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Tł	HE CAL	ENDAR -	June 2017
4 тн	PENTEC	OST - WHIT S	SUNDAY
	10 am	St. Mary's	Family Service
11 тн	TRINITY	SUNDAY	
	8 am	St. Mary's	Holy Communion 1662
	10 am	St. Giles'	Morning Prayer
18 тн	FIRST S		<b>R</b> TRINITY
	10 am	St. Mary's	Common Worship Holy Communion
25 тн	SECONE	SUNDAY AF	TER TRINITY
	10 am	St. Giles'	Family Communion
A 1662 H	Holy Commu	nion Service is hel	d at St. Mary's Church each hless otherwise indicated
There a		ACKS available at e during all 10am	the back of each church for services.
JUNIOR		held at St Mary's ( HIRD Sunday of e	Church, Little Hallingbury, on each month.

#### ST. GILES' CHURCH - June 2017

#### **READERS AND SIDESMEN**

Date	Time	Reading	Reader	Sidesman
11th	10 am	Exodus 3, vv 1 - 6 John 17, vv 1 - 11	S. Sylvester P. Beaumont	C. Collins H. Jackson
25th	10 am	Matthew 10, vv 24 - 39	N. Knappett	C. Collins F. Townsend

#### **FLOWERS IN CHURCH**

June 11	Silk flowers / to be arranged
June 25	Silk flowers / to be arranged

#### **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).

#### **1**ST 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 will be open for visitors on Wednesday afternoons in summer 2017 from 2 pm to 4 pm commencing on 18th May

Please come and join us and have a cup of tea in our beautiful church.

Offers of help to act as stewards in the church would be very welcome. I

I Heather Hays

Churchwarden



## St. Giles' Church 100 Club

## May 2017

#### The draw took place on 28th May

The winners were:

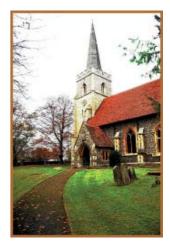
No. 2	Alan Walker	£25
No. 64	Alex Russell	£16
No. 32	Alison Hutley	£10

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

## **GIFT DAY**



# All contributions will be very welcome

## Sunday, 2nd July, 2017

#### 2 - 4 pm

#### **Cream teas will be served** (no charge but donations gratefully received)





#### The Olive Branch in The Hallingburys in June



#### Afternoon Tea at the Rectory

#### Tuesday, 6th June, at 3 pm

#### Outing with Happy Circle Members

#### Tuesday, 27th June

For more information, please contact the Secretary, Nita Sylvester, on 01279 723462

#### St Giles' at the Hallingbury Flower Show

16th July, 2017







The church is holding a stall at the Hallingbury Flower Show on 16th July where we would like to sell handicraft items and good china.

Please contact Kate Fuller (07774 159362) or Heather Hays (10279 651861) to make donations which would be gratefully received.













#### Church Letter - June 2017

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone for their good wishes, cards and gifts that I have received. It has all been quite humbling knowing how many people's

thoughts and prayers I have been in over the past few months. A heartfelt thanks to you all. There has been an amazing answer to prayer in that I have recovered remarkably well and have been told there is no further treatment although I will be kept an eye on for the next few years. In hindsight, the problem I had just before Christmas last year was a warning that enabled the doctors to discover an underlying issue that would have gone undetected otherwise, so in many ways it was a Godsend, although at the time I was not so pleased.

There were times when I wondered if I might see my 69<sup>th</sup> birthday and certainly if I would be in Ireland again which is where I am at present and writing this letter. Yet here I am and perhaps appreciating it more than I would had I not been given life-giving, although potentially life-threatening, surgery. Each day is a new day for which I can be truly thankful. One way in which I celebrated this is the fact that I have been able to add another High Cross to my collection of those that I have seen.

I have been fascinated by the High Crosses of Ireland since we came across our first one on an early trip to Ireland. One of our daughters and her family had come with us and we were travelling in two cars. In those days, without motorways, it took a great deal longer to travel from Dublin to Galway and we knew we would have to break the journey up but were not certain how. The car hire firm provided us with basic maps and on these places of interest were marked with a red star. Approximately where we thought we should take a break, there was a star marking Durrow High Cross and Abbey. Thinking that this indicated there would be the much-needed facilities, we decided to meet up there rather than trying to travel together. Just as well we did, I was doing the map reading and took a wrong turning. It was by some miracle that our daughter found the entrance to Durrow High Cross because there certainly weren't the facilities we had anticipated. She rang us on her mobile to say that she was by what appeared to be a park entrance with some rusty old fencing and a worn-out sign pointing to Durrow High Cross and St Columcille's well. She gave us instructions as to how she had found it and when we arrived, although disappointed to find there were no facilities, decided to explore. We entered by a rusty old gate and after a walk of about a quarter of a mile came across an old building which was unopen and another signpost to the well which was in the middle of a field. Having looked at the well, we decided that we would explore further beyond the building. Imagine our amazement when we saw a cross approximately two and a half metres tall and intricately carved with images from Christs' crucifixion. I later learnt that these are an important part of



Ireland's heritage as they are of Britain although they only remain in the Celtic areas, Cornwall, Wales, Northumbria etc. The cross is about 1000 years old. I felt it was a real blessing to have found this and subsequently made it my mission to find out more about these high crosses and see as many as I can. Incidentally, I have not been able to see Durrow High Cross again as the year after, when we attempted to, we discovered it had been placed in the abbey behind it in the picture and this has only within the last four years been open to the public. The cross is such an important

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part of all our heritage and yet sometimes it is hidden or left to decay. At one time, high crosses were across the whole of Britain; everywhere with the name *Cross* in the title would have had a cross in the heart of the place. They were signs of and means of telling the Gospel story. Many of course were destroyed by those who felt it was wrong to carve stone images and yet how much we have lost by the destruction of something that could be used to tell us the good news of what Christ has done for us.

I am very grateful that I have been able to have the opportunity to view another high cross but more than that I am very grateful to the one whose story is often depicted on these who gives me life - new every day.

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# GREAT HALLINGBURY HISTORY SOCIETY

#### Wednesday, 14th June, 2017

following the AGM

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

Entrance Fee Including Refreshments: £2.00 for Members £3.00 for Non-members

Membership £5 pa

Everyone is welcome, so do join us

## **The Hallingbury Choir**

#### Presents



## Songs from the Shows

#### LITTLE HALLINGBURY VILLAGE HALL

#### Saturday 17 June 2017 at 7.30pm

Admission by Ticket £5.00

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



Please bring your own DRINKS and GLASSES



# Great and Little Hallingbury Flower Show

*Gaston House, Gaston Green Little Hallingbury CM22 7QS* 

SUNDAY, 16th JULY, 2017 12 noon - 4 pm

Schedules are available at the Little Hallingbury Post Office and on the website or, if you contact us at oriel@hallingburyflowershow. com, we can email you a pdf. You can view the schedule and enter online on our website: www.hallingburyflowershow.com

Great Hallingbury Masked Ball

24th June 2017 At the Village Hall

You are invited to a fabulus evening to celebrate mid-summer and will be transported to a scene from Venice

There is no specific dress code, feel free to dress up Masks essential

Dancing 'til late Gold buffet, Disco and atmosphere supplied Bring your own drink Children, families and friends welcome

> Tickets: Adults £20 Child £5 Profits to Village hall fund.

Tickets and further information: Vicky Wing 07983896298 OR 658 542 Sue Gray 07456082406 Email vicky.wng@btinternet.com

## Great Hallingbury Village Hall





# Saturday, 1st July,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)

Bring your own food and drink

Have another convivial evening - Support the Village Hall

#### PARISH DIARY - June 2017

6	Olive Branch - Afternoon Tea - The Rectory 3 pm
8	General Election
13	Friendship Club
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14	Library Van - Bedlars Green 1.35pm - 1.55pm Woodside Green 2.05 - 2.25 pm
14	History Society - Essex Past - The County Our Parents Knew + AGM - Village Hall 8 pm
17	Hallingbury Choir - Songs from the Shows - Little Hallingbury Village Hall 7.30 pm
24	Midsummer Masked Ball - Village Hall
24/25	St Clare Hospice Open Gardens Weekend
27	Olive Branch - Outing with Happy Circle members
28	Library Van - Bedlars Green 1.35pm - 1.55pm
	Woodside Green 2.05 - 2.25 pm
28	WI - Mystery Meeting - Village Hall 7.30 pm
28	NWEEHPA AGM - Priors Green Community Hall, Little Canfield 8 pm
Futur	e Events
1 July	Village Hall <i>Summer Quiz Night</i> - Village Hall 7.30 for 8pm
2 July	St Giles' Gift Day - open for teas 2 - 4 pm
3 July	Great Hallingbury Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall 8pm
4 July	Olive Branch - Social Meeting - The Rectory 2.15 pm
16	Hallingbury Flower Show - Gaston House, Little
July	Hallingbury 12 noon - 4 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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