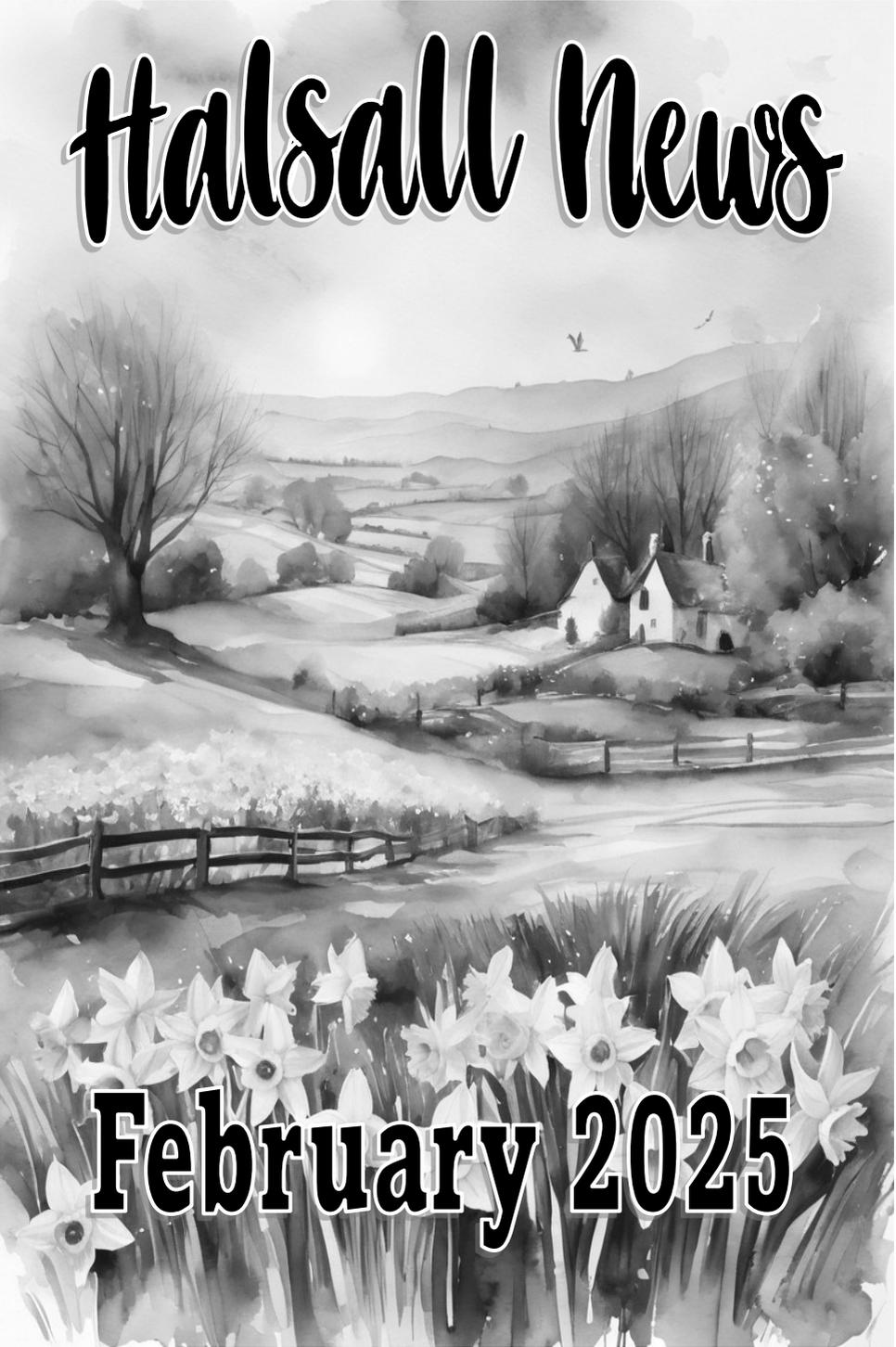


Halsall News



February 2025

ST. GUTHBERT'S CHRISTMAS RAFFLE PRIZE WINNERS

£100 gift voucher – Rachel Fishlock
Drinks Hamper – Leoni Green
Saracens £50 food voucher – Ann Grimshaw
Farmer Teds Day Out – Frank Farelly
£20 Beefeater voucher – Mike Kenny
Fruit Basket – Janette, New St.
Gordons Gin – Kate Prescott
Sack of spuds – Laura Bond
Christmas Hamper – A & G Gardner
Village Bakery Voucher - Sue Stephenson
£20 Beefeater voucher – Len Davidson
Wild Root Café voucher – Alan Rimmer
Bottle Baileys – Teddy Tiplady
£20 Beefeater voucher – Carol Banks
Amaretto Liquor – Ruby Blundell
Primrose Nursery Planter – Sarah Goldstraw
Tanqueray Gin – Bill Cushion
Bottle champagne – Barbara Sinnet
Malt Whisky – Stephen Knowles
Bottle Baileys – Sarah Goldstraw
Bottle Prosecco – Carol Ward
Box Chocolate Biscuits – David White
Box roses – Alan Webster
Gordons Gin – Clare Thomas
Malbec Wine – Mac, Summerwood
Prosecco – Mike Stephenson
Bottle Baileys – Elaine Ayre
Gin & Tonic (cans) – Chris Kenyon
Tanqueray Gin – Clare Bamber
Sherry – David White
Box of Hero's – Myra Silcock
Gordons Gin – Steven Brookfield
Malt Whisky – Jim Simm
Lindor chocolates – Beryl Sephton
Merlot wine – Clare Edwards
Merdock Wine – Celia Webster
Sauvignon Blanc – Angela Seddon
Mulled Wine – Colin Throp
Box of crackers – Richard Holland
China Teapot – James Jackson
Bath items – Sue Stephenson
Wine & Roses – Aeron Goldstraw
Hat & Gloves set – Katie Walker



POSTER Competition

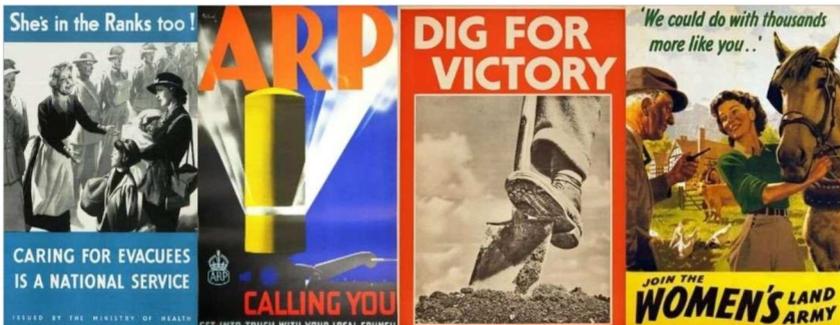
8th May 2025 is 80th Anniversary of VE Day
(1945 End of WW2 in Europe)

Halsall Parish Council would like a poster exhibition in the War Memorial Hall to commemorate the contributions made by all Halsall residents to the wider war effort.

- Competition will judged in 3 groups primary (5-11), secondary (12-18) and adult
- 1st, 2nd & 3rd Prizes of £100, £50, and £25 per group
- In the style of the WW2 posters, hard copy A4, or digital file such as JPEG
- Inspiration from internet and halsallhistory.co.uk/home-history/

For further information please contact Halsallnews@gmail.com

Deadline for entries: Sunday 27th April



Renewal of the Church Electoral Roll in 2025

Every five years each parish must renew its electoral roll. This is a list of people who wish to be part of the Church and is a way of demonstrating your willingness to help shape the future of the Church. By being on the roll it enables you to participate and vote in the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

To be entitled to be included on the Electoral Roll, a person must have:

1. been Baptised, **and**
2. attained their sixteenth birthday on or before the date of the annual parochial church meeting, **and**
3. submitted a signed application form for enrolment, **and** must be one of the following:
 - i. a member of the Church of England, or of a Church in communion with the Church of England, and resident in the parish; **or**
 - ii. a member of the Church of England and, not being resident in the parish, to have habitually attended public worship in the parish during a period of six months prior to enrolment; **or**a member in good standing of a Church which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity (not being a Church in communion with the Church of England) and also prepared to declare himself to be a member of the Church of England having habitually attended public worship in the parish during a period of six months prior to enrolment.

You can be on the Roll of several parishes if you fulfil the above criteria, but can only use one parish for the purposes of membership of the PCC, elections to synods, etc.

Living in the parish will not automatically add you to the electoral roll nor will coming to church regularly or giving regularly. You must fill in a new form.

Please collect a form from the back of church or contact one of the parish officers to get one.



The Rector Writes

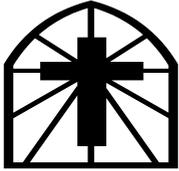
Throughout the Bible we read accounts of people who are surprised by God and challenged to change direction in life. This always involves a profound learning process, as they discover more about their role in life and explore their full potential in this world. We too are challenged by God to go on a journey of exploration with him, to learn new things about ourselves and others and about what it means to be a Christian, asking ourselves: who am I as a child of God?

This is a complex and deeply personal question. Our understanding of our faith, let alone our human identity, is shaped by so many things, from our life experience to the places we call home. Our identity as human beings and our relationship with the natural world has been brought into sharp focus by the climate emergency. Our understanding of each other and our stories is being challenged by the rapid developments in artificial intelligence. In addition, there are society's shifting attitudes towards the nature of relationships, families and communities.

Through many changes, St Cuthbert's has remained at the heart of the community for centuries. Part of our calling is to enable each of us in our successive generations to grapple with who we are and discern our role in the world. As a worshipping community we welcome people from all backgrounds and traditions. Whether you are new to Halsall or have lived a lifetime in the village, we want to hear what you think about the church and how we can support you and our community. To this end we are holding a weekend of events from Friday 9th to Sunday 11th May, to listen and to learn more about ourselves and our community. This is a serious undertaking, which will involve open conversations, attentive listening and mutual respect. All are welcome to join in. Please put the dates in your diary and look out for more details in the coming months.

May the peace of Christ dwell in you and be your inspiration through the year;

Susan



**Service in the
United Benefice for
February 2025**

Our services on Sunday are a chance to create a bit of space in our busy lives to reflect on faith. As the new year becomes established and we start to look towards lent, what acts of kindness and generosity can we share with each other to build community?

Sunday 2nd February The presentation of Christ in the Temple - Candlemas

8.00am St Thomas' BCP Holy Communion
9.30am St Cuthbert's BCP Holy Communion (with Church without walls)
11.00am St Thomas' CW Eucharist

Monday 3rd February

9.15am Morning Prayer by zoom

Wednesday 5th February

11.00am St Thomas's said CW Holy Communion

Thursday 6th February

9.15am Said Morning Prayer
1.30pm St Cuthbert's said CW Holy Communion with prayers for healing

Sunday 9th February Fourth Sunday before Lent

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

Monday 10th February

9.15am Morning Prayer by zoom

Wednesday 12th February

11.00am St Thomas' said CW Holy Communion

Thursday 13th February

9.15am Said Morning Prayer
1.30pm St Cuthbert's said CW Holy Communion with prayers for healing

Sunday 16th February Third Sunday Lent (Septuagesima)

8.00am St Thomas' BCP Holy Communion
9.30am St Cuthbert's BCP Holy Communion (with Messy Church)
11am St Thomas' CW Eucharist

Monday 17th February

9.15am Morning Prayer by zoom

Wednesday 19th February

11.00am St Thomas's said CW Holy Communion

Thursday 20th February

9.15am Said Morning Prayer

1.30pm St Cuthbert's said CW Holy Communion with prayers for healing

Sunday 23rd February Second Sunday before Lent (Sexagesima)

8.00am St Thomas' BCP Holy Communion

9.30am St Cuthbert's CW Eucharist

11am St Thomas' All Age Eucharist

Monday 24th February

9.15am Morning Prayer by zoom

Wednesday 26th February

11am St Thomas' said CW Holy Communion

Thursday 27th February

9.15am Said Morning Prayer

1.30pm St Cuthbert's Holy Communion with prayers for healing

A warm invitation is extended to everyone to join us at any of our United Benefice Services.

Advanced Notice:

March 5th is Ash Wednesday and marks the beginning of Lent. There will be said communion services in both churches with imposition of ashes.

There will be a lent course exploring the theme of hope and forgiveness, with a short act of worship every Tuesday during lent more information in the next magazine. Why not make coming along part of your Lenten discipline this year?

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Reader	David Walker	0151 520 2496
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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)
- 23rd Carole Tatar (Bailey) (Birthday)
- 25th Joseph Balmer
- 25th Mary Kenyon (Birthday)
- 27th Maureen Ainscough (Birthday)



Access to St Cuthbert's Church

If you require the ramps to be put over the steps in order to gain access to church services or to visit the graveyard, please ring to arrange a mutually agreeable time.

Carol Ward 07522 206664

World Day of Prayer Friday 7th March 2025

World Day of Prayer 2025

Cook Islands

'I made you wonderful'



Maghull Baptist Church, starting at 2pm followed by refreshments with a liturgy written by women from the Cook Islands. Come along meet new friends and learn more about this exotic part of our world.



**Coffee morning February 4th February in the Choir Vestry,
St Cuthbert's Church, 10 -11.30am**

Meet old friends and make some new ones and take the opportunity to have a quiet moment in church. If you know someone who is lonely why not bring them along?
They will be assured of a warm welcome.



Christian Chatter - Tuesday February 25th

7.30-8.30pm St Cuthbert's School staff room

Come and explore the theme of hope and forgiveness in preparation for the lent course

YOUR CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT, HALSALL

For enquiries about baptisms or weddings or service information

Phone: 0151 526 2292

Email: stthomassteph@btinternet.com

The office is staffed Monday-Wednesday 9.00am—1.00pm.

Our website, www.halsallstcuthberthub.co.uk contains information about services and events, archive material including historic school records, up to date Parish Magazines as well as those dating back to the 1800's.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT



PARISH GIVING SCHEME

Prayer and worship is at the heart of all we do.

It is only with the generosity of our community that we can sustain our wonderful church and keep our clergy.

St Cuthbert's is responsible for funding everything we do as a church. Despite what some people think none of our activities are directly funded by the Diocese or the National Church.

You can use the Parish Giving Scheme to make one off donations by scanning this QR code.



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You can also support St Cuthbert's by becoming "a friend".

All the funds raised through this scheme are directed to the maintenance and repair of the church building and grounds.

There is a minimum donation of £20 per year to join, but you can then choose how much and how regularly you donate.

For further information please contact info@halsallstcuthbert.co.uk

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Wednesday 2nd April



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2nd Wednesday for Halsall Parish Council

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Or any of the Parish Councillors at the front of the magazine.

Closing Date 28th February 2025

Halsall News Of Yesteryear—February 1965

The Rectory,
Halsall.
13th January, 1965

My dear Friends,

Included this month is an article specially written by one of our missionaries working in Southern Rhodesia. It is rather lengthy and necessitates a reduction in my own letter.

We are approaching the season of Lent, a theme dealt with in a subsequent article. Here may I appeal to all our readers to use the season in the right spirit? Let us make a difference! Above all, maintain church attendances, and if you have become a little irregular in this matter, try to come at least once a Sunday.

Each Lent I have noticed that some members of our congregation make a point of attending 8 o'clock Holy Communion every Sunday, as well as one of the other services. May there be more who adopt this practice this year.

Make a good start, Celebrations of Holy Communion on Ash Wednesday are at 7 a.m. and 10 a.m.

God bless you all.

Your sincere friend,

HERBERT BULLOUGH

FOR THE CHILDREN

Dear children,

Thank you very much for helping with the gift envelopes for the children at Quarry Mount, Ormskirk. You will be pleased to know that over £10 was sent in and we are very grateful to you for all you did to help.

This month I am going to talk to you about the most wonderful prayer in the world, The Lord's Prayer, Our Father.

Jesus used to pray to God, His Father, very often. Sometimes He made long prayers, and at other times they were very short ones: like suddenly thinking about God or saying "Please God, help me now this minute."

Now, Peter and James and John, and the other friends of the Lord Jesus who went everywhere with Him, eating their meals with Him and sleeping with Him—sometimes out of doors which must have been fun in summer—saw that Jesus talked with our Father God. That made them want to do it, too, but when Peter and John said their prayers, they didn't quite know what to say to God.

So, one day, they waited till Jesus had finished His prayers and when He got up they said: "Please, Lord Jesus, teach us how to say our prayers. What shall we say?"

"First of all," said Jesus, "think of God your Heavenly Father." (We can think of Jesus Himself, too.) There is God, with all His holy angels near Him, praising Him and saying: 'Holy, holy, holy!' "Then," said Jesus, "say: 'OUR FATHER WHICH ART IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE THY NAME.'"

"Next," said Jesus, "we must ask God to help us to do all the things that please Him—the good kind things—so that Heaven will come in our homes. Say: 'THY KINGDOM COME THY WILL BE DONE, IN EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN.'"

"Shall we ask God, now, to give us our food?" said Jesus. "God knows how much we need dinner every day and so we ought to ask Him to help people to make food for us and say: 'GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD.'"

"Another thing we want to ask God," said Jesus, "is that He will forgive all His children when they have been naughty and are sorry. So we must forgive people if they are naughty to us and say they are sorry.

"So," said Jesus, "Say: 'FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES, AS WE FORGIVE THEM THAT TRESPASS AGAINST US.'"

"Now," said Jesus, "we want God our Father to take care of us. He wants to take care of us because He loves us. He wants to keep us safe near Him, for He will protect all His little children in danger if we ask Him, so we will say: 'LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL.'"

Now ask Mum to read you this story from the Bible. She will find it in St. Matthew, Chapter 6, verses 9-16, St. Mark, chapter 2, verses 25-27 and St. Luke, chapter 2, verses 1-5.

God bless you all.

Love from

THE RECTOR

THE IMPORTANCE OF LENT

The word itself is derived from an Anglo-Saxon word meaning to lengthen or to grow. It is the custom of the church to set aside this period of time before Easter in order to help her members to grow in the knowledge and in the love of God.

There is nothing mournful or doleful about a properly observed Lent. The old fashioned idea of having dismal hymns at this time of year is quite unnecessary and out of place. When a boy is in love it is not a hardship for him to be in the company of his beloved. If you really and truly love God coming to worship Him would be a delight and not just a duty.

Friendship can only develop when two persons develop one another's acquaintance. In the same way friendship with God can only be fostered and strengthened by being with God and by learning more about Him. Therefore, the more time we devote to the duties of prayer and worship, the stronger our friendship with God is likely to become. Lent is therefore, a time when we try and do this.

I urge you to try and attend the Holy Communion on Ash Wednesday. Almost everyone could come to either of the celebrations.

Practical suggestions:

1. YOUR DAILY PRAYERS. These are vital yet so many of us often forget them.

2. REGULAR WORSHIP. One attendance at Church on Sunday is necessary to fulfil the minimum requirements of normal Christian duty. Try not to be too fixed in your habits.

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Electricity NW	105 or 0800 195 4141
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Local Police Officers or PCSO's	01695 566444
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Fire Safety Helpline	0800 169 1125

POLICE CONTACT DETAILS

Neighbourhood Policing Sergeant, 4110 Billy Matthews e-mail
Billy.Matthews@lancashire.police.uk

or alternatively Neil Cronshaw who is the Community Beat Officer
for Halsall at 7176@lancashire.police.uk

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Halsall Village Proud & Tidy Group	Various working parties around the village.	Eleanor Wroe 01704 841216 Or Enid Banks 01704 567654
Saracen's Head Crown Green Bowling Club	Various. contact Lynda for details.	Lynda Hodge 07435 971762
Ormskirk & District Lions Club	Charity supporting local causes. Looking for new members.	Sylvia Corfield 01704 840705
St Cuthbert's Church	Services 9.30am every Sunday .	Parish office 0151 526 2292
Yoga	St.Cuthbert's School Wednesdays from 7.30pm	James McLoughlin 07852 192440
FROG Friends of Shirdley Hill Village Green	9.30am Tuesdays & Fridays	01704 840607
Jigsaw Library Its free to join and free to bor- row.	We ask for a donation of a jigsaw then you can borrow as often as you like.	Sue Charnock Facebook Page
Halsall Bees & Butterflies Bri- gade	Meeting once a month See article for details	Clare Edwards cedwards1144@gmail.com
Halsall Badminton Club	Halsall School Thursday 7.30pm	Jim 01704 840908 Margaret 01704 840305
YOGA	St Aidans hall Mondays from 6pm	Angela 07513802976

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HALSALL PARISH COUNCIL
MEET 2ND WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH
Next meeting 7:30pm 12th February 2025
at Memorial Hall, Halsall L39 8RN

March 2025 MAGAZINE

**Closing date for Articles and Adverts :
13th February 2025**

Contributions by Email to halsallnews@gmail.com

***All details in the magazine are correct to the best of
our knowledge at the time of going to press.***

NEWS FROM HASALL PARISH COUNCIL

Halsall Parish Council meets on 2nd Wednesday of each month, Next meeting is 7:30 pm 12th February at Memorial Hall recreation ground.

PLANNING (Full Details available at westlancs.gov.uk)

Planning Applications

None (to 15th Jan) Updated list at Council meeting on 12/2/25

Recent decisions

2024/0902/FUL 32 Linaker Drive, single storey rear extension - agreed

2024/0739/FUL 93 Segars Lane, caravan in garden - refused

2024/0715/FUL 1 Halsall Farm Grove, children's play structure - agreed

2024/1015/PNP Gorse Hill Farm, farm track - permitted

2024/0718/FUL 38 Heathey Lane, revised plan for extensions - agreed

Resignations and Recruitment Following the resignation of Melissa Schofield there is a vacancy for a Halsall Parish Councillor (see advert on page 11). The Council would like to thank Melissa for her service, with best wishes for the future.

Cathy Smith has joined the team as Assistant Parish Clerk to manage bookings for the Memorial Hall and St Aidan's Hall. Contact her on 07935 657880 or halsalltrust@gmail.com or halsallparishclerk@gmail.com

Bees & Butterflies Brigade were awarded a S137 grant of £500 for their plans for Spring planting in the Memorial Garden, St Cuthberts churchyard.

Halsall Proud & Tidy also received £500 towards their work for Lancashire's Best Kept Village competition.

Section 137 Grants are available to local groups and organisations "which may bring a benefit to the area or any part of it for some or all the inhabitants". The Council can also support registered charities. Please contact the Parish Clerk for an application form for grants after 1st April.

St Aidan's Hall has recently installed a new floor covering complementing the redecoration work carried out by local Shirdley Hill volunteers. This was funded by a grant from West Lancs Borough Council.

Parish Council Tax for 2025/26 The parish council have submitted a request to WLBC for £34,546. This averages out to £37.67 per Band D household, about 73p per week.

This is a slight increase from £37.09 in 2023/24 and £4 more than £33.56 for 2024/25 but this benefited from one-off higher than expected incomes.

Potholes and Street Flooding complaints should be reported via the Love Clean Streets app on mobile phones or website at www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/report-it/report-it-on-the-go/ . You can send a photo of the pothole, mark it on a map and you receive a reply when it is fixed.

HalsallParish.org.uk/ for agendas and minutes of Council meetings. There is a new HalsallParish.gov.uk website expected on 1st April.

Halsall Village Facebook is www.facebook.com/groups/200983146975703

Shirdley Hill is www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100081833388874

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HALSALL WAR MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELD AND HALL TRUST

Halsall Parish Council is Trustee for the Memorial Hall and Recreation Ground which is a self-funding Charity no 521111 regulated by the Charity Commission.

The Council would like to thank everyone who helped with the fallen trees on 7th December, especially Tom Owen who removed one tree from the roof of the Memorial Hall and another that fell across Halsall Road. A third tree fell across the entrance of Memorial Hall temporarily trapping people in the car park. Rod Birchall dealt with this one in the stormy weather. Thanks Rod. Luckily there were no injuries, and the first tree only fell through the roof into the loft, there is no damage inside the Hall. We are waiting for an insurance claim to repair the roof and loft.

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Prayer for February

February always makes me think of love, especially with St Valentine's Day on the 14th and at Halsall St Cuthbert's we encourage our children to demonstrate the Christian value of love in all they do and say.

Dear God, Thank you for Jesus' stories about how we should treat others and about the love that Jesus had for everyone he met. We are sorry that our world is not like this all the time. Please help us to be the best kind of neighbours that we can be - and be loving towards others. Amen.

Giving Generously

Christian generosity is about giving because others are in need, to treat them as we would like to be treated ourselves. John the Baptist says, in Luke chapter 3, "anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same."

These are some of the charities we supported so far this year:

- Zoe's Place £2,500 – this money was raised through ticket sales for our Christmas Nativities and productions
- Save The Children £150 – proceeds from Christmas Jumper Day
- Carla Lane Animal Sanctuary £350 – profits from January Toy Sale
- Southport Soup Kitchen – food donations for Christmas lunches and hampers

Our dynamic school council, led by miss Schumacher, are already thinking about what other events we could hold this year to raise more funds for good causes.

Enrichment events



What have the Romans ever done for us? – Years 3 & 4 have been learning all about the Romans and on Tuesday, 14th January, they had a visit from a Roman soldier. He taught us all about weaponry, the uniform and how to march like a Roman soldier.



Christian Ethos

Our relationship with St Cuthbert's church continues to go from strength to strength and Rev Susan is a valued member of our team; helping us to further develop and embed our Christian values and 'live life in all its fullness'. Whilst there is no requirement for parental commitment to church in order to gain a school place it does form an important part of our admission criteria; more information

can be found under Key Information tab www.halsall.lancs.sch.uk There are two 'family services' in particular that you might like to explore with your young child:



Messy Church, St Cuthbert's Church, Halsall

**Third Sunday of the month
9.30am – 10.45am approx.**

During the term time we meet in the choir vestry (room at the back of church).

Come with your parents and learn about Jesus.

Have some crafty fun, learn about the bible, play games, sing songs, and have some nibbles.

Come and meet old friends and make new ones.

Dates for 2025

January 19th

February 16th

March 16th

Easter

May 18th

June 15th

Summer break

September 21st

October 19th

November 16th

If you need to, don't forget to get your record of church attendance signed by the individual leading the Church service.



**Church without Walls (CWW)
St Cuthbert's Church, Halsall**

**First Sunday of the month
9.30am – 10.45am approx.**

During term time we meet in the choir vestry (room at the back of church)

Come dressed for the weather, ready to explore God's world.

Come with your parents, ready to jump in a puddle.

Come and find out amazing things as we learn together about Jesus.

Come and meet old friends and make new ones.

Dates for 2025

February 2nd

March 2nd

April 6th Outdoor Service

May 4th

June 1st

July 6th Outdoor Service

Summer break

November 2nd

December 7th Outdoor Service

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Halsall Village Proud & Tidy Group



Happy New Year to everyone who has been involved in helping keep our beautiful village looking it's best - and Happy New Year to anyone else who would like to come and join our group of volunteers in 2025!!! There is no time to waste!

Anyone who has walked down Bishops Walk recently will see the damage caused by high winds and the two foot high floods. Many trees have fallen, one of the bug hotels has been washed away, the dead hedge fences have been crushed and the receding flood has dumped debris over the entire area. Yes - there's lots to do and that's apart from starting our pre-planned major project of clearing and planting the large sloping bank that runs adjacent to the main road.

We need to prep this area to get rid of all those pesky bindweed roots and reduce the amount of nettles and be ready to start planting in March. Clare Edwards has very kindly put together a planting scheme for us which will attract birds bees & butterflies as well as stabilising the bank.



We plan to have working parties on some Saturday mornings and some Thursday afternoons. Here are the dates for your diary in February and March.



Saturday 8th Feb 10am to 12 noon
Thursday 13th Feb 1pm to 3pm
Thursday 27th Feb 1pm to 3pm
Saturday 1st March 10am to 12 noon
Thursday 13th March 1pm to 3pm
Saturday 29th March 10am to 12 noon

If you would like to learn more about our group or want to come along and lend a hand on any of the above dates you will be most welcome. We have formed an email group to inform anyone interested about what, where, why and when things are happening.

Just send your email address to one of the contacts below to become part of our jolly band of volunteers who are trying to make a difference to our village environment.

Many thanks

**For further information about our group please contact -
Eleanor Wroe elliwroe@hotmail.com or 07817 55 75 33
or Enid Banks enidbanks@aol.com or 07977 920 956**

The Bees and Butterflies Brigade - February 2025

Hello everyone! It's the start of another year and I hope you are all ready to go! After a very wet spring last year, UK numbers of bees, butterflies and moths were significantly down according to charities like "Butterfly Conservation" – this is an indication that insects of all sorts need our support more than ever. So do those amazing species that depend on insects to thrive, such as birds, bats and hedgehogs. It's important to stay positive, though, and remember that insects can breed and recover relatively quickly if we give them somewhere peaceful to live, free from pesticides and with plenty of food and shelter. So, what have "The Bs" got planned for 2025?

Our main focus is to continue to develop the Memorial Garden at St. Cuthbert's into just such a haven, one that both people and wildlife can enjoy. The first job of the year is to lift and divide some of the large clumps of snowdrops that grow there, so we can spread this pretty, winter-flowering plant through the new area of woodland-style planting. The best time to do this is after the snowdrops have flowered, when the leaves are still green. Snowdrops do not rely on pollination by insects to propagate themselves; they spread by growing new bulbs underground. However, they do still produce plenty of nectar. This will feed hungry bees that venture out of hibernation on the warmer winter days – canny bees will tuck themselves right inside the snowdrop flower to e-fuel!

We also have some bird boxes to put up to support some of the woodland birds that we already have in the village – particularly great-tits and blue-tits. Bird boxes can provide vital roosting and breeding places for birds, especially when situated where insects and berrying shrubs thrive. I'll be talking about how to site a bird box successfully and how to protect nesting birds from predators such as woodpeckers and squirrels.

If you'd like to get outside, join in and feel involved with nature then please do get in touch or come along and help with these activities. Don't worry if you are not a "gardener" – you'll soon get the hang of it and you'll be supported all the way.

We'll be meeting in St Cuthbert's Churchyard on *Sunday 23rd February* from *2pm* to make a start. We'd love to meet you!

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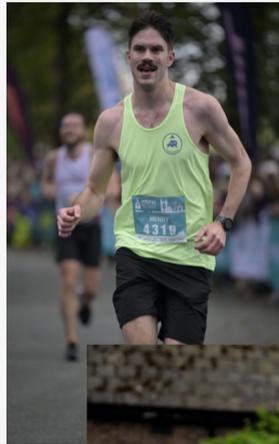


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