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December/January 2018

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THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST.CUTHBERT, HALSALL

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Parish Surgery: Anyone wishing to arrange a Baptism or Wedding should ring the Rector's Secretary to make an appointment. The phone number of the office is 0151 526 2292 and the office is staffed Monday-Wednesday 9.00am—1.00pm or you can email at:

stthomassteph@btinternet.com

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The Dying: Paul can be contacted at any time of the day or night in order to minister to the dying.

Halsall St Cuthbert Hub website

The website for the St Cuthbert Church community can be viewed at
www.halsallstcuthberthub.co.uk

The website contains information about services and events, archive material including school reports, Halsall Parish Magazines dating from now and back to the 1800's, information and other general news updates.

It also provides a link to *Virginmoneygiving.com* where it is possible to donate to us online. On the spot updates are also available via the Facebook page.

We would love to hear from anyone who may wish to suggest other content that would be relevant and of interest to the community.

General enquiries about the site can be directed by e-mail to:
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The Reader writes...

Alan and I have just been to Ikea for extra candles that we will need for the All Souls Service on 5th November.

Well it wasn't even bonfire night but in the shops you would swear it was the week before Christmas! But you know what? I think that's great, because as far as I am concerned Christmas can't start too early, I love it when the shops are decorated and lit with festive lights and Christmas music plays everywhere even in the supermarket; I just love Christmas and the more I hear it mentioned the happier I am!

So do I think it appropriate that all the tinsel and glitter and all the gifts bought are all to celebrate a child born in a stable?

Well yes, because if in among all the glitz and glitter just one person hears a carol and thinks about Jesus or looks at Christmas cards that depict a stable and remembers the story of Christmas then that's GREAT because just for a moment God's gift of love is remembered, Jesus our Saviour's name is spoken and then perhaps on Christmas Day among the presents and turkey it will be remembered that that the greatest gift ever given to our world, the gift of love came down at Christmas, as the Son of God took human form, born as a helpless baby in a stable.

Have a fantastic Christmas and do please join with us at one of our Christmas services to celebrate and to say thank you to God for the greatest gift of all, HIS LOVE.

Have a very Happy and Blessed Christmas. Glen.



Sunday Services in the United Benefice for December/January

Sunday 3rd December – Advent Sunday

8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'
9.30am	BCP Holy Communion	St Cuthbert's
11.00am	Sunday School & Infant	
	Christingle	St Thomas'
4.00pm	Christingle	St Thomas'

Sunday 10th December – Advent 2

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

Sunday 17th December – Advent 3

8.00am	BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'
9.30am	Nativity & Eucharist	St Cuthbert's
11.00am	Nativity & Eucharist	St Thomas'
4.00pm	Carols with Marshside	
	Brass Band	St Cuthbert's
6.00pm	Nine Lessons & Carols	St Thomas'

FOR CHRISTMAS EVE, CHRISTMAS DAY AND NEW YEARS EVE
PLEASE SEE SEPARATE ADVERT

Sunday 7th January – The Epiphany

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

Sunday 14th January – Epiphany 2

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

Sunday 21st January – Epiphany 3

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



CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR SERVICES IN THE UNITED BENEFICE

Sunday 24th December – Advent 4/Christmas Eve

9.30am	United Benefice	
	Said Eucharist	St Thomas'
4.00pm	Christingle	St Cuthbert's
11.00pm	Midnight Mass	St Thomas'
11.30pm	Midnight Mass	St Cuthbert's

Monday 25th December – Christmas Day

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

Children bring a toy to show the Rector

Sunday 31st December – Christmas 1

10.30am	United Benefice	
	Sung Eucharist	St Cuthbert's



Carols Round the Tree



Sunday 17th December 4.00pm
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Christingle

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CHRISTMAS



EVE

AT 4.00pm

St Cuthbert's Church

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PLEASE NOTE THE NEW EARLIER TIME

ST CUTHBERT'S CHRISTMAS FAIR



Saturday 2nd December
from 2.00pm
In St Cuthbert's Church Hall

A fun event for all the family.

Grand Draw
vegetable stall, cake stall, tombola,
Christmas wreaths and plants, Christmas cards
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refreshments and much more.



**This event is to raise much
needed funds for the
maintenance of the church.**



CHALICE ROTA December 2017 / January 2018



3 rd December	Ann Cushion	Ann Throp
10 th December	Diane Comfort	Lynda Bramwell
17 th December	Beryl Sephton	Lynda Bramwell
24 th December	Ann Throp	David Jessop
31 st December	Elaine Ayre	Sarah Mitchell

7 th January	Tara Kenyon	Lynda Bramwell
14 th January	Angela Banks	Lynda Bramwell
21 st January	Colin Throp	Lynda Bramwell
28 th January	Gwyn Williams	David Jessop

WARDENS AND SIDESPERSONS

December 2017



	Warden	Deputy Warden	Sides Persons
3rd	Stephen Henders	Anne Grimshaw	Eileen Houlgrave Anne Critchley
10th	Lynda Bramwell	Elaine Ayre	Eleanor Wroe Enid Banks
17th	Stephen Henders	Colin Throp	Tina Roberts Kath Liddle
24th	Lynda Bramwell	David Jessop	Jim Critchley Len Davidson
31st	Stephen Henders	Colin Throp	Christine Jones Rebecca Jones

January 2018

7th	Lynda Bramwell	Anne Grimshaw	David Jessop Anne Cushion
14th	Stephen Henders	Elaine Ayre	Elaine Ayre Philip Banks
21st	Lynda Bramwell	Colin Throp	Bill Banks John Wroe
28th	Stephen Henders	David Jessop	Beryl Sephton



RECTOR'S CHARITY

HELPING OTHERS THIS CHRISTMAS

This Advent & Christmas I am hoping you will join me in supporting BARNABUS a Christian Charity (which my sister volunteers for).

BARNABUS offers a lifeline to 600 homeless & vulnerable people, by giving them a warm meal, a place to shower, and fresh clothes to wear. This Advent & Christmas they are need of warm clothing, underwear and socks, which they can pass on to the people who turn to them for help.

CAN YOU HELP by donating?

From the 26th November a Collection Tin will be at the back of each church and I am asking you to put in whatever you can afford and help me so that together we can make a difference to other people's lives this Advent & Christmas.



CHURCH CLEANING ROTA**December 2017****January 2018**

3rd Dec	E Wroe	J Wroe J Rawsthorne	K Mudd B Knowles	S Jessop
17th Dec	E Banks	N Donaldson S Roberts	M Webster	L Wilkinson
31st Dec	A Critchley	P Waterworth C Moss	S Waterworth E Robinson	K Twist M Mills
14th Jan	P Carr	E Houlgrave E Parry	E Carr A Webster	A Grimshaw
28th Jan	E Wroe	J Wroe J Rawsthorne	K Mudd B Knowles	S Jessop

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Or contact Sarah Coventry 07584 2337755

Halsall From the Registers

WEDDINGS

28th October 2017

Richard Alan D'Urso & Gemma Louise Kelly

FUNERALS

7th October 2017

Clive Grady

11th October 2017

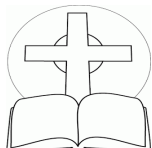
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16th October 2017

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30th October 2017

Colin Edward Grimshaw



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VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR CAROL SINGING



**We require volunteers to join us singing carols at
Tesco, Southport for 1 hour on Thursday 7th
December from 4pm onwards.**

**I will place a sign up sheet at the back of the
church from Sunday 22nd October 2017**

Any further information please contact Mr E Carr on
01695 423817

Lighting up St Cuthbert's

Christmas is both a time of celebration and remembrance. If you would like to remember loved ones at this special time you may like to sponsor our Christmas Tree lights.

If you would like to do so there are envelopes in church next to the donation box or alternatively you can give on line via
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If donating on line please ensure that you state the names of those whom you wish to remember.

The names of those for whom our lights will shine will be displayed by the Tree from 15th December.

Thank you for your support.

NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

PLANNING

2017/1041/FUL - 54 New Cut Lane - Single storey rear extension

2017/1079/FUL - Greenacres, 76 Carr Moss Lane - Demolition of an existing single storey rear out igger. Construction of a part two storey/ part

Single - storey rear extension. Replacement of the existing front porch - Elevational Improvements

2017/1103/FUL - 41A Moss Road - Proposed single storey rear extension

CAR THEFTS

A number of car thefts have taken place recently and the police are advising residents not to leave keys in house doors and also ensure that car keys are not visible when doors are being opened.

PARKING ALONG SUMMERWOOD LANE

Cars parking either side of Summerwood Lane at school times and when funerals and weddings are taking place at St Cuthbert's are causing an obstruction and prevent large vehicles, including the emergency services from passing through.

Please use the Memorial Hall car park whenever possible.

Parish Council Meetings

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday 13th December 2017 at 7.30 p.m. at St Aidans Hall, Renacres Lane, Shirdley Hill, Halsall.

Please note: If you wish to make audio or video recording, or take photographs of the meeting please phone Dave Bond, Parish Clerk on 01704 534090 or email davebondhpc@aol.com in advance of the meeting so that this can be arranged in an organised manner in order to minimise any disruption.

A full list of Councillors and contact numbers can be found toward the front of the magazine.

The Parish Council Website www.halsallparish.com includes agendas and minutes of previous meetings.

Halsall Sunshine Club

Residents of Halsall have asked the Parish Council to thank the Sunshine Club, which has now ceased to operate, for all its hard work over the years organising recreational events and trips out for residents.

The club has existed for over 60 years and the Council wishes to thank all those involved, particularly the organisers who have served on the committee over the years, for all their efforts and wish them well for the future.

Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition

The Council wishes to thank all those groups and individuals involved in keeping the villages clean and tidy in the run up to the judging of the competition and throughout the year.

Halsall Village Proud and Tidy Group formerly Halsall Environment Group.

Well, we have the results of the Lancashire Best Kept Village competition; we were invited to attend the prize giving at the Villa, Wrea Green on the 23rd of October. Our school won the category for School Buildings and Grounds inc: Children's Nurseries. This was for the second year running. There were 48 entries and when we have preliminary judged some of these villages in the past the standard is very high.

The Saracen's Head did very well again this year coming 2nd place out 62 entries for the section of Village Pub or Inn/ Restaurant in Lancashire. Barley village with their Pendle Inn took 1st place.

Many congratulations, both worthy prize winners, when you consider that this for the whole of Lancashire.

The village overall did not get in the first 8 placings for the Medium sized village section. We have asked the secretary for the judge's report but as yet we have not received it. So hope to have that for the February newsletter. We were somewhat disappointed as we thought the village overall looked good, but can only put it down to the fact that the standard is becoming much higher.

A huge thank you to everyone who has contributed to keeping our village looking shipshape throughout the year.

Contact us Eleanor Wroe 01704841216 or Enid Banks 01704567654

Halsall Primary School Report : December 2017

Bonfire and Fireworks Night

Despite the miserable weather and having to compete against some large commercial events on the Saturday night, the Halsall Bonfire Party was another big success. Again there was a lovely community atmosphere and the fireworks were very impressive. There was even a cheer when they finished.

A big thanks to all the volunteers who gave up their time to help with the event. It is much appreciated.

The PTFA raised just above £1,500 on the night.

Many apologies to anyone in the local community who may have been inconvenienced due to inconsiderate parking. We did our best to make sure that disruption was kept to a minimum.

Local groups had the opportunity to raise funds for their coffers and for various charities and we hope that they had a good night.

School Concerts

This year the children will be performing on :

Tuesday	12 th Dec	10-00am	School Show
Wednesday	13 th Dec	2-00pm	School Show
Thursday	14 th Dec	7-00pm	School Show
Friday	15 th Dec	9-30am	Reception Nativity

Last year we raised over £2,335 for The Tom Church Foundation and Clare House. Hopefully, we can reach that target again this year.

Our chosen charity in 2017 is the **Children's Foundation**. The foundation aims to provide underprivileged and sick children with those special moments and memories at Christmas time.

McMillan Cancer Support

We had a Mr Men Dress-Up Day in October and linked this with a Coffee Afternoon to raise funds for McMillan Cancer Support. The event was a big success and we raised over £300. Many thanks to everyone who donated cakes, those who helped with the catering and organisation and those who came along to support. The children loved it!

Art Exhibition

We held an exhibition of children's art work in early November. Each class learned about on a particular artist or style. There were some fabulous pieces of work on-display and we certainly have some budding artists in school. The event was such a great success, we hope to do something similar in 2018.

Lancashire Special Award

I am pleased to announce that Halsall C.E. has won 1st prize in the Lancashire Village School Grounds Competition. This is a considerable achievement considering that 48 school entered and it is due recognition for the tremendous hard work that both Mr Bounds and Mrs Woods do for the school and the pride that they take. We are constantly trying to maintain our grounds and improve them further.

Parent Questionnaire - Summer 2017

Responses to the Parent Questionnaire have been collated and some selected statements are :

	% either strongly agreeing or agreeing
<i>Child is happy and enjoys coming to school</i>	99%
<i>Expectations of work and behaviour are high</i>	96%
<i>Concerns are dealt with courteously and professionally</i>	97%
<i>Quality of teaching is high</i>	100%
<i>Most children are polite and well behaved</i>	99%
<i>Staff treat children fairly</i>	98%
<i>Parents feel well informed and encouraged to help</i>	99%
<i>School is attractive and well maintained</i>	100%
<i>School is led well by governors and SLT</i>	96%

I think that this feedback is very well deserved. It is a result of lots of hard work by governors, staff, children and parents. It is a recognition that Halsall St Cuthbert's Primary is a lovely place to work and learn and play.

Eucharist Service with Rev Paul

There is a special Eucharist Service in school on Thursday 7th December at 9-15am. Everyone is very welcome to come along and join in. Refreshments will be served afterwards. See you there.

Confirmation Classes

Over the past few months some of our year 5 children have been taking confirmation lessons. These were in preparation for the special Confirmation and 1st Communion Service with the Bishop Cyril at St Cuthbert's Church which was held in mid-November. This was another wonderful and moving occasion and all the children did superbly well.

The school would like to thank Rev Paul Robinson, Mrs Vera Ainsworth, Mrs Lynda Hoople, Mrs Jean Cropper, Miss Hampson, for all their hard work in preparing the children so well, for this very important occasion in their lives. And thanks also, to all the parents who encouraged and supported them along this Christian path.

Changes in Staff

- Mrs Harrison has now started her maternity leave and we wish her all the best in the exciting times ahead. She hopes to return late in the summer term.
Mrs Leila O'Brien will be taking the class in her absence. Mrs O'Brien is a very capable, dedicated and highly recommended newly qualified teacher (NQT) and I'm sure that she'll do a sterling job over the next few months.
- Mrs Georgina Green (TA) has now started her maternity leave and Mrs Louise Rees will cover in her absence. Mrs Rees has previously worked at Halsall as both a student and TA and I'm sure that she will prove to be a valuable asset to the team.

From all the staff and children at Halsall St Cuthbert's, have a great Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year. God Bless.

Doug Scholes (Head Teacher)

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2nd	Jennifer Kitching (Birthday)
6th	James Hilton (Wedding Anniversary)
6th	Albert Pilkington (Birthday)
7th	Margaret Stopforth
8th	Jane Grimshaw
9th	Nellie Sutton (Birthday)
13th	Kenneth Alan Bailey
14th	William Maxwell Boardman
15th	Cecil Rhodes
16th	Jessie Grimshaw (Anniversary)
17th	Lily Gaskell
20th	Harold Gaskell
25th	Harold Dean
25th	Joseph Balmer
28th	Barbara Brookfield
29th	Doreen Porter (Birthday)
31st	James William Bailey (Birthday)

JANUARY

1st	Elizabeth Rhodes
3rd	R J Critchley
7th	Joan Aindow (Birthday)
7th	John Marshall (Birthday)
8th	Edward Shacklady
9th	Gladys May Core (Remembrance)
11th	Margaret Haldane (Anniversary)
12th	Marjorie Dunbavand (Birthday)
14th	The Mercer Family
15th	Jack Huyton (Birthday)
20th	Henry Serjeant
25th	Tom Dennett (Birthday)
26th	Jack Huyton (Anniversary)
27th	Albert Pilkington
27th	George Gaskell
27th	Rose Mary Bailey Anniversary)
28th	John Johnson (Birthday)
29th	Richard Bolton Ainscough (Anniversary)

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December & January at-a-glance

The garden is magical in winter. The colour palette is limited, but the strong shapes & skeletal framework provide its own kind of beauty & don't forget the garden can be a great source of home-grown material for a natural feel to Christmas decorations in & outside the home. Merry Christmas & Happy New year. Happy Gardening.

General garden tasks

Continue winter digging if soil is workable.

Plan & begin any landscaping jobs.

Clear away any debris to prevent harbouring slugs & snails.

Rake up the last of the leaves.

Send off for seed catalogues to browse through on darker rainy days.

Carry out lawn repairs if weather conditions allow.

Move or plant deciduous trees or shrubs if the soil is workable.

Prune ornamental vines.

Cut shoots for indoor decorations.

Organise your Christmas tree.

Sow seeds of hardy plants.

Plant seasonal outdoor tubs & hanging baskets for Christmas.

Plant fruit trees & bushes.

Continue to check stored fruit.

Tidy plants in the greenhouse & continue to water sparingly.

Check any bulbs in store.

Check tubs planted with bulbs for mice disturbance.

Make provisions to prevent pond from freezing over.

Clear up the shed, clean tools, wash pots & trays – spring will be here before you know!



Watch out for

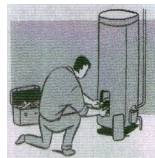
Chilled pot plants – pot plants that have been standing in the open outside shops may have come straight from a warm & sheltered greenhouse. Poinsettias are especially vulnerable.

Plants in their prime

Prunus 'Autumnalis'. Viburnum. Mahonia. Japonica. Cotoneaster. Fatsia. Malus. Photinia. Pyracantha. Skimmia. Clematis 'freckles'. Jasmine varieties. Winter flowering pansies.

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The next meeting of the Sunday school will be on the 10th Dec at 9.30am, when our children will be practicing for our Nativity. This performance will take place on the 17th Dec during the 9.30am service.

We were all so proud of Rose, Jessica and Tom who laid their poppies at the monument on Remembrance Sunday. So we say a big thank you to the three of them for being such excellent role models for the other children.

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