

**Great Hallingbury
Parish News**
February 2017



THE CALENDAR - *February 2017*

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| 5 TH | FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE LENT | | |
| | 10 am | The School | Education Sunday Service |
| 12 TH | THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT | | |
| | 8 am | St. Mary's | Holy Communion 1662 |
| | 10 am | St. Giles' | Morning Prayer |
| 19 TH | SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT | | |
| | 10 am | St. Mary's | Common Worship Holy Communion |
| 26 TH | SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT | | |
| | 10 am | St. Giles' | 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 - *February 2017*

READERS AND SIDESMEN

| Date | Time | Reading | Reader | Sidesman |
|------|-------|---|---------------------|---------------------------|
| 12th | 10 am | Deuteronomy 30, vv 15 - end Matthew 5, vv 21 - 37 | M. Swann M. King | J. O'Brien A. Trim |
| 26th | 10 am | Matthew 17, vv 1 - 9 | P. Beaumont | C. Collins F. Townsend |

FLOWERS IN CHURCH

June 12 Silk flowers
June 26 Silk 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

January 2017

The draw took place on 31st January

The winners were:

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| No. 51 | Ann Fuller | £25 |
| No. 2 | Alan Walker | £15 |
| No. 34 | John Cameron | £8.50 |

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 - February 2017

At the end of last year through to the middle of January I was unwell, spending virtually one day in Accident and Emergency and being admitted to hospital for a further few days, followed by rest and recuperation and treatment as an outpatient.

I am humbled by the number of good wishes and prayer support I received and it has caused me to reflect on how fortunate I am to live in such caring communities as the Hallingburys and in a country with a NHS. It has also caused me to reflect on the fragility of life itself and how fortunate we are if we have good health and how much we take for granted or look on as our right.

I was fortunate that I was able to attend a hospital that had so many facilities and so many staff. When I see pictures of places like Aleppo in the news and see the situation in which the people there are, hospitals bombed and very little equipment. The British Red Cross has recently spoken of a humanitarian crisis in emergency NHS care. What are they comparing this to? Yes, things are difficult in the NHS and I was very aware of the shortage of beds as I waited to be admitted and the number of people who the A & E were trying to service but would also ask how much of the problem lies with our heightened expectations.

The NHS is just slightly younger than I am (3 months to be precise) and I have so much to be grateful for it. It was founded in July 1948 and had it not been for the NHS and the fact that my parents could call a doctor out free of charge, I may well not have survived beyond the first 18 months of my life, suffering from double pneumonia, croup and German Measles together. There were other instances of it ensuring my survival as for example when I needed a blood transfusion following a tonsillectomy at age 4, and more recently I have had a hysterectomy. I have so much to be grateful for in that my son survived an accident when hit by a car and my daughter surviving the birth of a granddaughter, and the care taken of that baby with Ultra Violet treatment and those are only the most critical of events, it does not take into account the

various infections and other illnesses from which I and the rest of my family have been cured.

Having said which, are we truly grateful for the NHS or do we take it all for granted? Do we treat it with the respect we should or do we just think it exists for our benefit, not having any concern for its survival or how it should best be managed? We have heard our politicians say that part of the problem is that some of us abuse the system, going to Accident and Emergency when a visit to the doctor or even a pharmacist would suffice. I am also aware that, because some of us go to A & E for something a doctor could deal with as well, there are others who attend A & E and who are not making a fuss, albeit with life-threatening problems, who are treated as if there is nothing seriously wrong until a crisis occurs.

It would seem to me, as a *grumpy old lady*, that society's expectations are unrealistically high without showing the gratitude that we should. Should I be surprised? Probably not for in many ways this is the way in which we treat Jesus Christ who gave his all so that we might have life and a relationship with him. We perhaps listen to the stories of his birth, life and death and think they are remarkable, we may even think that they have some sort of impact on our lives and many of us expect that we shall have eternal life, but what is our response? I am very grateful that God chose to show himself in this way and that he wants this relationship with me but should I just take it for granted or should I act responsibly and differently because I have been given this gift?

Janice

| FROM THE REGISTERS | | | |
|---------------------------|--------|-------------|------------|
| <i>Baptism</i> | | | |
| Jack Christopher Moyes | | 27 November | St. Giles' |
| <i>Funeral</i> | | | |
| Mark Charles Eaton | 54 yrs | 5 November | St. Mary's |
| Joan Lovis Silvester | 87 yrs | 9 January | St. Mary's |

The Olive Branch in the Hallingburys



We held our Annual General Meeting on 3rd January. We now had 13 paid-up members. The annual subscription would remain at £5. Cynthia Collins, Sheila Davies and Nita Sylvester agreed to continue sending out Birthday and Baptism Anniversary cards.

During 2016 we had sent donations to five charities, namely Syria Crisis £50, J's Hospice £110, Helen Rollaston Cancer Care £50, Alzheimer's Care in the Community £50 and CentrePoint (Homelessness in London) £25.

There being no other nominations, the present committee was re-elected.

A Service of Holy Communion followed the meeting and then tea and cake.

Revd. Janice Green will be giving us a talk or meditation on Tuesday, 7th February at 2.15 pm at the Rectory. We should be delighted to see some new faces at our meeting.

Nita Sylvester

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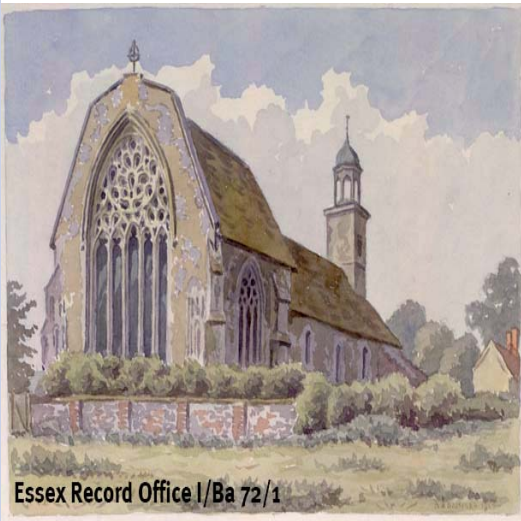
Subscription 2017

The cost of the annual subscription remains at £4.00. This is due in January and if you have not yet paid the person who delivers the magazine to you please send to the Treasurer, Philip Hays, at 3 Haycroft, Bishop's Stortford CM23 5JL.



Many thanks to all our subscribers and deliverers.

GREAT HALLINGBURY HISTORY SOCIETY



Tilty Abbey

a medieval Cistercian monastery

by Rachel Clarke

Wednesday,
9th February, 2017

Meetings are held in the Village Hall At 8pm

Entrance Fee Including Refreshments:

£2.00 for Members

Membership £5 pa

£3.00 for Non-members

Everyone is welcome, so do join us

Great Hallingbury Village Hall



Warm and Friendly fun raising funds to improve the Village Hall

Saturday, 11th March, 2017

Great Hallingbury Village Hall 7.30 pm for 8 pm

£5 per person at the door - table of 6 or 8 or join another group

Reserve from Alex Russell (01279 656647)

GOOD PRIZES AND RAFFLE

Bring your own food and drink

Have another convivial evening

Support the Village Hall

PARISH DIARY - February 2017

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| 7 | Olive Branch <i>Talk or Meditation</i> - The Rectory 2.15 pm |
| 8 | Library Van - Bedlars Green 1.35pm - 1.55pm Woodside Green 2.05 - 2.25 pm |
| 8 | History Society <i>Tilty Abbey</i> - Great Hallingbury Village Hall 8 pm |
| 14 | Friendship Club |
| 22 | Library Van - Bedlars Green 1.35pm - 1.55pm Woodside Green 2.05 - 2.25 pm |
| 22 | WI <i>Chelmsford Ballet Company</i> - Great Hallingbury Village Hall 7.30 pm |
| 26 | Great Hallingbury <i>Litter Picking</i> - starting from the Village Hall or outside the Hop Poles pub 9 am |
| <i>Future Events</i> | |
| 6 Mar | Great Hallingbury Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall 7 pm |
| 7 Mar | Olive Branch <i>Music Quiz</i> - The Rectory 2.15 pm |
| 8 Mar | History Society <i>History of the National Trust</i> - Great Hallingbury Village Hall 8 pm |
| 11 Mar | Great Hallingbury Village Hall <i>Quiz Night</i> - Village Hall 7.30 for 8 pm |
| 22 Mar | WI Open Meeting <i>Man on the Spot - reflections on 50 years as a journalist and broadcaster</i> - Great Hallingbury Village Hall 7.30 pm |
| 27 Mar | Great Hallingbury Annual Parish Meeting - Village Hall 8 pm |

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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