

Great Hallingbury
Parish News
January 2017



THE CALENDAR - *January 2017*

1 ST	NAMING AND CIRCUMCISION OF JESUS		
	10 am	St. Mary's	Family Service
8 TH	EPIPHANY		
	8 am	St. Mary's	Holy Communion 1662
	10 am	St. Giles'	Morning Prayer
15 TH	SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY		
	10 am	St. Mary's	Common Worship Holy Communion
22 ND	THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY		
	10 am	St. Giles'	Family Communion
	3 pm	St. Giles'	Six Villages Service of Christian Unity followed by bring and share tea
29 TH	Presentation of Christ		
	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 - *January 2017*

READERS AND SIDESMEN

Date	Time	Reading	Reader	Sidesman
8th	10 am	Isaiah 60, vv 1 - 6 Matthew 2, vv 1 - 12	B. Beaumont M. King	C. Collins A. Trim
22nd	10 am	Matthew 4, vv 12 - 23	P. Green	F. Gregory J. Roberts
29th	10 am	Luke 2, vv 22 - 40	N. Sylvester	C. Collins F. Townsend

FLOWERS IN CHURCH

January 8	Silk flowers
January 22	Silk flowers
January 29	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 in 2017



Following the success of The 100 Club, we are hoping that our present members will renew their subscriptions for 2017. In 2016, £571.50 was given out in prize money and £571.50 was given to St. Giles' Church.

Congratulations to everyone who has won a prize this year.

A sincere thank you to everyone who has supported The 100 Club in 2016.

We now have 100 members and if all our members renew their membership for 2017, **the prize money will be £600, or £50 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, please send your £12 to:

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

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

On behalf of St. Giles' Church, thank you for your continued interest and support.

The Olive Branch in The Hallingburys



On 6th December 26 of us met for Christmas Lunch at Brett's Farm Restaurant at White Roding.

Our next meeting will be the AGM on January 3rd, which will be at the Rectory at 2.15 pm.

Nita Sylvester

Great Hallingbury Parish News 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.

A very Happy New Year



St. Giles' Church 100 Club

December 2016

The draw took place on 11th December

The winners were:

No. 18	Jane Schweir	£25
No. 68	Mark Hutley	£15
No. 11	Jane Cameron	£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.

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Church Letter - January 2017



Not just for Christmas!

The Dog's Trust, a canine welfare charity, has been campaigning for the last 35 years with the slogan: *A dog is for lifenot just for Christmas!* This is to address the sharp rise in the number of dogs abandoned around March, when the cute, playful puppy received at Christmas has ceased to be quite so adorable and the reality and the responsibility of looking after a pet has started to sink in.

I have a friend who has 3 children. She has recently returned to the UK with her children and husband after teaching abroad for two years. Upon their return, her children persuaded her to get a dog. It was totally against her better judgement and, when I saw her in November, it was just as she feared; she is now the sole carer of the *family* pet. Other friends have had similar experiences with smaller animals: hamsters, guinea-pigs and rabbits soon lose their appeal when smelly cages have to be cleaned every week or fed even when it is raining outside and there is something good on the telly.

And it is not just animals that are discarded. How many of us are looking around the living room at gadgets, toys and games that were played with on Christmas Day and are now lying forgotten on the floor or under the sofa.

January can bring us back to earth with a bump. The overindulgence during the Christmas break sees us joining all sorts of diet plans and schemes or signing up for a *dry* January. The credit card bills need paying and all the jobs that we were putting off until next year must now be taken care of.

However there are some winners from this generous spirit. Charitable giving rises at Christmas with many people now giving money to charity in lieu of sending Christmas cards. Charity concerts and fundraising Christmas fairs are organised. The latest fad in Christmas jumper wearing raises money for charities on *Christmas Jumper Day*; Christmas certainly is a time for giving. But back to our slogan: *A dog is for life ... not just for Christmas*. Surely charities need our support all year round.

Similarly the Church welcomes many extra people through its doors during the Christmas season but it is also there every other day of the year, supporting people through worship and prayer. People know they are welcome at Christmas services because all the posters and flyers tell them so. But does the church do enough to let everyone know they are welcome throughout the year?

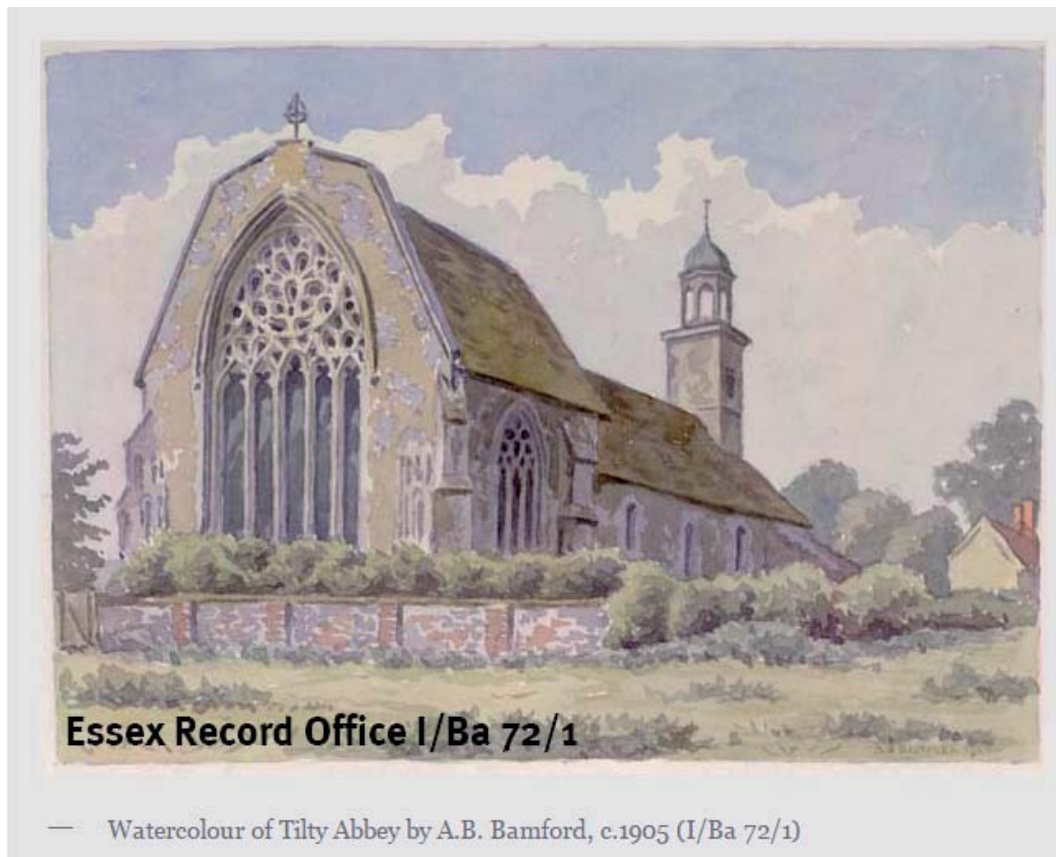
So, my New Year message for this year is this: when we are standing at the beginning of the year, looking back at the old and forward to the new, take a moment to review the way you give your time, energy and money to those who need it. It is wonderful to show generosity at Christmas but can you show this love throughout the year? After all, love for others is forever ... not just for Christmas.

Caroline Harding

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

£3.00 for Non-members

Membership £5 pa

Everyone is welcome, so do join us

Carols in Candlelight



The Brownies' Carol Service was held on 5th December, 2016, in St. Giles' church. This was well-attended and it was good to hold the service once again in the Church, now that the new boilers have been installed and we can extend a **warm** welcome to the members of the congregation.

Before the service commenced, Brown Owl (Heather Hays) was presented with her 40 years' Service Award to recognise her work with the Guiding Movement.

The 1st Great Hallingbury Brownies thank everyone who supported their Carol Service. The Brownies are happy to report that £250 was raised for **Grove Cottage, Bishop's Stortford MENCAP.**

**May we wish you all a very Happy and
Healthy New Year in 2017**



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

GOOD PRIZES AND RAFFLE

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

Reserve from Alex Russell (01279 656647)

Bring your own food and drink

Have another convivial evening Support the Village Hall



Sleeping Beauty

By Alan Frayn

Wednesday 25th January – Saturday 28th January 2017

By the time you are reading this, rehearsals for our 34th pantomime, *Sleeping Beauty*, will be well under way. Directed by Julie O'Brien, performances will take place from Wednesday 25th January to Saturday 28th January. Please note that this year 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, will open on Monday 7th November 2016. Please book your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

Karen ('The Nest,' Goose Lane, Lt. Hallingbury) can be contacted
by email: pantotickets@karenbookkeeping.com
or by phone: 07754 032852 (with answerphone)
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	25 th January	7.30pm	£6.50 (Concessions £5.50)
Thursday	26 th January	8pm	£6.50 (Concessions £5.50)
Friday	27 th January	8pm	£8.00 (No concessions)
Saturday	28 th January	3pm	£6.50 (Concessions £5.50)
		8pm	£8.00 (No concessions)

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 2017*

3	Olive Branch - <i>AGM and Holy Communion</i> - The Rectory 2.15 pm
9	Great Hallingbury Parish Council in the Village Hall at 7 pm
10	Friendship Club
11	Library Van - Bedlars Green 1.35pm - 1.55pm Woodside Green 2.05 - 2.25 pm
25	Library Van - Bedlars Green 1.35pm - 1.55pm Woodside Green 2.05 - 2.25 pm
25 - 28	Little Hallingbury Panto Group - <i>Sleeping Beauty</i> - Little Hallingbury Village Hall (see page 11)
<i>Future Events</i>	
7 Feb	Olive Branch - <i>Talk or Meditation</i> - the Rectory 2.15 pm
8 Feb	History Society - <i>Tilty Abbey</i> - Great Hallingbury Village Hall at 8 pm
22 Feb	WI - <i>Chelmsford Ballet Company</i> - Great Hallingbury Village Hall at 7.30 pm
25 Feb	Great Hallingbury Litter Picking (<i>date to be confirmed</i>)

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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