

Halsall News



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Carol Ward 07522 206664

WARDENS AND SIDEPERSONS May 2024

	Warden	Deputy Warden	Sides persons
May 5th	Pam Carr	Anne Grimshaw	Carol Ward Rebecca Ridley
May 12th	Carol Ward	John Wroe	Sarah Mitchell Jacob Mitchell
May 19th	Pam Carr	Angela Webster	Maria Kenyon Angela Seddon
May 26th	Carol Ward	Colin Throp	Angela Webster Gwyn Williams



**Tuesday 7th May 10am to 11.30am, St Cuthbert's Church,
choir vestry**

Meet old friends and make some new ones, and take the
opportunity
to have a quiet moment in church.



**Wednesday 1st & 15th May Millenium Centre, St Thomas'
Lydiate.**

1pm to 3.30pm approximately. Simple lunch provided with a
request for a donation to cover costs.

The Rector Writes



The newly formed Butterflies and Bees brigade at St Cuthbert's, a group gathered from across the community, have amazed and inspired me by what they have achieved in the churchyard in such a short time. The fruits of their labours are plain for all to see with wood piles to shelter invertebrates and wildlife as well as diverse plants emerging to attract insects. In mid-April I saw my first butterfly and bumble bee. As a Christian such sights remind me of God's amazing love and care for all of his creation.

May is the month of the feast of Pentecost in the church, where we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Day of Pentecost comes fifty days after Easter Day. It is a time when Christians recall how God's Holy Spirit was given to the disciples after Jesus' ascension.

Pentecost reminds us that everything which exists, every person and the whole of creation, is a gift of God. God's revelation of himself in creation is inseparable from the revelation of his love for us in Christ and in his desire to live in us through his Holy Spirit.

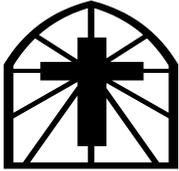
As Christians we believe that 'God's Spirit is always and everywhere'. So God's creation, is a precious gift to us. It is our common home entrusted to each generation. The way we choose to live our everyday lives has an impact on everyone and on the earth. How are we honouring this precious gift and being good stewards of the world and the place we call home?

There are no easy answers or quick fixes to the environmental challenges we are seeing, but together in small ways we can all make a difference. We can think about how we live more harmoniously with nature and each other. We can put aside our differences to work together to help build community, to care for the village and surrounding countryside in sustainable ways and celebrate all that we are and have.

"For God's Spirit is always and everywhere and we are, because God is"

Prayers and blessings

Susan



Service in the United Benefice for May 2024

As we continue to celebrate Easter and Pentecost what acts of kindness and generosity can we share with each other and our wider community? How can we care for our environment?

Sunday 5th May Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

Wednesday 8th May

11.00am	St Thomas' said CW Holy Communion
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Thursday 9th May Ascension Day

9.15am	St Cuthbert's said Morning Prayer
1.30pm	St Cuthbert's said CW Holy Communion with prayers for healing
7pm	St Thomas' Holy Communion for Ascension Day

Sunday 12th May Sixth Sunday of Easter

8.00am	St Thomas' BCP Holy Communion
9.30am	St Cuthbert's CW Holy Communion
11.00am	St Thomas' Church Parade celebrating 90 years of Girl Guiding in Lydiate

Wednesday 15th May

11.00am	St Thomas' said CW holy Communion
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Thursday 16th May

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

Sunday 19th May Pentecost

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

Wednesday 22nd May

11.00am	St Thomas' said CW Holy Communion
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Thursday 23rd May

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

Sunday 26th May Trinity Sunday

8.00am	St Thomas' BCP Holy Communion
9.30am	St Cuthbert's CW Eucharist
11am	St Thomas' All Age Eucharist

Wednesday 29th May

11.00am

St Thomas' said CW Holy Communion

Thursday 30th May Celebration of Corpus Christi

9.15am

St Cuthbert's said Morning Prayer

1.30pm

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

7pm

St Thomas' Holy Communion

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

Please note that from May, Tuesday's Morning Prayer at St Thomas' is going to move to Monday mornings at 9.15am and be online. This will enable the service to be shared with parishes across the Fit for Mission Parish. More details will be made available soon.

Halsall Proud & Tidy Group

Many thanks to the merry band of 25+volunteers who gave their time, equipment & expertise to transform Bishops Walk

If you would to join in our next community event please contact

Eleanor Wroe (elliwroe@hotmail.com or 07817 55 75 33) or Enid Banks (enidbanks@aol.com or 07977 920 956)



YOUR CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT, HALSALL

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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.

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Thank you for supporting us.

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SANCTUARY LIGHTS



MAY

1st Charles P Mansbridge (Birthday)
 2nd Henry Eric Kenyon (Birthday)
 2nd Florrie Pilling (Birthday)
 2nd Alan Georgeson Birthday)
 4th Dennis Stanley Markham
 4th Marion Chadwick (Birthday)
 5th Mary Critchley
 5th Harry Blundell (Anniversary)
 7th Henry Serjeant (Birthday)
 8th Lucy Proctor (Birthday)
 9th Ian Holcroft (Birthday)
 9th George Henry Porter
 11th Doreen Porter
 12th William Prescott
 15th Marian Austin (Birthday)
 20th John & Cissie Morris
 21st Harold Dean
 21st Gerald Musker
 24th Marian Austin
 27th Margaret Balshaw
 27th Annie Sumner
 29th Joseph Huyton (Birthday)
 31st John Johnson



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May 2024

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How many bee boxes
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What's On!

Club/Group	Meetings	Contact
1st Halsall Scout Group Boys & Girls age 6-14	Scarisbrick Village Hall Monday 6.30-8pm	Karen 07973953651
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
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 Brigade	Next meeting 21st April, 2pm, St. Cuthbert's Churchyard	Clare Edwards cedwards1144@gmail.com
Halsall Badminton Club	Halsall School Thursday 7.30pm	Jim 01704 840908 Margaret 01704 840305
Yoga	St.Cuthbert's School Wednesdays from 7.30pm	James McLoughlin 07852 192440

If there are any community groups, social groups, sports groups or well being groups starting up let me know and I can add them to the 'What's On' section.

halsallnews@gmail.com

NEWS FROM HASALL PARISH COUNCIL

PLANNING

Planning Applications

2024/0269/PNP prior approval required for an extension at Bangor's Green Farm

2024/0232/FUL Holly Farm buildings, Velux roof windows

2024/0213/LDP 20 Linaker drive, extend the ground floor extension

2024/0142/FUL 59 Moss Road, replace garage

2024/0138/FUL Sycamore Lodge, New Cut Lane, Glazed Gable Windows

2024/0176/FUL Grainstore House, Plex Lane, Detached garage

Recent decisions – all granted

T/2024/0021/TCS/S211 White Lodge, The Runnels, tree removal

2024/0009/PNP Gorse Hill Farm, PP is required for new farm track.

Dismissal of a planning appeal to build a house at the rear of 84 and 86 New Street.

To Note Planning Enforcement WLBC notified the Council that an appeal on an Enforcement action for 104 Renacres Lane is to be made to the Secretary of State. The Council will not make a comment.

St Aidan's Hall will be a **Polling Station** on 2nd May 2024 for Local and later General Elections. Discussions about upgrading CCTV are under way. Refurbishment is ongoing. Planters are to be purchased. St Aidan's Hall has been entered in Lancashire Best Kept Village competition.

The Shirdley Hill Community Association The fortnightly Luncheon Club continues to be very popular and all are welcomed to these Halsall community events. Future events include a Quiz Night (3rd May) and the 80th Anniversary of D-Day on Village Green (6th June). The Fire Service has approved the Risk Assessment for the event. Cllr Brookfield is arranging a WW2 display in his garden and will attend the event to read the Roll of Honour. A beacon will be lit here.

Report from Traffic & Road Safety Group It was agreed that Plex Lane bus shelter is beyond economic repair and with the expired lease for the land then the best option is to dismantle it. Cllr McCarthy-Thomason has a contact with a suitable van and the firewood will be distributed.

PARKING Cars double parking and parking on pavements are causing problems. Can residents please park in their driveways if possible and leave enough room when parking on pavements to allow prams and wheelchairs to get through. The Council frequently receives complaints about parents parking inconsiderately during the school run to St Cuthbert's School.

Potholes and Flooding Concerning these issues, complaints to **Love Clean Streets** on this link <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/report-it/report-it-on-the-go/> have yielded some success with pothole repairs and street flooding issues. Halsall residents are encouraged to use this app themselves as they identify potholes. Poor pavement surfaces are also an issue, notably along New Cut Lane and around Shirdley Hill.

Restoration of Ancient public footpaths in Halsall Halsall has a large number of public footpaths, some of which have become overgrown. Volunteers are needed to help clearing them. Please contact Chris Pyne or Liz Wright if you are willing to kindly volunteer to help as if we don't use these paths we may lose them

Environment & Biodiversity Working Group Clerk to obtain details on costs of signposts and footpath markers for publication to landowners.

Healthy Halsall Cllr Schofield has been working with a local Farmer to write a letter in support of British Farming. The Council Agreed to send the letter to local MP and to circulate to other Parishes.

Parish Council Meetings Annual General Meeting will be on 15th May 2024 at Memorial Hall.

The Parish Council Website includes agendas and minutes of meetings <https://halsallparish.org.uk/> Upcoming events and news are posted on Facebook Halsall Village Community Forum <https://www.facebook.com/groups/200983146975703> also on Facebook Shirdley Hill Hub <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100081833388874>

Liz Wright Chair and Chris Pyne Parish Clerk.

HALSALL WAR MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELD AND HALL TRUST

Halsall Parish Council is sole Trustee of the Trust which is a self-funding Charity no 521111 regulated by the Charity Commission. Donations received via the Gift Aid Scheme enable us to recover an additional 25p in the £1 from HMRC. Secure Donations boxes and envelopes are situated in the Hall. Already the scheme has yielded sufficient for a claim.

The Trust welcomes our **new Trust Secretary** John Ferguson who replaces Chris Pyne who stepped down on 31/03/2024.

The next **tea and coffee morning** will be 16th May 2024 from 11am-1pm

The Memorial Hall will be a **Polling Station** on 2nd May 2024 for Local and later General elections.

HPC will liaise with WLBC on arranging a **Community skip day** for supervised waste collection at the Memorial Hall car park.

Land drains on the playing field have been jettied and work is ongoing.

Liz Wright Chair and John Ferguson Trust Secretary.

HALSALL PARISH COUNCIL MEET 2ND WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH

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Halsall St Cuthbert's May Report

Halsall St Cuthbert's Update : May

September Intake.

We expect to accept 25-30 new reception children this coming September.

If there are any parents who were not initially offered a place for their reception child this coming September and are still interested in their children attending St Cuthbert's, please contact school as soon as possible.

Likewise, if any parents are considering an in-year application for their child, please contact school for further information. There are spaces in selected year groups.

We will be soon be setting the class structure for the new academic year 24/25 and it's important that we have confirmed numbers for each year group.

Kenyon Shields

These were our Kenyon Shield Winners for the half-term before the Easter break.

Reception : Ollie Webster

Year 1 : Oscar Ashton

Year 2 : Penelope Duran

Year 3 : Theodore Shakespeare

Year 4 : Lucas Shalliker

Year 5 : Imogen Edwards

Year 6 : Delilah Richardson

Congratulations and well done to these wonderful children. They've been brilliant.

New School Secretary/Bursar

After 24 years of dedicated service at Halsall St Cuthbert's, Mrs Rankin has now retired from her post. We thank her for all her hard work, we wish her all the very best for the future and we pray that she has a long, happy and healthy retirement.

Mrs Leonie Green has now been appointed as her replacement. Initially, Mrs Green will be working similar hours through the week. She'll be in school each day (8-45am - 1-00pm) and on Friday afternoon to 3-15pm. I'm sure that Mrs Green be a great asset to the school for many years to come.

Big Book Swap

The children loved the recent Book Swap Day. Most children brought books into school and selected others that they really enjoyed reading over the Easter holiday period. Thanks to Mrs Galley for organizing this event and for raising the profile of story books and encouraging a love of reading.

Rock Steady Initiative

The children who were involved with the Rock Steady initiative at school, performed for their parents in the last week before Easter and they were absolutely amazing. They enjoyed it enormously and showed so much confidence in their performance. It was lovely to see. Each group of children actually played as part of band. They had to work as a team, to keep in-time and coordinate what they were doing. Some children were singing, some played the keyboard, some played guitar and some played the drums. What a great experience for them. Thanks to Mrs Galley for initiating and then coordinating, this super opportunity for everyone in school.

Orienteering Competition (Spring Term)

We sent a team of six children to an Orienteering Competition in April. (Harvey Banks, Poppy Bedwell, Isla Maitland, Lucy Blackhurst, Kenny Greenough and Tom Murphy) They were split into 3 teams of 2 and each pair had to use their orienteering skills and visit a number of designated posts/features. The pairs had to do this in the shortest possible time. They had to run as fast as they could whilst being really careful on all the wet grass and mud.

They group performed amazingly well and finished 1st out of 10 local schools.

A special mention to the pairing of Poppy Bedwell and Harvey Banks. They completed the route in the shortest time of all the pairings in the whole event. What a great achievement. Well done to them. A big thanks to Miss Schumacher for giving them this fabulous experience.

Dates

PGL Week Yrs 4 /5 : 29th April - 3rd May

SAT Week (Year 6) : 13th -17th May

Year 6 Leavers' Service (Liverpool Anglican Cathedral) : Tuesday 11th June

Strawberry Teas Afternoon : Thursday 13th June

Year 6 Llandudno Holiday : 17th - 21st June

Summer Carnival : Saturday 6th July

Sports Day : Wednesday 10th July

Leavers' Service and Prize-Giving : Thursday 18th July

Break-Up for summer : Friday 19th

Doug Scholes (Head Teacher)



**Halsall News can be viewed online at
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Coffee Morning

Every third Thursday of the month

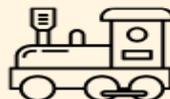
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18th April/16th May/20th June/18th July

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Halsall Scarecrows

We would like to invite all our residents to join in with the creation and enjoyment of our scarecrows again this year.

There will be no theme this year in the hope that your ideas can run wild!

Some of you may wish to use the inspiration of the Euro's 2024, the Paris Olympics, or the D-Day anniversary. Perhaps you have a favourite character, pet, hobby, role model or interest that you can fashion a scarecrow on?

As with previous events, we would encourage you to place your scarecrows on display by the **beginning of June** so they can be viewed throughout the month.

Our team is organising a **Scarecrow Trail Weekend** on the **15th & 16th of June** where maps can be purchased for a minimal fee of £2. There will be a Trail Quiz, Name the Scarecrow, and a vote for the 'Best Scarecrow'. Return trail quiz entries will be drawn for raffle prizes.

All Halsall residents, businesses and community spaces are encouraged to join in. We will photograph your scarecrow for the competition vote and, if you wish, we can even help move your scarecrow to a central spot in the village for the Scarecrow Trail weekend. It will be fantastic to get as many scarecrows as possible so get thinking about your creations!

Further details will be available at <https://www.facebook.com/halsallscarecrows> in our June edition of Halsall News and on social media via Halsall Community page.

Any questions or offers of raffle prizes can be directed to Tara or Roy Kenyon on 01704 840176 or via the Scarecrow Facebook page.

The Bees and Butterflies Brigade

May is the time to give your garden a real colour boost, using annuals that will flower with gusto until the first frosts. The good news is that lots of annuals are brilliant for bees and other pollinating insects, providing plenty of nectar and pollen. Here are a few easy ways you can use these plants in your garden to help our precious insects.

Sow seed directly on to prepared soil in your garden borders - it's a great way to fill gaps, as annuals grow and flower within two or three months. "Love-in-a-mist" (Nigella), Cosmos, Californian Poppy (Eschscholzia) and Poached Egg Plant (Limnanthes) are all easy to grow like this. When choosing seed varieties, read the packet carefully to learn the height of each flowering plant and whether it can be "sown direct". Look for the bee logo, too, which tells you that seeds will grow into a pollinator-friendly plant.

Why not use plug plants to make up a bee-friendly container for your garden? Choose a large container with a drainage hole and put some crocks or pebbles in the bottom. Make your container up with peat-free compost - this protects our precious peatland and keeps carbon locked in the ground. Choose your plants thoughtfully, as not all "container plants" are good for bees. One idea is to source bee-friendly plants online - there are lots of reputable companies out there who will send you plug plants through the post.

Cosmos, nasturtium, pot marigolds, snapdragons and zinnias are all great choices as long as you avoid double varieties. You can combine any of these with one or two perennial plants to create a beautiful display. How about planting an orange-flowered pot marigold (*Calandula officinalis*) with an orange-red flowered nasturtium (*Tropaeolum majus*) trailing over the front of the pot and a bronze-leaved heuchera (Coral bells) to provide stunning foliage contrast. The heuchera will throw up dainty stems of tiny, bell-like flowers in mid-summer which are perfect for smaller insects. If you prefer a less intense display, substitute the heuchera for the pretty Scabious "Butterfly Blue" (*Scabiosa*), or an alpine bellflower (*Campanula*) which will form a mat of blue flowers. Water your pots regularly throughout the year, aiming for consistently moist compost. Add some liquid feed to your watering can occasionally when watering, which will help to keep your plants blooming and the bees buzzing!

Finally, you could use a small patch of lawn to create a mini-meadow for bees. Just add a few plug plants of clover in a sunny, out-of-the-way spot and allow the grass to grow around them. You'll be feeding the bees and also making your lawn more drought tolerant - try it, you'll be amazed at the insects that visit your meadow.

If you'd like to learn more about bee-friendly plants please come along to our plant sale on Saturday 18th May, 2-4pm in St Cuthbert's churchyard. Buy locally grown plants and seeds for your garden, have a look at the new churchyard planting and our beautiful historic church, and enjoy delicious refreshments. All the money raised will help to buy plants for future projects in the churchyard and around Halsall village. We really look forward to welcoming you!

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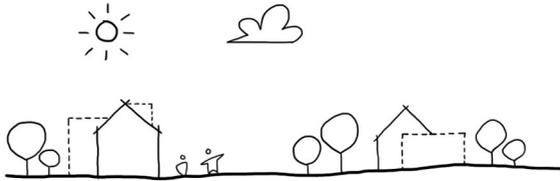
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