

# Great Hallingbury Parish News

December 2017



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# THE CALENDAR - *December 2017*

|  |  |                                       |   |
|--|--|---------------------------------------|---|
| <b>3 RD</b>  | <b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>                    |                                       |   |
|  | 10 am  | St. Mary's                            | Family Service  |
|  | 4 pm   | St. Mary's                            | Christingle Service   |
| <b>4 th</b>  | <b>6.15 pm</b>                                   | <b>Great Hallingbury Village Hall</b> | <b>Brownies' Carols by Candlelight</b>                                |
| <b>10 TH</b>   | <b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>                   |                                       |   |
|  | 10 am  | St. Giles'                            | Morning Prayer  |
| <b>14 th</b>   | <b>7.30 pm</b>                                   | St. Mary's                            | Christmas Commemoration of those with whom we shared past Christmases |
| <b>17 TH</b>   | <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>                    |                                       |   |
|  | 10 am  | St. Mary's                            | Holy Communion  |
|  | <b>6 pm</b>                                      | <b>St. Mary's</b>                     | <b>Carol Service</b>  |
| <b>24 TH</b>   | <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT<br/>CHRISTMAS EVE</b> |                                       |   |
|  | <b>3 pm</b>                                      | <b>St. Mary's</b>                     | <b>Crib Service</b>   |
|  | <b>11.30 pm</b>                                  | <b>St. Giles'</b>                     | <b>Midnight Communion</b>   |
| <b>25 TH</b>   | <b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>                             |                                       |   |
|  | 10 am  | St. Mary's                            | Family Communion  |
| <b>31 ST</b>   | <b>FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS</b>                 |                                       |   |
|  | 10 am  | St. Giles'                            | Family Service  |
| <p>There is a Six Villages midweek service of Holy Communion at 9.30 a.m. every Wednesday. On the first and third Wednesdays it is at Holy Trinity Hatfield Heath and then on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Wednesdays it is at St Mary's, Little Hallingbury</p> |  |                                       |   |

# ST. GILES' CHURCH - *December 2017*

## READERS AND SIDESMEN

| Date | Time     | Reading                                  | Reader                       | Sidesman                 |
|------|----------|--|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 10th | 10 am    | Isaiah 40, vv 1 - 11<br>Mark 1, vv 1 - 8 | N. Sylvester<br>S. Sylvester | F. Gregory<br>J. Roberts |
| 24th | 11.30 pm | Hebrews 1, vv 1 - 4<br>John 1, vv 1 - 14 | B. Beaumont<br>P. Beaumont   | F. Gregory<br>J. Roberts |
| 31st | 10 am    | Luke 2, vv 15 - 21                       | P. Green                     | F. Townsend<br>TBA       |

## FLOWERS IN CHURCH

|             |                                  |
|-------------|----------------------------------|
| December 10 | No flowers during Advent         |
| December 24 | Staff of Howe Green House School |
| December 31 | Staff of Howe Green House School |

## 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.**



# Carols in Candlelight

The 1<sup>st</sup> Great Hallingbury Brownies  
invite you to their Carol Service  
on Monday 4th December 2017  
at 6.15pm  
in Great Hallingbury Village Hall

Bring and Buy Christmas Stall  
in aid of a charity chosen by the Brownies

Coffee and Christmas Cake  
will be served.

**We hope you will be able to join us**





# **St. Giles' Church 100 Club**

## **November 2017**

**The draw took place on 26th November**

**The winners were:**

|               |                               |            |
|---------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| <b>No. 97</b> | <b>Lynn &amp; Geoff Petts</b> | <b>£25</b> |
| <b>No. 54</b> | <b>Angela Allsop</b>          | <b>£16</b> |
| <b>No. 90</b> | <b>Jean Pallett</b>           | <b>£10</b> |

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.

# St. Giles' Church 100 Club in 2018



The final draw for The 100 Club in 2017 is due to take place on 10<sup>th</sup> December.

Following the success of The 100 Club, we are hoping that our present members will renew their subscriptions for 2018.

In 2017 £608 has been given out in prize money and £608 has been given to St. Giles' Church.

Congratulations to everyone who won a prize in 2017.

**A sincere thank you to everyone who supported  
The 100 Club in 2017.**

We now have 102 members. If all our members renew their membership for 2017, the prize money next year will be £612, or £51 each month.

£12 a year will buy one membership number, which will enter you into a monthly draw to take place on the fourth or fifth Sunday of the month.

You may of course have more than one membership ticket.

**If you wish to renew your membership to The 100 Club,  
or wish to join The 100 Club for the first time  
please send your £12 to Heather and Philip Hays,  
3 Haycroft, Bishop's Stortford.**

**Cheques should be made payable to  
"Great Hallingbury PCC".**

**On behalf of St. Giles' Church,  
thank you for your continued interest and support.  
The first draw in 2018 will take place on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January.**

## Church Letter - December 2017



I wonder what your most memorable Christmas gift was. Over the past 69 years I have received many and my most memorable are quite an eclectic mix. I remember from my childhood having a Christmas pillow case which was filled with all sorts of items, particularly satsumas, nuts and chocolates. The satsumas and chocolates disappeared quite quickly if I remember but the nuts must have had to wait. Later we had our larger presents, one of which I remember was a large walky-talky doll, a favourite for many years. Later, when courting, I remember a delightful brooch given by Peter. So many wonderful memories but perhaps one that will surprise you was a gift I received on my return from the Midnight Communion one Christmas morning. Right by the door lock and clearly displayed by a light was a moth that I had not seen before: one for my collection of photographs and literally a God-given gift for a very special morning.

I have often found throughout my life that it is the unexpected and sometimes unwanted gift that has proved the best and most beneficial. One birthday I remember receiving a Pentax camera although my initial reaction was what do I want that for? Many of you who know me would be surprised at that as I am now a very keen photographer but at the time I really wasn't impressed - terribly ungrateful - and yet it was this that eventually led to a very fulfilling hobby which eventually incorporated my interest in moths and butterflies and taking photos of them.

Sometimes we may think we want one thing only to find that it is the unexpected, unwanted gift that is what is needed. And, of course, that in many ways is what Christmas is about. The people of Jesus' time wanted a kingly leader who would overthrow the Roman occupation. What they received was a baby born in a stable of poor parents. Of what possible use is a baby to people who want to be set free? Well the baby grew up and because he is the Son of God he showed us how to live, in amongst the



homeless and refugee, reaching out to those with skin diseases, those considered unclean, healing the sick and restoring those who had died to their loved ones and even mixing with those who had got it wrong, forgiving and restoring them. He showed us how to live by refusing to be defeated by those who sought to destroy him, unwilling to do their will but doing his father God's will, even accepting a most horrible death from which he rose again. By so doing he has set everyone who wishes to follow him free from fear of death and the reassurance of an eternal relationship with his Father through him and he sends us the help of his Holy Spirit to guide and comfort us.

I think there is no better gift than coming to know Jesus Christ, the baby born that first Christmas Day, and my prayer is that some of you will find him for yourselves this Christmas or renew your acquaintance with him. There are several opportunities to come and learn more about him at the services that will be held over the Christmas period and even if I am not present because of the treatment that I am at present receiving you are all very much in my thoughts and prayers

Wishing you all a joyful and peaceful Christmas

*Janice*

| <b>FROM THE REGISTERS</b> |        |       |            |
|---------------------------|--------|-------|------------|
| <b><i>Funeral</i></b>     |        |       |            |
| Roy Sidney Quick          | 96 yrs | 8 Nov | St. Mary's |



**St Mary's Church, Little Hallingbury**

# **Christmas Fund Raiser**

**at Monica Swann's**

**Timbers, Clockhouse Drive, Howe Green,  
Great Hallingbury**

**December 1st from 10.30 am**

Ploughman's lunch as well as  
tea, coffee and cake!!

Christmas gifts, raffle,  
seasonal flower arrangements

**ALL WELCOME**



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Many thanks to all our subscribers and deliverers.

A very Happy New Year





**The Hallingbury Choir**

**presents**

**Christmas Music,  
Songs and Readings**

**LITTLE HALLINGBURY VILLAGE HALL**

**Saturday 2 December, 2017**

**at 7.30pm**

**Admission by Ticket      £5.00**

**available from Ann Luke 01279 653025  
or any Choir Member. Also at the door**

**Please bring your own DRINKS and  
GLASSES**

# Jack and the Beanstalk

by Alan P Frayn

**Wednesday 24th January - Saturday  
27th January 2018**



By the time you are reading this, rehearsals for our 35th pantomime, Jack and the Beanstalk, will be well under way. Directed by Julie O'Brien, performances will take place from Wednesday 24th January to Saturday 27th January. Please note that the Wednesday night performance will begin at the earlier time of 7.30pm and that there will be only one matinee performance on the Saturday.

The Box Office, kindly run by Karen Thorpe, is open. Please book your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

Karen ('The Nest,' Goose Lane, Little Hallingbury) can be contacted by email: [pantotickets@karenbookkeeping.com](mailto:pantotickets@karenbookkeeping.com) or by phone: 07754 032852 (with answerphone) or 01279 722372. Cheques should be made payable to *Little Hallingbury Pantomime Group* or, if you prefer, you may pay by BACS. (Sort Code: 20-36-98, Acc: 53119068) However, please contact Karen to book tickets before making a payment.

Times of the performances and ticket prices are outlined below:

|                  |             |                |                |
|------------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>24th</b> | <b>7.30 pm</b> | <b>£6.50 *</b> |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>25th</b> | <b>8 pm</b>    | <b>£6.50 *</b> |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>26th</b> | <b>8 pm</b>    | <b>£8.00</b>   |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>27th</b> | <b>3 pm</b>    | <b>£6.50 *</b> |
|                  |             | <b>8 pm</b>    | <b>£8.00</b>   |

\* = *Concessions available at £5.50*

Please continue to support your local pantomime. We look forward to seeing you there....oh yes we do!



*Mark Hutley (Chairperson)*  
[hallingburypanto@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:hallingburypanto@yahoo.co.uk)

## **PARISH DIARY - December 2017**

|                             |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| 2                           | Hallingbury Choir - <i>Christmas Music, Songs and Readings</i> - Little Hallingbury Village Hall at 7.30 pm |
| 4                           | Brownies' <i>Carols in Candlelight</i> - Great Hallingbury Village Hall at 6 pm                             |
| 5                           | Olive Branch - <i>Christmas Lunch</i>   |
| 12                          | Friendship Club   |
| 13                          | Library Van - Bedlars Green 1.35pm - 1.55pm<br>Woodside Green 2.05 - 2.25 pm                                |
| <b>14</b>                   | <b>Christmas Commemoration in St Mary's Church at 7.30 pm</b>   |
| <b>17</b>                   | <b>Nine Lessons and Carols in St. Mary's Church 6 pm</b>  |
| 27                          | Library Van - Bedlars Green 1.35pm - 1.55pm<br>Woodside Green 2.05 - 2.25 pm                                |
| <b><i>Future Events</i></b> |   |
| 2 Jan                       | Olive Branch <i>AGM and Communion</i> - The Rectory at 2.15 pm  |
| 8 Jan                       | Great Hallingbury Parish Council - Village Hall 7 pm  |
| 24-27 Jan                   | Little Hallingbury Panto - <i>Jack and the Beanstalk</i> - Little Hallingbury Village Hall (see page 10)    |
|                             |   |

### **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.



# Some Useful Addresses

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