

**Great Hallingbury
Parish News**
April 2017



THE CALENDAR - *April 2017*

2 ND	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT		
	10 am	St. Mary's	Family Service
9 TH	PALM SUNDAY		
	8 am	St. Mary's	Holy Communion 1662
	10 am	St. Giles'	Morning Prayer
13 TH	MAUNDY THURSDAY		
	7.30 pm	United Reform Church, Hatfield Heath	Six Villages Maundy Thursday Service
14 TH	GOOD FRIDAY		
	2 pm	St. Mary's	An Hour at the Cross
16 TH	EASTER DAY		
	10 am	St. Giles'	Family Communion
23 RD	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER		
	10 am	St. Giles'	Family Communion
30 TH			
	10 am	St. Mary's	Family Communion
A 1662 Holy Communion Service is held at St. Mary's Church each Wednesday morning at 9.30 a.m. unless otherwise indicated			
There are FAMILY PACKS available at the back of each church for use during all 10am services.			
JUNIOR CHURCH is held at St Mary's Church, Little Hallingbury, on the THIRD Sunday of each month.			

ST. GILES' CHURCH - *April 2017*

READERS AND SIDESMEN

Date	Time	Reading	Reader	Sidesman
9th	10 am	Zechariah 9, vv 9 - 12 Matthew 21, vv 1 - 11	M. King B. Beaumont	G Richardson L. Richardson
16th	10 am	Acts 10, vv 34 - 43 Matthew 28, vv 1 - 10	P. Green T. Harding	C. Collins F. Townsend
23rd	10 am	Acts 2, vv 14a & 22 - 32	H. Jackson	J. O'Brien A. Trim

FLOWERS IN CHURCH

9th April	Palm Sunday Crosses
16th April	Easter Flowers arranged by various church members
23rd April	Easter Flowers

CHOIR PRACTICE

The choirs of St. Giles' and St. Mary's meet on Friday evenings at 7.15pm at St. Mary's. For details, contact Mrs. Patricia Larby (tel: 812468) or Mr. Chris Harding (tel: 503947).

1ST GREAT HALLINGBURY BROWNIES

The Brownies meet in the Village Hall each Monday from 5 pm to 6.15 pm during term time.

Brown Owl is Mrs. Heather Hays - telephone 651851.



Please place gifts in the basket at the back of the Church. Information is on the notice boards. This is needed more now than ever so please give generously.



St. Giles' Church 100 Club

March 2017

The draw took place on 26th March

The winners were:

No. 24	Marion King	£25.00
No. 77	Hilda and Dennis Hall	£16.00
No. 18	Jane Schwier	£10.00

The prize money is 50% of the membership fees taken in February. The remaining 50% will be used to help maintain the fabric of our beautiful and historic village church.

If you are interested in joining The 100 Club, it is never too late. Please contact Heather Hays or Philip Hays for further details.

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Church Letter - April 2017

As Easter approaches I am aware of how fortunate I am living in the Northern hemisphere. Because of the changing seasons we have the opportunity to experience something of what Christmas and Easter mean. With the darkness of the winter nights we see the Christmas lights that go up in our towns and villages reminding us of the light of Christ that came down the first Christmas. Then, of course, as the spring flowers arise from out of the bare ground and our naked trees sprout new greenery and blossom forth we experience the resurrection promise of Easter and are given hope as once again the land prepares to produce fruit and seeds for harvesting and planting.

During the long winter months words from the hymn *Abide with Me* might seem appropriate, *Change and decay in all around I see.* In the dark times of our lives we are aware of the need of God who if we ask will abide with us. The line that follows our quotation goes, *O Thou who changest not, abide with me.* A reminder that in spite of all the changes that can happen in our life, particularly the difficult ones, faith in the constancy of God can make a difference. This constancy brought life out of death at the resurrection. What appeared to be the most disastrous thing that could happen and the greatest failure, the crucifixion of Jesus, became his glorification. His faith in his Father helped him to overcome his fears and he was able to face his public humiliation and crucifixion courageously, even forgiving those who caused it. From out of that situation arose our salvation and his resurrection giving us hope for the future.

Last month Caroline reflected on failure and there is another line of music that reflects that which came to mind as I thought of the first and that is *Up from the ashes, grow the roses of success!* The line comes from lyrics written by the Sherman Brothers for

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang and there is the recognition failure can be turned around.

*Every bursted bubble has a glory!
Each abysmal failure makes a point!
Every glowing path that goes astray,
Shows you how to find a better way.
So every time you stumble never grumble.
Next time you'll bumble even less!
For up from the ashes, up from the ashes, grow the roses
of success!*

From the Roses of Success

In many ways that too reflects resurrection. Jesus would appear to have failed when he is crucified on the cross and yet we know how he was glorified in it and of the resurrection which promises us new life and hope.

We all have to undergo change at times in our lives and change is always an uncomfortable experience even if there is a sense of anticipation that may accompany it. Is it the right decision? What if things go wrong? Is there an escape clause? Am I up to it? As we look around at the new life springing up let us keep in mind the two lines I have quoted and the resurrection promise we have from the one who accompanies on our life's journey if we ask - The Good Shepherd.

May you know the joy and peace of Easter in your lives

Janice

The Olive Branch in the Hallingburys



For the March meeting, Brian Beaumont, assisted by Pauline Beaumont, treated us to a music quiz, drawing questions from serious music sources, musicals and the world of pop.

Please note that the April meeting will be at the home of Marion King, 115 Latchmore Bank, when Hilary Hedderick will be giving us an introduction to spinning. That will be at 2.15 p.m. on Tuesday, 4th April.

Nita Sylvester

GREAT HALLINGBURY HISTORY SOCIETY

Essex Seaside Heritage



by **Norman Jacobs**
returning by popular demand

Wednesday, 12th April, 2017

Meetings are held in the Village Hall At 8pm

Companion Dog Show

in aid of Animal Rescue Charity,
Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford



Sunday, April 9th, 2017

Great Hallingbury Village Hall & Field

Breed - Obedience - Novelty Classes

Entry fees £2 each class

Entries on field from 11 am

Judging starts at 12 noon

Stalls

Refreshments

Raffle

A PLEASANT FAMILY DAY OUT

Enquiries: 01279 654046

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4th	Olive Branch <i>Introduction to Spinning</i> 115 Latchmore Bank, Little Hallingbury at 2.15 pm
5th	Library Van - Bedlars Green 1.35pm - 1.55pm Woodside Green 2.05 - 2.25 pm
9th	Bishop's Stortford Dog Club <i>Companion Dog Show</i> in Great Hallingbury Village Hall and Field from 11 am
11th	Friendship Club
12th	History Society <i>Essex Seaside Heritage</i> Great Hallingbury Village Hall at 8 pm
19th	Library Van - Bedlars Green 1.35pm - 1.55pm Woodside Green 2.05 - 2.25 pm
26th	Great Hallingbury W! <i>AGM and Centenary Celebration</i> Village Hall at 7.30 pm
<i>Future Events</i>	
2 May	Olive Branch <i>Social Meeting</i> The Rectory at 2.15 pm
8 May	Great Hallingbury Parish Council Meeting & AGM - Village Hall at 8 pm
24 June	<i>Midsummer Masked Ball</i> in the Village Hall
16 July	<i>Hallingbury Flower Show</i> Gaston House, Little Hallingbury

GREAT HALLINGBURY CARPET BOWLS CLUB

The Club meets on Friday evenings in Great Hallingbury Village Hall at 8 pm. New members are always welcome.

The Captain and Chairman is Alex Russell - telephone 656647.



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