

Great Hallingbury
Parish News
January 2018



THE CALENDAR - *January 2018*

7 TH	EPIPHANY		
	10 am	St. Mary's	Family Service
14 TH	SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY		
	10 am	St. Giles'	Morning Prayer
21 ST	THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY		
	10 am	St. Mary's, Hatfield Broad Oak	Six Villages Communion Service of Christian Unity
28 TH	CANDLEMAS		
	10 am	St. Giles'	Family Communion



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

There are FAMILY PACKS available at the back of each church for use during all 10am services.

ST. GILES' CHURCH - *January 2018*

READERS AND SIDESMEN

Date	Time	Reading	Reader	Sidesman
14th	10 am	1 Samuel 3, vv 1 - 10 John 1, vv 43 - end	A. Lawrence B. Beaumont	H. Jackson A Trim
28th	10 am	Malachi 3, vv 1 - 5 Luke 2, vv 22 - 40	N. Sylvester T. Harding	G. Richardson L. Richardson

FLOWERS IN CHURCH

January 14 Silk Flowers
January 28 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.**



Carols in Candlelight

The 1st Great Hallingbury Brownies thank everyone who supported their Carol Service held in Great Hallingbury Village Hall on 4th December, 2017

The Brownies are happy to report that £300 was raised for

**Guide Dogs for the Blind and
Hearing Dogs for Deaf People**

May we wish you all a very Happy
and Healthy New Year in 2018

The Olive Branch in the Hallingburys



In December the Olive Branch hosted the lighting of the Little Hallingbury Village Hall tree and wish to thank people who made donations totalling £40 which has been sent to MacMillan Nurses.

Nita Sylvester



Great Hallingbury Parish News Subscription 2018



The subscription of £4.00 for 2018 is now due. Envelopes were sent out with the December Issue.

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Philip Hays,
3 Haycroft,
Bishop's Stortford
CM23 5JL

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

Thank you to everyone who subscribes to the Parish Magazine or delivers the Parish Magazine

Church Letter - January 2018

On behalf of Reverend Janice Green and myself, I should like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy and Peaceful New Year.

A friend of mine was recently waiting in the pharmacy at Princess Alexandra Hospital for her prescription to be filled. Next to her she noticed an elderly gentleman who was obviously in some considerable pain. She made small talk with a remark about the weather, or other such trivia, but she felt for the poor man and so, when she got up to get herself a coffee, she offered to get him a drink too.

No thanks, he politely replied.

Are you sure?, she persisted. *How about a glass of water?*

Oh, OK then, he finally agreed.

Upon returning with the glass of water, they fell into a deeper conversation and he told her about his life; how he had recently lost his wife, how he had terminal cancer and was waiting for strong painkillers to help him get through the considerable pain he was in. She listened to him. When the Pharmacist finally called him, my friend gently asked the Pharmacist whether she, the Pharmacist, could come to the gentleman to save him the walk over to the desk. The business was concluded and the meeting over.

About a week later my friend bumped into the gentleman whilst doing her weekly shop. He had more of a spring in his step, thanks to the medication, and stopped my friend and just said, *Thank you!*

For what?, my friend replied.

For the water, for listening, for understanding, the gentleman said.

It hadn't cost my friend anything, except her time, to talk to a stranger. Yet the difference it had made to this gentleman had

been considerable. Because someone had looked, had noticed, had reacted, had listened, it had made a difference to him.

Jesus too didn't lavish material gifts upon his friends, he didn't give people financial rewards or extravagant gestures. He simply befriended those who needed a friend and walked with them through their darkest moments.

And if you allow him in, Jesus will do the same for you too. We might not recognise him. He might just look like a stranger sitting next to you in a hospital pharmacy, but he will always give you his time and will always listen to someone in need.

So this New Year, if you only make one New Year's Resolution, make it this: to give people in the community a little bit of your time. Notice the stranger who is sad or lonely or in trouble and listen to their story. Loving someone isn't about how much money you spend on them, it is about caring for them, spending time with them, being there for them. When you look back at the Christmas just gone, what is it you remember? The presents or the moments spent with other people that made up the holiday?

I pray that this year we all try to remember those less fortunate than ourselves and give a little of our time to listen to the stranger or friend in need.

Caroline Harding



St. Giles' Church 100 Club

December 2017

The draw took place on 10th December

The winners were:

No. 64	Alex Russell	£25
No. 3	Marion Scott	£16
No. 51	Ann Fuller	£10

The prize money is 50% of the membership fees taken in December. 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.

Tel: 01279 651851

e-mail: philipandheatherhays@googlemail.com



St. Giles' Church 100 Club in 2018

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

In 2017 £608 was given out
in prize money and

£608 was 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.**

At present we 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 28th January.

Great Hallingbury History Society

Programme Spring 2018



King Henry VIII in Essex

by Dr James Bettley

Wednesday, 14th February

Some Essex Country Houses and their Owners

by Ben Cowell

Historic Houses Assoc

Wednesday, 14th March



Essex's Role in the Magna Carta Story

by Robert Rose
Braintree Museum

Wednesday, 11th April

**Meetings are held in Great Hallingbury Village
Hall at 8 pm**

Entrance Fee Including Refreshments:

£2.00 for Members

Membership £5 pa

£3.00 for Non-members

Everyone is welcome, so do join us

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 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:

Wednesday	24th	7.30 pm	£6.50 *
Thursday	25th	8 pm	£6.50 *
Friday	26th	8 pm	£8.00
Saturday	27th	3 pm	£6.50 *
		8 pm	£8.00

* = *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

PARISH DIARY - January 2018

2	Olive Branch <i>AGM and Communion</i> in The Rectory at 2.15 pm
8	Great Hallingbury Parish Council in the Village Hall at 7 pm
9	Friendship Club
10	Library Van - Bedlars Green 1.35pm - 1.55pm Woodside Green 2.05 - 2.25 pm
24	Library Van - Bedlars Green 1.35pm - 1.55pm Woodside Green 2.05 - 2.25 pm
24 - 27	Little Hallingbury Panto <i>Jack and the Beanstalk</i> in Little Hallingbury Village Hall (<i>see page11</i>)
24	Great Hallingbury WI <i>New Year Lunch</i>
<i>Future Events</i>	
6 Feb	Olive Branch
11 Feb	Great Hallingbury <i>Litter Pick</i> (tbc)
14 Feb	Great Hallingbury History Society <i>Henry VIII in Essex</i> in the Village Hall at 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.



Some Useful Addresses

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