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HALSALL PARISH COUNCIL

MEET 2ND WEDNESDAY EACH MONTH

**Next meeting 7:30pm 13th November 2024
at St Aidan's Hall, Shirdley Hill L39 8SF**

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Billy.Matthews@lancashire.police.uk

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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

John Leonard Grimshaw 1935 - 2024

A Commendation

If you stroll through St. Cuthbert's lovely, peaceful churchyard you will pass a few gravestones on which is written the legend "Reunited". This, surely, is a glorious testament to christian faith, hope, trust and love.

When Christine, his wife of 50 years died in 2019, Johnnie was left devastated. But with the love and support of his family and his strong faith he came through.

This faith was first nurtured at the age of eight when his uncle, Arthur Battersby, the headmaster of Halsall school, recruited him into the church choir. He served in the choir for sixty years. He also sat on the PCC and served as Rector's warden for some fourteen years, including the three difficult years of the interregnum.

Throughout over seventy years of service his faith remained absolute. He believed in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and - reunited - the life everlasting. Amen

Peter Aynsley



Coffee mornings

5th November 2024 10 -11.30am Choir Vestry St Cuthbert's

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 - November 26th 7.30 - 8.30pm St Thomas' Millenium Centre

Following on from the successful Lent course, why not come and join an informal chat as we continue to explore the Sermon on the Mount?



The Rector Writes

November is the month when the Church remembers and gives thanks.

It is the time when we remember those who have died, who have shaped our lives and who we continue to miss.

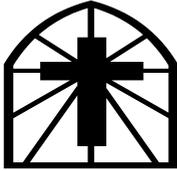
It is also the month when we remember all those who served our country, not just in the armed services, but in reserved occupations, on the land, in the mines and across a myriad of occupations. We remember their sacrifices both then and now, and as we do so, continue to pray and work towards building peace in our fractured world.

Here are some words for reflection from David Roberts, author, publisher and war poet, writing in 2003:

“There will be peace:
when attitudes change;
when self-interest is seen as part of common interest;
when old wrongs, old scores, old mistakes
are deleted from the account;
when the aim becomes co-operation and mutual benefit
rather than revenge or seizing maximum personal or group gain;
when justice and equality before the law
become the basis of government;
when basic freedoms exist;
when leaders - political, religious, educational - and the police and media
wholeheartedly embrace the concepts of justice, equality, freedom, tolerance, and
reconciliation as a basis for renewal;
when parents teach their children new ways to think about people.
There will be peace:
when enemies become fellow human beings.”

So in this season of remembrance, let us continue to pray for peace, to speak up for peace, and in our lives embody those attitudes that help to establish peace.

Susan



**Service in the
United Benefice for
November 2024**

As we enter the season of Remembrance let us pause and give thanks for all those people who have shaped our lives. Why not think about giving back a little of your time, your talents and your money for the good of the community in their memory?

Friday 1st November

7pm

St Thomas' said CW Holy Communion for All Saints

Sunday 3rd November

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

4pm

St Cuthbert's Service of light – to remember those who have recently died

Monday 4th Nov

9.15am

Morning Prayer by zoom

Wednesday 6th Nov

1.00am

St Thomas' said CW Holy Communion

Thursday 7th Nov

9.15am

St Cuthbert's said Morning Prayer

1.30pm

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

Sunday 10th November Remembrance Sunday(both churches open all weekend)

8.00am

St Thomas' said BCP Holy Communion

8.00am

St Cuthbert's said BCP Holy Communion

10.30am

St Cuthbert's Civic Act of Remembrance

Refreshments at Memorial Hall after church

10.30am

St Thomas' Church Parade and Act of Remembrance.

Refreshments after church

Monday 11th Nov

9.15am

Morning Prayer by zoom

10.30am

Act of Remembrance at Our Lady's Catholic Church

Wednesday 13th Nov

11am

St Thomas' said CW Holy Communion

Thursday 14th Nov

9.15am

St Cuthbert's said Morning Prayer

1.30pm

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

Sunday 17th November Second Sunday before Advent

8.00am

St Thomas' BCP Holy Communion

9.30am

St Cuthbert's BCP Holy Communion (with Messy Church)

11am

St Thomas' CW Eucharist

Monday 18th Nov

9.15am

Morning Prayer by zoom

Wednesday 20th Nov

11.00am

St Thomas' said CW Holy Communion

Thursday 21st Nov

9.15am

St Cuthbert's said Morning Prayer

1.30pm

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

Sunday 24th November Christ the King

8.00am St Thomas' BCP Holy Communion
9.30am St Cuthbert's CW Eucharist
11am St Thomas' All Age Eucharist
4pm St Cuthbert's Confirmation and Eucharist with Bishop of Liverpool

Monday 25th Nov

9.15am Morning Prayer by zoom

Wednesday 27th Nov

11.00am St Thomas's said CW Holy Communion

Thursday 28th Nov

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

Advent Quiet Services exploring the Nicene Creed will be held at St Thomas' at 7pm Mondays 2nd December and 9th December and Wednesday 18th December 2024. Come along and reflect amidst a simple communion service on what our faith is all about.

Key Christmas Dates for the Diary – something for everyone

15th December 4pm St Cuthbert's Carols and Mulled Wine with the Marshside Brass band
22nd December 7pm St Thomas' Nine lessons and Carols
24th December 4pm St Cuthbert's Christingle
St Thomas' Christingle
11pm St Thomas' Midnight Communion
11.30pm St Cuthbert's Midnight Communion

Please let the parish office know the names of loved ones to be remembered in that service. Use this QR code below to join in Morning prayer on zoom. It will take you to the zoom room.



Annual Service of Light at St Cuthbert's, Halsall Sunday 4th November 2024 at 4pm

when we shall remember in our prayers those from St Cuthbert's and St Thomas' parish who have died in the last few years



*Death is not extinguishing the light;
it is putting out the lamp because the dawn has come. (anon)*

The service will last about an hour, with music and readings. It will be an opportunity to remember and give thanks for those who have died.

After the service there will be refreshments
and time to talk if you wish.

For further information and to include the name of a loved one you wish to remember, please contact the Parish Office:

Monday to Wednesday 9-1pm 0151 526 2292.
email: stthomassteph@btinternet.com

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.



FRIENDS OF ST CUTHBERT'S

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.

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SANCTUARY LIGHTS



NOVEMBER

2nd Henry Eric Kenyon
8th Jessie Grimshaw (Birthday)
10th Annie Marshall (Anniversary)
11th James Balshaw (Birthday)
13th Joshua Sutton
14th Roger Comfort (Birthday)
15th Jack Lea (Remembrance)
19th John Rimmer
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23rd Ellen Blundell
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A War Memorial for Downholland.

When soldiers are killed in battle it is customary and dignified to bury their remains where they fall. The graveyards of Northern France, Flanders and beyond are testimony to their sacrifice. It was decided, by the Commonwealth War Commission after World War I, that soldiers should be commemorated on the memorial of the nearest village or town to which they lived or were associated. The parish council of Downholland was still relatively new when war broke out in 1914, consequently the church parishes were used when it came to recording the fallen and Downholland did not have a church only a mission at Barton. There are therefore men who went to war from Barton, Haskayne and Downholland commemorated on the memorials at



Halsall St Cuthbert, St Thomas Lydiate and the church of Our Lady in Lydiate. In my research I have found the names of at least 11 men from the civil parish of Downholland who made the ultimate sacrifice and they are listed below with their association to Downholland parish. The parish council have adopted the proposal to commemorate these men within the parish of Downholland and are working towards achieving a memorial to them in time for the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War. I am grateful for the support given by Reverend Susan Salt, Downholland Parish Councillors, Downholland Residents Association and the pending support of the Haskayne District Community Action.

Thank you

Stephen Henders

The soldiers are listed here:-

World War I

George Charles. Died 21/12/1917 age 28 buried in Halsall churchyard. He served with the King's Liverpool Regiment 12th battalion service number 14783. He lived in Station Rd Barton and worked at Downholland station. His name is on the Halsall monument and is present on the 1911 census Barton.

John Craven. He died 3rd May 1917 age 40 and he is not on local monuments. He served with the Lancs Fusiliers 6th battalion number 2422312. He is present on the 1901 census with his parents William and Margaret who are also on the 1911 census living in Barton.

John Culshaw. Died at Gallipoli 9th August 1915 age 34. He was born December 1881 and lived in Rosemary Lane Haskayne. He was christened at Halsall Church 1882 and married in Ormskirk 1905 to wife Susanna who is on the 1911 census in Rainford. Served with the Loyal North Lancs 6th number 19009. He is listed on the Halsall monument.

Robert Halsall. Died 28th March 1918 age 30. He was a Corporal in the King's Liverpool Regiment 13th battalion service number 38813 and is buried in Arras France. He is on the Halsall monument. The second son of Joseph and Alice and one of eight children he lived in Rosemary lane Haskayne.

John Hyland. An Irishman he died 26th March 1918 age 34. He served with the Royal Field Artillery number 92015. He is on St Cuthbert's memorial. He worked at Barton Station Road as teamsman for Henry Culshaw. Born Cloutamane Knock Co Mayo. 1911 census detail shows he resided with Henry Culshaw in Station Road.

Henry Rawlinson. He died 12/09/1917 age 30 service number 112798. A gunner with Royal Garrison Artillery King's Liverpool Regiment, buried Artillery wood Belgium. Husband of Mrs J Rawlinson they lived in Haskayne. On both Halsall and St Thomas monuments.

Peter Sharrock. Died 26/08/1918 age 26. He served with the King's Scots Borderers 41927 and is buried in Vis en Artois. The son of Hannah Sharrock licensee of the King's Arms pub, he is listed on St Thomas' memorial.

Edward Townsend. Died 30/11/1917 age 22. He was a Corporal in the King's Liverpool Regiment 12th battalion 13798 and is buried in Cambrai France but has a grave (empty) in Halsall church. He is also on the monument in Halsall church. Lived and worked as a waggoner at Hollins Farm Haskayne. He was the son of James and Margaret Townsend and the fourth of five brothers. He is on both Halsall and St Thomas monuments.

World War II

Arthur Green. Died 12/01/1943 age 26. Service number 947547. He served in the RAF 172 Squadron. Buried in Birkdale cemetery. The husband of Eva Green of Haskayne. On the monument at St Thomas. The CWGC record indicates that Arthur resided in Haskayne with his wife. His parents were James and Ella who lived in Birkdale.

John Halsall. He died 27/08/43 age 26. He served with Royal Engineers 142 Field Park Squadron number 2010621. He was captured in France in 1940 and was a prisoner of war. He died attempting an escape in Leipzig and is buried in Berlin cemetery. He was the son of John & Margaret Ellen of Downholland. He is listed on the Kohima Memorial gates Halsall.

Ernest Sharrock. He died 5/04/1942 age 46. Served with the RAOC number 7598225. A veteran of WWI, he was in the King's Liverpool Regiment and was discharged after suffering shrapnel wounds. He married Agnes Sutton in 1921 and moved to Barton. In 1939 he moved to Halsall Carr Moss Lane. He was killed in WWII and is buried in Halsall church. Ernest is listed on the Halsall monument. He was the eldest son of Hannah Sharrock who was licensee of the King's Arms and she had five sons at war.



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1st Halsall Scout Group Boys & Girls age 6-14	Scarbrick Village Hall Monday 6.00 -8pm	Sue 07792 479205 Jane 07887 685219
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	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.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

Halsall Parish Council meets on 2nd Wednesday of each month, Next meeting is 7:30 pm 13th November at St Aidan's Hall, Renacres Lane.

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

Planning Applications

2024/0770/LBC, La Mancha, replacement door on eastern elevation
2024/0752/PNC, Green Barn, Asmall Lane, change of use to dwelling
2024/0739/FUL, 93 Segars Lane, retrospective application for caravan
2024/0780/FUL, 69 Renacres Lane, new porch, dormers & boundary wall
2024/0813/FUL, La Mancha, Identification sign

Recent decisions

2024/0680/PNP, Gorse Hill Farm - planning permission required
2024/0555/LDC, Moss View, Moss Road, -granted Certificate of Occupancy
2024/0529/LBC, La Mancha, - changes to internal doors approved. Change to the external door moved to a new application.
2024/0692/FUL, 71 Segars Lane, demolition & rebuilding - Withdrawn

Application form for **post of Assistant Parish Clerk** available from halsallparishclerk@gmail.com closing date 22nd Nov. The role is primarily to manage bookings at St Aidan's Hall and the Memorial Hall and to pay invoices for the Council and Trust. 9 Hours per week flexible working from home. (See advert page 26).

Shirdley Hill Village Green has won Best Public Garden category in Lancashire Best Kept Village competition for a 2nd year. Congratulations and thanks to all the volunteers who contribute. New members welcome. Working party meets on the green on Tuesday and Friday mornings.

The Parish Council approved a £500 Section 137 grant towards the cost of Christmas Tree lights and running costs for Friends of Village Green. Small grants are available to voluntary organisations which deliver benefits to some or all of the inhabitants of Halsall.

The Shirdley Hill Community Association Luncheon Club event will be on 20th November at 12:00 pm at St Aidan's Hall on Renacres Lane.

There will be a Christmas Lunch in December, an event to switch on Christmas Tree lights on the village green and a New Year Eve event. Details to be published later on Shirdley Hill Hub Facebook

www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100081833388874

The Council has an opportunity to provide **Defibrillator and CPR training** to Halsall residents in exchange for a £10 donation to a heart charity. Please contact Clerk@HalsallParish.gov.uk if you are interested we would need to fill 10 places.

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.

The Parish Council Website includes agendas and minutes of meetings halsallparish.org.uk/

Upcoming events and news are posted on **Facebook Halsall Village Community Forum** www.facebook.com/groups/200983146975703

Mary Lyons, Chair and Chris Pyne, Parish Clerk

HALSALL WAR MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELD AND HALL TRUST

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

Preparations are underway for the **Remembrance Sunday event** on 10th November. Everyone is welcome for refreshments at the Memorial Hall after the service. The new display board created by Halsall History group collating information on the 10 Halsall servicemen who gave their lives in WW2 will be on display.

The "Trust" is at www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100095608597326

Mary Lyons, Chair, and Chris Pyne, Parish Clerk

Halsall Village Proud & Tidy Group

The results of the 2024 Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition are in.

We were placed 6th in the Champions Class. The top 3 were Grindleton, Sabden and Bretherton. This was our last year in the prodigious Champions Class so next year we will be back in the less competitive Large Village Class.

Our hopes were high in the Outstanding Features classes and although we did not achieve any top 3 places we got a Highly Commended for the Cricket Grounds and came a very respectable 4th out of 20 in the Notice Board Class (the one in the window of the Memorial Hall).

Everyone involved has done their best - so onwards and upwards to next year!



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As we think about Remembrance in November, I'd like to share this simple prayer using a poppy as a focus. Look at your poppy. Poppies are bright and cheerful flowers: **give thanks to God for the lives of those who have died in war, remembering all the joy they brought to families and friends, and all the good things they did for their home and their country.**



Then look at the red petals: red reminds us of danger and harm. **Ask God to be close to those who are still facing danger each day, to give courage to the armed forces, and compassion to all who help others.**

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Left We Forget

Place your whole hand over the poppy: poppies are also fragile and need to be handled gently. God cares for those who are hurting and those who are sad. Ask God to comfort all who are grieving the loss of someone they love.

Finally place a finger on the centre of the poppy: **ask God to help you play your part in working for peace in the world.**

Enrichment

What a busy half term it has been in school - we have enjoyed lots of special days and opportunities to enrich our curriculum: Inter-faith Day; learning about Islam with Imran, Family Fun Night, Parent workshops, Book blessing, Toast week, Confirmation classes, Harvest Eucharist, Harvest Festival Service, Stone-age Day in Year 3 and a very popular Spooky Disco on the last day of term – phew!

Primary Admissions

The National closing date for Primary applications is Wednesday 15 January 2025, please telephone 01704 840253 or email at bursar@halsall.lancs.sch.uk if you would like to arrange a tour or find out more information about the school.

Up-coming events

Parents Evening – Tuesday 29th October

Fireworks – Tuesday 5th November – gates 6:00pm, fireworks 7:30pm

Remembrance Sunday – Sunday 10th November

Armistice Day – Monday 11th November

Confirmation Service – Sunday 24th November at 4pm

School Eucharist – Tuesday 26th November at 9am – families welcome

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Worship for all ages coming up



1st December – Advent Sunday at 9.30am

Church without walls will be leading the service for everyone.

We will meet outside (weather permitting) so bring something to sit on and wrap up warm.

We will be thinking about the Shepherds and why they were the first to hear about the birth of Jesus.

December 24th at 4pm.



Christingle Service for all the family

There will be services at both St Cuthbert's and St Thomas'
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The Bees and Butterflies Brigade

Our bee-friendly planting in St. Cuthbert's Memorial Garden has begun! We have now a significant area of path-side planting, complete with a pebble drinking pool for wildlife and stepping stones to make an attractive feature. Admittedly, the plants are small at the moment and certainly do not look their best; they need time and care to help them establish their roots. By April next year they should be settling in and putting up some fresh foliage. The flowers from bulbs we have planted should be visible then, too – look out for a dell of English Bluebells that have been kindly donated to us. Thank you to all of you who have given your time and worked so hard to make this first section of our project a reality. You have been amazing!



We are expecting the mature trees to shed plenty of leaves on to our new plants. This is natural in a woodland setting; healthy soil is created when leaves are broken down by worms and mini-beasts, ensuring valuable nutrients are returned to the very earth which supplied them to the trees in the first place. However, really heavy leaf-fall on new plants can cause them to suffocate or become so wet that they rot. We want to avoid this happening to our plants so we will be gently taking the worst of the leaf-fall off their crowns at regular intervals through the autumn. The collected leaves will not be wasted, though – far from it! Some will be added in piles to our area of hedgehog habitat. Many will be stored in a special collection area we have made at the back of the

churchyard. Here they will be left to decompose naturally and, after a year or so, they will become a nutrient-rich, friable material called “leaf mould”. Leaf mould is a form of compost – it can be added to the soil to improve its quality. Before very long, we will be giving leaf mould back to the soil in the way nature intended and it will work to help our plants thrive.

If fallen leaves gather in your garden through the autumn, it is best to remove them from lawns, driveways and vulnerable plants. But why not try to save a few and place them in piles at the back of the border or behind shrubs? Not only will you be making yourself a bit of free leaf mould, you will also be providing a place to over-winter for all kinds of beneficial mini-beasts. And maybe, just maybe - if you choose a dry spot - a local hedgehog will curl up there for the winter. It's got to be worth a try.

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During November friends of St Cuthbert's may knock on your door with raffle tickets to sell and we hope that you will be able to support us by buying tickets again this year.

The draw will take place on 8th December.

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