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May 2023

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The Sick: This parish is committed to the care of the sick. Names of those in need of this ministry, either at home or in hospital, should be given to the parish office on 0151 526 2292.

The Blessed Sacrament (Holy Communion) is reserved in church and can be taken to the housebound or ill. Holy Oil is also kept for the anointing of the sick.

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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.

Elaine Ayre 07896 301322



CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

May 2023

7th May	P Carr	J Bond E Carr	A Grimshaw	A Webster
21st May	E Wroe	J Wroe G Williams	J Stone S Richards	S Kierans

Magazine Letter For May A Servant King



The Coronation of King Charles III is a historic occasion in the life of our nation and indeed our churches. The Coronation will take place on 6th May at Westminster Abbey and the Archbishop of Canterbury has asked all the churches to pray for The King, The Queen Consort and the Royal Family and for their calling to a life of public service. Following in his mother's footsteps, King Charles' leadership is rooted in a desire and a commitment to serve following the ways of Christ in joy-filled servant-heartedness. A commitment and a desire to follow the teachings of our Lord Jesus who tells us in:

Matthew 20. 26-28.

"Whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; Just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

This commitment to serve already shown in the King's service to the Commonwealth and Nation will become even more intense as his reign continues and so we pray for The King as he strives to model his Kingship by taking as his example, The Servant King our Saviour Jesus Christ. The one who calls not only King Charles but each of us to serve him and each other in the spirit of love.

A prayer for the King and for each of us, as we are all called to serve our God.

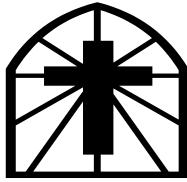
Sovereign God, who called King Charles to be a ruler among his people: give him grace to be their servant; and help us, following our Saviour Christ in the path of humble service, to see God's Kingdom set forth on earth and to enjoy its fullness in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Enjoy the Coronation and have a happy and joyful May.
With every blessing for a happy and joyful May.

Glen.

Rev. Glen Gardner.

Associate Priest of Halsall, Lydiate and Downholland.



Service in the United Benefice for May 2023

A chance to create a bit of space in our busy lives to reflect on faith. As we continue to celebrate the Easter season let us be open to see signs of Jesus's presence today in the world and in our own lives.

Sunday 7th May Coronation

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

Wednesday 10th May

- 11.00am St Thomas' said CW Holy Communion

Thursday 11th May

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

Sunday 14th May Rogation Sunday

- 8.00am St Thomas' BCP Holy Communion
- 9.30am St Cuthbert's CW Family Eucharist with blessing of soil and seed
- 11.00am St Thomas' Church Parade—why make promises?

Wednesday 17th May

- 11.00am St Thomas' said CW Holy Communion

Thursday 18th May Ascension Day

- 1.30pm St Cuthbert's said CW Holy Communion with prayers for healing
- 7.30pm St Thomas' CW Holy Communion

Sunday 21st May

- 8.00am St Thomas' BCP Holy Communion
- 9.30am St Cuthbert's CW Eucharist
- 11am St Thomas' CW Eucharist followed by Annual meetings

Wednesday 24th May

- 11.00am St Thomas' said CW Holy Communion

Thursday 25th May

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

Sunday 28th May - Pentecost the church's birthday

8.00am St Thomas' BCP Holy Communion
9.30am St Cuthbert's CW Eucharist with birthday cake
11.00am St Thomas' Family Service with birthday cake

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



New regular services

Starting on 10th May 2023, at St Thomas' Lydiate
every **Wednesday**

A simple said Holy Communion Service at 11am followed by refreshments.

AND

Starting on 11th May 2023, at St Cuthbert's Halsall
every **Thursday**

Morning Prayer at 9.15am.

and a said Holy Communion service with prayers for healing at 1.30pm
followed by simple refreshments.

All are welcome to either or both services.

For more information please contact the Rector Susan Salt



CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for more volunteers for our small band of Cleaners.

It is not hard work, just dusting, and hoovering. Your commitment would be one hour, every 6 weeks. Please come and join us to keep our church looking beautiful.

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Pam Carr on 01695 423817 or email pam.carr1974@outlook.com

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



WARDENS AND SIDESPERSONS **May 2023**

	Warden	Deputy Warden	Sides persons
7th May	Pam Carr	Anne Grimshaw	
14th May	Elaine Ayre	Angela Webster	Elaine Ayre Philip Banks
21st May	Pam Carr	Colin Throp	Christine Jones Rebecca Ridley
28th May	Elaine Ayre	John Wroe	Eleanor Wroe Enid Banks

Supporting St Cuthbert's Church

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. The website provides links to the Parish Giving Scheme, the Friends of St Cuthbert's Scheme and how to contact us.

How to Donate

Regular donations and "one off" donations can now both be made via our Parish Giving Scheme. You can choose how regularly, how much and whether your donation can be gift aided. Your gift will then be passed directly to St Cuthbert's. You can scan the following QR code to make a donation or search using the following web address.

Scan to access the Parish Giving Scheme



Donations can also be made in Church either on the plate during our services or by using our "Goodbox" electronic payment system which is located close to the entrance (opposite the font).

Or www.parishgiving.org.uk

Friends of St Cuthbert's

If you would like to join our friends scheme there is a link to the forms on our website home page. All funds raised through the scheme are directed specifically towards the repair and maintenance of the Church and grounds. There is a minimum donation of £20 per year but you can choose how much and how regularly you would like to donate.

Further information can be obtained by contacting us via our e mail address: info@halsallstcuthberthub.co.uk

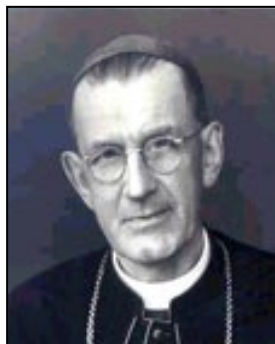
Thank you so much for your support.

Archbishop William Thomas Porter CBE. 1887-1960

“he who listens to my word and believes in the one who sent me has life in him”

Halsall was the birthplace of an Archbishop.

William was born in a house known as the Lychgate in Renacres Lane to Henry and Ellen Porter. He had two brothers and the family were practising Anglicans. It was in that familial setting that he first heard “the Word of Life.” They went to church in a Methodist chapel called the Matchbox church on Small Lane North. It was destroyed in a fire but rebuilt on another site on the lane. His father, William died in 1893 and



was buried in St Cuthbert’s but because many of the family were members of the free church they would not enter the parish church and only attended at the graveside.

His mother Ellen, who had been raised in New Cut Farm, had to walk into Ormskirk and work long hours at the workhouse to feed her family of three boys, so to help the situation William found work as a messenger boy for a local tailor. He then worked locally on the farms which entailed going to Liverpool market very early, before 3 am by cart. Once at the market carters would often have to walk rather than ride to stop them falling asleep. When their carts were empty of produce, they filled up with night soil and brought that back as fertiliser for the fields.

After his mother’s death in 1900 of Tuberculosis at the age of 35, William was fostered to his uncle’s house in Bickerstaffe where he met a relative, Aggie, the first Catholic he had ever known. She was a favourite of the family and left an impression on him. He then went to work for the Massams who had the Hen and Chickens pub in Melling, they were very kind to him. From there he went to work for the Westons at Twist farm in Ford, a devout Catholic family. His knowledge of Catholics up until then had been formed by prejudice and sectarian attitudes but within this family his prejudice died. After hearing a firebrand preacher denouncing Cardinal Newman he decided to find out about Catholicism for himself.

He took Catechetical instruction at St Thomas's in Waterloo in 1910 and studied to gain entry into Apostolic college. He achieved this and entered a seminary in Ireland. When he sailed into Cork harbour he described it as sailing into heaven.

He was attracted to working for the foreign missions in Africa in a personal vocation to redress the harm done by slavery, so after his ordination as a priest on 14th July 1918 he joined the Society of African Missions. He initially started his work in Nigeria and began to make a difference and an impression. In 1937 while on missionary work, he was called back to Halsall when his elder brother Henry died and was buried in Halsall churchyard. He worked tirelessly in Ghana, creating schools and hospitals, inspired by the teaching of 'Word of Life'

"he who listens to my word and believes in the one who sent me has life in him"

It was his calm and positive nature when faced with problems of famine and disease which underpinned his work in Africa and eventually led to him being consecrated as Archbishop of Cape coast in Ghana. Altogether he dedicated a total of 50 years to missionary work. Archbishop William retired in 1960 and died in 1966 he was buried in the grounds of the retirement home at Dutton Manor but his body had to be reinterred in Wardley 2013 when the land was redeveloped.

Stephen Henders

Halsall War Memorial Playing Field & Hall

Annual Open Meeting for Residents of Halsall
Memorial Hall, Wed 3rd May 7:30 pm.

The Charity has an annual Open Meeting for residents of Halsall to ask any questions or propose any ideas for consideration.

If possible, please can any questions be sent to Trust Secretary at chrisjpyne@gmail.com so that answers can be provided at the meeting.



Halsall St Cuthbert's May Report

Admissions : September 23

Initial school offers, for reception places in September, were recently sent out to parents via e-mail. Parents who have been unsuccessful in accessing a place for their child, have the right to follow an Appeal Process. Appeal forms can be accessed from the LEA. If there is anyone who requires further information about the Appeal Process, please do not hesitate to contact the school. (01704-840253). Many thanks for your interest.

Atlantic Crossing Adventure

Mr Andrew Bedwell, one of our parents, will be shortly be undertaking an immense challenge. He will be hoping to achieve a **World Record Atlantic Ocean Crossing**. It will be a solo trip, in the smallest-ever craft to cross the Atlantic. The craft measures a mere 1 metre in length. He will be sailing from Newfoundland to England. Unbelievable!

For further information, search for **Andrew Bedwell** on YouTube. There are some fascinating clips about this incredible challenge. For inspiration and to keep Mr Bedwell's spirits up in the 90+ day journey, the children have been drawing a few pictures and writing some good luck messages. Many have written on the inside of the vessel.

Bikeability : Fabulous Experience

The year 5 children had a fabulous time on the recent Bikeability course. They practised in the playground and then spent lots of time learning how to cycle safely on the roads. Everyone passed a skills test and received a certificate. The instructors praised the children for their good listening, effort and excellent behaviour. Well done to all the year 5 children and a big thanks to the instructors for all their hard work and the parents for helping drop-off and collect the bikes so punctually.

County Finals : Indoor Athletics

Having won the small schools' indoor athletics competition for **West Lancashire**, Halsall St Cuthbert's represented the district at the county finals in Blackpool. Competing against 16 other district-winning schools, the children did brilliantly, finishing 8th on the day. A big thanks to Mrs Dunne, Mrs Neale and Mrs Crilly, for supervising the team and giving the children this wonderful opportunity. Well done to everyone.

Kenyon Shield Winners : Spring 2

Our special winners for this half-term were :

Reception : Chloe McGaw

Year 1 : Brooke Kenningley

Year 2 : Paul Barrett

Year 3 : Isla Murphy

Year 4 : Oliver Major

Year 5 : Prateik Reddy

Year 6 : Poppy Skinner

Congratulations and very well done to them all.

Busy Summer Term

A few things to look forward to over the next few months :

Coronation Party	Thurs 4th May
PGL Year 5	8 th to 10 th May
PGL Year 4	10th to 12 May
SATS Week	9th to 12th May
Strawberry Teas	Thur 25th May
Llandudno Holiday	12th to 16th June
Summer Carnival	Sat 8th July
Sports Day	Wed 12th July
Leavers' Service	Thur 20th July
Break-Up	Frid 21st July
School trips	Various dates
Inter-School sports	Various dates

Doug Scholes (Head Teacher)

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SUNDAY 7TH MAY 2-4PM



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Club/Group	Meetings	Contact
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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
FROG Friends of Shirdley Hill Village Green	9.30am Tuesdays & Fridays	01704 840607
Jigsaw Library Its free to join and free to borrow.	We ask for a donation of a jigsaw then you can borrow as often as you like.	Sue Charnock Facebook Page
Halsall Badminton Club	Halsall School Thursday 7.30pm	Jim 01704 840908 Margaret 01704 840305

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.

Chris Pyne 01704 841467 or halsallnews@gmail.com

NEWS FROM HALSALL PARISH COUNCIL

Planning

2023/0032/TPO Mill House Farm , New Street, Halsall

Pruning a tree & felling a tree.

2023/0207/FUL Ollery Barn, Plumpton Lane, Halsall

Erection of Oak Framed carport & other ancillary buildings

2023/0111/FUL 74 New Street, Halsall

First floor side extension

WLBC will consider the Planning Application for the Convenience store on Moss Road/Benthams way on 20th April so the result may be known about the time that this magazine is published.

Report from Traffic & Road Safety Group

WLBC have agreed planning permission to move the post box from Halsall Road/Renacres Lane junction to a new location on Morris Lane. Still waiting for notification that proposed changes to the junction will be included in LCC Highways budget for 2023/24.

News about our Staff and Councillors

Beth Roberts was appointed as a co-opted Parish Councillor at April's meeting. The Council would like to thank all applicants that showed an interest in the vacancy. Contact details for all councillors are printed on Page 3.

Parish Council Grants

Halsall like most parish councils has a fund available for small grants to local charities and voluntary organisations that *"bring direct benefit to the area or to some or all of its inhabitants"* (S137 Grant). Applications forms are available from halsallparishclerk@gmail.com

Parish Council Meetings

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place at 7:30pm Wednesday 10th May at St Aidan's Hall, Renacres Lane.

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

Cllr Elizabeth Wright, Chair Halsall Parish Council 07817 056145

Chris Pyne – Acting Halsall Parish Council Clerk 01704 841467

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The Chorley Guild Choir are to Present a Summer Concert

At St Andrews Parish Church, Maghull
on 1st July 23 at. 7.00 pm

The **Guild Singers** (formed in 1980) is a mixed voice choir of about 40 singers who perform about three concerts a year. Mostly these take place in St. Laurence's church in Chorley.

The choir was formed with the aim of singing the whole range of music both accompanied and a Capella; from the renaissance music of Byrd and Tallis to great oratorios such as Mendelssohn's "Elijah" and Handel's "Messiah". More recent performances have included the Sunrise Mass by Ola Gjeilo, Howard Goodall's Requiem, and Paul Mellor's Stabat Mater.

We have also sung for Evensong at Blackburn cathedral. On the lighter side we enjoy singing a wide variety of arrangements of well-known Pop and Jazz standards.

Tickets £10 ring Sylvia 01704 840705
or Jimmy on 07779 143176

Proceeds to Ormskirk and District Lions
(Helping People In Our Community)

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Annual Halsall Parish Meeting

Wednesday 24th May at 7:30pm
at St Aidan's Hall, Renacres Lane

All parishes are required to hold an annual open meeting. There is no formal agenda, it is not the usual council business.

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May sees the last of the Sunday football matches and the start of the Saturday Halsall West End 1st XII Cricket matches. With occasional Tuesday evening and Sunday matches too. Please park responsibly and do not obstruct residents' access down Cross Lane.

The noticeboard has a weekly list of events.

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Halsall Proud & Tidy Group



Please come and join us for the Coronation Litter Pick planned for Bank Holiday Monday on 8th May. The afternoon will start at 1.30 when you are invited to bring along a "rubbish" crown which you will have made at home using whatever recycled materials you have available. Judging will take place at 2pm and we will then set off to collect whatever litter we can find. **NB** - Homemade crown not essential to take part in the litter pick if you are not the creative type!

We are pleased to hear about a resident from Gregory Lane who collects litter along the lane. He does this every Monday on his own. Are there other residents willing to take responsibility for keeping the area where they live litter free. Please let us know if you can help.



Our fundraising this year is being helped by Sue Beacon of Rainbag Cottage in Carr Moss Lane. She is a member of The Royal Horticultural Society and is opening her garden for visitors on Sunday 21st May. As a supporter of our group she is donating some of the proceeds made on the day to help boost our funds. You are invited to come along to look around and enjoy tea and homemade cakes provided by our group. See full details on adjacent item.

The shrubs have now been planted in some of the 12 planters around the village and later in May when the chance of frost has gone some bedding plants will be added to create a bit of extra colour.



Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition judging begins on 1st June and we are hoping we can maintain the high standard we have earned over the last few years thanks to your help. All the above items help our cause. Please keep up the good work. Thank you.

We are looking for volunteers on Wednesday 24th May to help plant the beautiful red begonias which brighten up the Church pathway all summer. Please meet at Church at 10.30am

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Gardener's Corner

May at-a-glance

May is, for me, one of the most exciting & loveliest months of the year in the garden, because you can see new flowers opening every time you step outdoors & the best of the year is still to come. Longer evenings and warmer weather brings out the gardener in all of us.

General Garden Tasks

Prepare the soil for bedding plants.

Keep on top of weeding & hoeing – its endless I know!

Deal with pests using biological controls & organic remedies.

Feed established lawns if not done in April.

Pinch out any green shoots appearing on variegated trees & shrubs.

Tie in new growth of climbers & wall shrubs.

Clip beech, hornbeam, box & Leyland cypress late this month or early next.

Cut privet.

Support perennials.

Divide clumps of primroses & polyanthus after flowering.

Continue deadheading & feeding spring-flowering bulbs.

Plant & train sweet peas. Plant tubs, troughs, window boxes & hanging baskets in the middle of this month at the earliest.

Sow swede, beetroot, maincrop carrots, peas, raddish & spring onion.

Direct-sow frost-tender vegetables, e.g. French & runner beans, courgettes.

Plant out leeks.

Harvest overwintered onions.

Water soft fruit bushes with swelling fruit & newly planted fruit trees.

Protect strawberries from birds.

Continue to prick out seedlings, young plants & cuttings.

Continue hardening off bedding plants ready for end of month planting.

Plant tomatoes in early may & sweet peppers, chillies, melons & cucumbers late May.

Harvest baby potatoes.

Divide overgrown waterlilies in the pond.

Introduce new fish to the water garden now the weather is warmer.

Watch out for

Late frosts – protect with fleece.

Pests in the greenhouse & containers.

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11:30 (Lord St)	11:48	11:58	12:09	12:23
13:30 (Lord St)	13:48	13:58	14:09	14:23
17:15 (Lord St)	17:33	17:43	17:49	18:08
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08:23	08:42	08:48	08:58	09:18 (Lord St)
10:25	10:44	10:50	11:00	11:20 (Lord St)
12:25	12:44	12:50	13:00	13:20 (Lord St)
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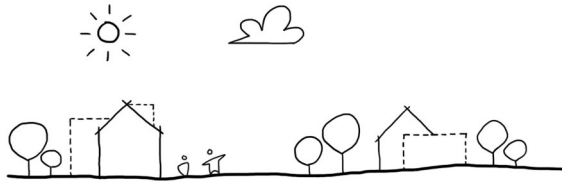


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