of Lancashire.

### AUTUMN

Autumn is the season of colour. I remember walking along a high mountain terrace above a Scottish glen in September; beneath were dense woods—forests might be a better word! The prevailing colours seemed to be green and russet, but the giant horse-chestnut trees were masses of crimson and vermilion. Hillsides across the glen were clothed in golden bracken and purple heather, with the silvery stems of birch, and bright red berries of mountain ash lending variety to the scene. Beyond, uprearing far away against the yellow light of a September afternoon, was a vast group of mountains with Ben Nevis, blue as indigo, topping the rest. The scene was perfected when a full-grown stag stalked into view far below, the sunlight streaking his antlers and his brown hide as he passed beneath the trees.

This is many years ago now, but I remember it as if it were yesterday. I could tell of many other colours which made that scene memorable—of the blue green Atlantic shimmering in a bay of white sand—white as a coral island—but those colours are not peculiar to autumn!

But one need not travel to Scotland! Bramble leaves, berries on hawthorn, wild rose, and rowan are to be seen in most places, while autumn leaves lie even on the pavements of cities. Fields from which corn has been reaped are as beautiful on the fringe of towns as in remoter places.

"While barred clouds bloom the soft dying day,  
And touch the stubble plains with rosy hue."

Autumn is the season of colour, and colour is one of the means by which God speaks to us. In the times of ancient Greece Plato taught that colour is one of the means whereby men glimpse that ideal world of which the present world is but a dim reflection. Christ in the Sermon on the Mount bids men consider the lilies of the fields, which reveal to us the beauty of the mind of God who created them, and bring to us glimpses of the Kingdom of God towards which we are travelling.

We look again at the outdoor world in autumn and something else comes to our notice. We feel a definite moving forward of time! One day we see a few colourful leaves on a branch near our home—the next day they are gone! The passage of time is forced upon us. We cannot realise that the nights are drawing in again so soon. How imperceptibly they have passed, those long summer evenings! Yet they, together with all they held of pleasure or beauty are gone beyond recalling.

"They dwelt with Beauty, beauty that must die,  
And joy whose hand is ever at his lips, bidding  
adieu."

Summer is past. The air is filled with the odour of decaying leaves, and the woods seem sinking to sleep, save when the wind comes, and the leaves are whirled away. Behind all looms the ghost of summer—not of last summer only, but of summers long ago.

Nature speaks to us of truths which concern us closely. Time steals by! Years flit away from us! Think of them! Years full of hopes, and good intentions. Years which held for each of us something we can never forget, which like last summer's flowers can never come back. Only in memory.

"The enchanted long ago murmurs, and smiles  
anew."

But for all the sadness there may be in this picture, God gives an encouraging message in it. The sadness need not be unrelieved if we are prepared to live wisely. It is the message we read in the harvest. When the good hopes, and worthy intentions formed in the past have been kept, and lived up to, they 'bring forth fruit to perfection.' Like leaves on the trees the gay pageantries of youth will fade, and perish utterly, but the real endeavours of former years will produce something satisfying and immortal like the fruits which fall to earth only to bring new life to birth.

These thoughts lead to another lesson which Nature reveals in autumn. Autumn fruits—the harvest of nature! Food for men and animals! We see them all around us! The pageantry of the seasons; the gaiety of spring; the glamour of summer; the splendour of autumn, have not been an empty show, or a meaningless parade. There has been purpose in it all; purpose beneficial to the world.

God teaches us here how to live. There are many ways of living—but there are two extremes which stand in great contrast to each other, and it is surprising how many of us tend towards one or the other. There is the gay, empty, selfish, gaudy way of living, and there is the grim, colourless straight-laced way. If we read the message God gives in autumn we find that neither is the true way. The seasons in their changeful beauty culminating in the wealth of harvest in autumn would seem to say, "Live to do good, have an aim, and a purpose in life, but do it joyfully, gaily, beautifully. Live colourful lives, but let them lead somewhere, and achieve something for the general good, for this is the way of the kingdom of God.

It is then through Nature that we can learn so much about ourselves, and about God at first hand; finding the wisdom that makes life an open book, and the love which persists through all changes.

"The world is God's epistle to mankind" said Plato.

So in the world of today we turn to the natural world, and in contrast to the chaos and unrest of the world of men we find there is Beauty, Order, Purpose, obedience to a perfect will; life beneficial and generous. Above all there is that in the quietness, and peace of the vast serenity of Nature which gives calm to man's spirit. It is the feeling that through all, and in all guiding and inspiring is the benevolence of God. It's the experiencing of a great overmastering providence ever present to the spirit. Nature goes on in beauty and purposefulness, and in her we learn much of God, and human life. How finely this is expressed by Thoreau in a description of an autumn walk!

"The sun sets on some retired meadow, where no house is visible, with all the glory, and splendour that it lavishes on cities, and, perchance, as it has never set before. . . We walked in so pure a light, gilding the withered grass, and leaves, so softly and

sereneley bright. I thought I had never bathed in such a gold flood, without a ripple or a murmur to it.

"The west side of every wood and rising ground gleamed like a boundary of Elysium, and the sun on our backs seemed like a gentle herdsman driving us home at evening.

"So we saunter toward the Holy Land, till one day the sun shall shine more brightly than ever he has done, shall perchance shine into our minds and hearts and light up our whole lives with a great awakening light, as warm, and serene, and golden as on a bank side in autumn."

### SANCTUARY FLOWERS

Sept. 2: Mrs. E. Orritt. Sept. 9: Mrs. B. Webster.  
Sept. 16: Mrs. Blundell and Mrs. Park. Sept. 23:  
Miss Mawdsley and Mrs. Parker. Sept. 30: Mrs.  
Ord. Oct. 7: Mrs. W. Halsall. Oct. 14: THE CON-  
GREGATION.

### SIDESMEN'S ROTA

September 2nd—H. Grimshaw, M. Manners  
R.H., W. Pounds, C. Armstrong.

9th—C. Shacklady, W. White J.H., E. Serjeant,  
D. Swift.

16th—B. Heaton, J. Gaskell J.B., P. Saunders, T.  
Grimshaw.

23rd—P. Attwood, H. Rimmer H.S., E. Black-  
hurst, J. Rimmer.

30th—G. Porter, S. Park R.H., J. D. Grim-  
shaw, R. Dutton.

October 7th—E. Grimshaw, D. Sephton J.H.,  
J. F. Smith, H. Dean.

14th—T. Swift, T. Hunter J.B., P. Aynsley, R.  
Gaskell.

### THE STUMBLING BLOCK

The impossible? Yes. "If a man smites you on the right cheek, turn the other". Impossible; but that is what God calls us to do: the impossible; the ridiculous; and it is the fact that we all too often miss this point that makes OUR Christianity so ordinary that it is not Christian. For the Christian should be an extraordinary person. He is the one who is able to do such a ridiculous thing as to offer the right cheek when smitten on the left, and yet do it without looking ridiculous. He does many apparently ridiculous things, but his ridiculousness is the foolishness of God which is wiser than men and his "harmlessness" is the weakness of God which is stronger than men.

All too often, when we come against passages such as the injunction to turn the other cheek, we say to ourselves "of course Jesus did not quite mean that". Our premise for this argument is that "Jesus could not really be that ridiculous."

Now everytime we think and talk to ourselves in this way, we attempt to humanise Jesus rather than to Christianise ourselves; and the basic error which brings us to such a situation is that we all too easily forget that God is NOT like us; that God is different and that because of this we cannot know any more about God than we already know if we try to go on twisting His words to fit our human ideas of reasonableness.

Indeed, it is partly from this kind of misjudgement of God that God Himself tries to free us when He reveals Himself, first through the prophets and then through His Son who was by His ordaining, the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person.

In this Son God unfolds His nature; and reveals to us the substance of life. He shows us that life comes through death, that we receive ONLY by giving, and giving, utterly; that strength lies not in hateful strife but in submission to the truth. Thus Jesus proclaims the truth of God, unleashing thereby the divine power which redeems the erring soul of man by first convicting him of sin and thus helping him to the rightful attitude before God in the attitude of repentance. But when that truth provoked the wickedness of man into action, and men plotted therefore, and in fact did, lift up their hands to smite, to ridicule, and to kill Him who proclaimed the truth, He who was God submitted to the wrath

### VISIT OF THE HIGH SHERIFF OF LANCASHIRE

on

SUNDAY, 16th SEPTEMBER at 10.30 a.m.

### HARVEST FESTIVAL

and

### GIFT DAY

SUNDAY, 14th OCTOBER

9.00 a.m. Holy Communion

10.30 a.m. Family Eucharist

2.30 p.m. Children's Gift Service

6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon

The Rector will sit in Church from 2 p.m. to  
4.30 p.m. and 5.45 p.m. to 6.20 p.m. to receive  
gift day offerings.



of man.

In that submission was contained the revelation of God. The God incarnate bowed to death because He was stronger than death.

To pitch falsehood against the falsehood of man, and hatred against man's hatred would be to fear man and that would be a blasphemy: for to fear man is to violate the fact of God's supremacy over all men. Jesus knew this, and hence Calvary, and then—the glorious Easter wherein death and the power of darkness were overcome. We have not sought to know this, and hence the deadness of the Church

### CONFIRMATION 1974

Confirmation classes will commence on Sunday, 4th November at 2.30 p.m. and each class will be of 45 minutes duration. Adult classes will be held nearer the time of the Confirmation which is expected to be in June of next year. Names of Confirmation candidates should be handed in to the Rector prior to the start of the course in preparation.

### THE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The Annual Christmas Bazaar will be held on Saturday, 24th November at 2.30 p.m. There will be a whist and Domino Drive in the evening at 7.15 p.m. Thrift tickets will be on sale in your area from 1st September.

### FLOWER FESTIVAL SLIDES

On Thursday, 13th September at 7.30 p.m. we invite all those who have colour slides taken at the Flower Festival to bring them to school and show them to the Villagers. Please put your name on the slide or some other mark of identification. It is hoped to choose the best slides for photographs to be kept for Historical purposes.

Dr. Manners along with Mr. Armstrong have volunteered to organise the event and slides should be handed to them in good time. There will be no charge for admission. Tea will be served. Please make this evening widely known, we would like to have as many colour slides as possible. H.B.

### SERVERS ROTA

Sept. 2	9.00 a.m.	Peter Balmer.
Sept. 9	10.30 a.m.	David Stopforth—Colin Stopforth.
Sept. 16	9.00 a.m.	
	6.30 p.m.	Keith Stopforth.
Sept. 23	9.00 a.m.	Barry Gaskell.
	10.30 a.m.	Michael Lewis, Stephen Dutton.
Sept. 30	9.00 a.m.	Tony Gaskell.
	10.30 a.m.	Simon Andrews.
Oct. 7	9.00 a.m.	Jim Heaton.
Oct. 14	9.00 a.m.	Michael Lewis.
	10.30 a.m.	Malcolm Sergeant, Brian Heaton.

### ST. CUTHBERT'S GUILD AUTUMN / WINTER PROGRAMME

(Meetings Open To All)

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**Friday, 21st September (8.00 p.m. to 1 a.m.)**  
Harvest Supper and Dance, Clarkson Woods  
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Tickets £1.00

**Tuesday, 9th October**  
Hypnotism, is it a myth or a menace?  
Talk by Mr. W. Bell  
Tickets 10p

**Saturday, 3rd November**  
Bonfire Party. Location to be announced. Guild  
Fireworks only.  
Tickets 10p

**Tuesday, 13th November**  
Film: Western, Guns of San Sebastian. Admission  
by refreshment ticket.  
Tickets 15p

**Saturday, 15th December**  
Christmas Party  
Tickets 20p. Children 10p  
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**Tuesday, 8th January**  
Europe — Scenic Wonderland  
Illustrated talk by Mr. A. J. Hoyle  
Tickets 10p

**Tuesday, 12th February**  
Musical Film: Goodbye Mr. Chips.  
Admission by refreshment ticket  
Tickets 15p

**Tuesday, 12th March**  
Problems of the Drug Scene  
Talk by Detective Sergeant Mills  
Tickets 10p

**Friday, 26th April**  
Annual outing. To be announced

**Tuesday, 14th May**  
Beetle Drive  
Tickets 10p

### CHRISTIAN BURIAL

"In sure and certain Hope"

July 31st—Elizabeth May Webster of Carr-Moss Lane, Halsall. Aged 79 years.  
August 18th—Doris May Morris of 151, Tuning Lane, Scarisbrick. Aged 50 years (Cremation).  
August 17th—Agnes Ackers of 204, Summerwood Lane, Halsall. Aged 83 years (Cremation).

### HOLY MATRIMONY

"Those whom God hath joined together"

July 24th—Jean-Michael Paul Gravelle of 10500 Lesmont Brienne Chateau France and Gillian Wright of The Hermitage, Southport Road, Barton.

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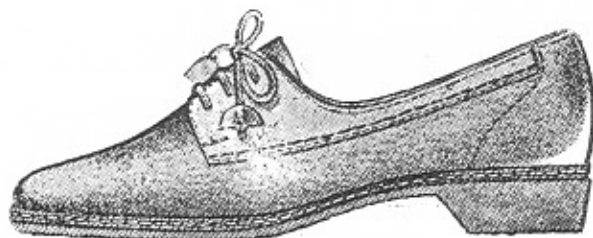
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