

**Great Hallingbury
Parish News**
March 2017



THE CALENDAR - *March 2017*

5 TH	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT		
	10 am	St. Mary's	Family Service
12 TH	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT		
	8 am	St. Mary's	Holy Communion 1662
	10 am	St. Giles'	Morning Prayer
	<i>Followed by the St. Giles' Annual Parish Meeting</i>		
19 TH	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT		
	10 am	St. Mary's	Common Worship Holy Communion
	<i>Followed by the St. Mary's Annual Parish Meeting</i>		
26 TH	MOTHERING SUNDAY		
	10 am	St. Mary's	Mothering Sunday Service



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 - *March 2017*

READERS AND SIDESMEN

Date	Time	Reading	Reader	Sidesman
12th	10 am	Genesis 12, vv 1 - 4a John 3, vv 1 - 17	E Robinson R Robinson	C. Collins F. Townsend

FLOWERS IN CHURCH

No flowers during Lent

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.

ST. GILES' VESTRY & ANNUAL PARISH CHURCH MEETING

Sunday, 12th March, 2017

The meeting will be held after the St. Giles' 10 am service on Sunday, 12th March, 2017.

All parishioners of Great Hallingbury are welcome to attend and those whose names are on the Church Electoral Roll are entitled to vote during the proceedings.



St. Giles' Church 100 Club

February 2017

The draw took place on 26th February

The winners were:

No. 25	Jean Roberts	£25
No. 93	Christine Wright	£15
No. 50	Pat Larby	£9

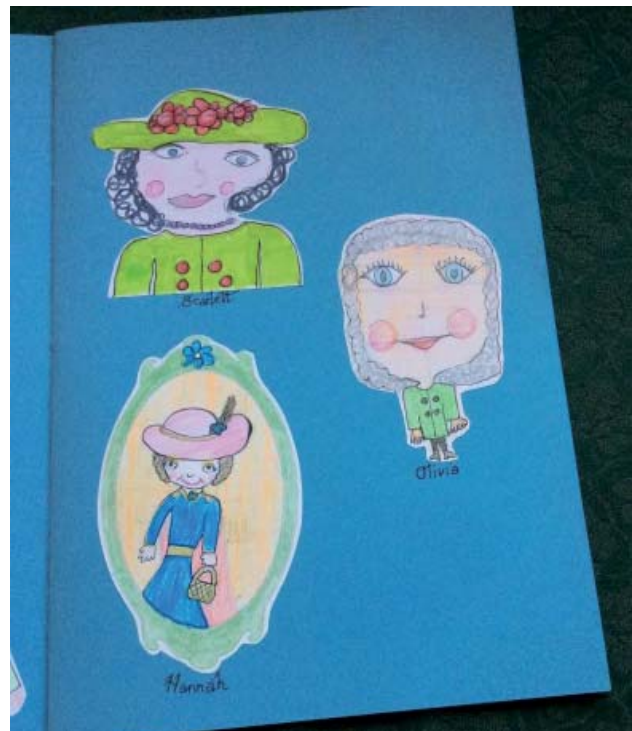
The prize money is 50% of the membership fees taken in February. The remaining 50% will be used to help maintain the fabric of our beautiful and historic village church.

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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Great Hallingbury Brownies'



Christmas Card to the Queen



SANDRINGHAM HOUSE

To: 1st Great Hallingbury Brownies

The Queen wishes me to thank you very much for the splendid handmade card you have sent for Christmas and the New Year.

Although unable to reply to you personally, Her Majesty was touched by the care you have taken with your artwork and it was very kind of you to tell The Queen about the afternoon tea that you held in honour of her ninetieth birthday.

Following a year of special birthday celebrations for both Her Majesty and The Duke of Edinburgh, The Queen is most grateful for your thoughtfulness in writing as you did and hopes you, too, had a happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.

Lady-in-Waiting

6th February 2017

Church Letter - March 2017

I
have not
failed; I have just
found 10,000 ways that
won't work.
Thomas Edison

Failure
should be our teacher, not
our undertaker. It is a delay, not a
defeat. It is a temporary detour, not a
dead end street.
William A. Ward.

It is
impossible to
live without failing at
something, unless you live
so cautiously that you might
as well not have lived at all
- in which case you fail by
default.
J.K. Rowling

Good
people are good
because they've come to
wisdom through failure. We get
very little wisdom from success,
you know.
William Saroyan.

Do not
judge me by my successes,
judge me by how many times I fell
down and got back up again.
Nelson Mandela

The idea of failure might seem a strange topic for a Church letter and yet it is such an important part of life as the quotes above suggest. It is often through failure that we learn the most. If we only do what we can already do, we never push ourselves to achieve more, learn to do something new, fulfil our true capabilities and reach our full potential.

Of course God knows our true capabilities and full potential. He has a plan for each and every one of us. He knows what we can really do if we put our minds to it and take that extra step. In Education Sunday this year we looked at the story of Jonah. The man who was asked by God to do something he really didn't want to; something that was hard and difficult and unpleasant. Rather than facing up to his task, Jonah runs away and jumps aboard a boat sailing in the opposite direction. God is angered and sends a storm and Jonah, realising he is to blame for the plight of his

fellow sailors, is thrown overboard whereupon he is eaten by a sea creature. His time inside the belly of the sea creature gives him an opportunity to think and pray and talk to God and finally he agrees to take on the task God had set him. (For a fuller account read the Book of Jonah in the Old Testament).

It is unlikely the story is true but, like the parables in the New Testament, it is written to make a point; it is only when Jonah completely trusted in God and followed him faithfully that he was saved from his plight. Because Jonah failed, he was forced to think carefully about his situation and face up to the task he was challenged with. God does not call the equipped but he equips those whom he calls. We need to trust in God and he will help us to achieve what we are meant to achieve.

I wonder how many of us are being called by God. How many of us are ignoring God's plan for us? How many of us are even listening? I often hear people say, *Oh I would come to Church but we are busy on a Sunday* or *I would love to sing in the choir - maybe I'll come along in the New Year/after Easter/in the autumn...* Others simply dismiss the church, seeing it as having nothing to do with their lives. But are they being a bit too like Jonah? How can they say the Church has no relevance when they have never been?

Others who attend church regularly are just as guilty of being like Jonah. When did any of us really listen to God's call, really seek out God's plan for us? With the annual Church meetings coming up (12th March St Giles' and 19th March St Mary's) there are always new posts that need to be filled. Why not prayerfully consider whether you are reaching the full potential that God can see in you? Could you be the next Churchwarden? Or serve on the PCC? Or help with teas and coffees?

My challenge for everyone this Lent is to come along to one of the Church services throughout the week and listen for what God's plan might be for you. Maybe you will hear God's call. Maybe you won't, but what have you got to lose? Or are you too afraid of failure?

Caroline Harding LLM.

The Olive Branch in the Hallingburys



On 7th February, Revd. Janice Green led us in a very relaxing afternoon. It started with relaxing, de-stressing exercises then Janice played some calming religious music and gave us a *Jesus* prayer to repeat - *Jesus, Son of God have mercy on me*. We were all so relaxed after this that nobody wanted to move but tea/coffee and cake got us all going again.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, 7th March, at 2.15 p.m. at the Rectory when there will be a quiz about music.

Nita Sylvester



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.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Funeral

Alexander Campbell (Alex) Gibson	(86 yrs)	26 November	St. Mary's
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GREAT HALLINGBURY HISTORY SOCIETY



The History of the National Trust

by

Veronica Bennett

Wednesday, 8th March, 2017



**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

Companion Dog Show



in aid of Animal Rescue Charity,
Rye Street, Bishop's Stortford

Sunday, April 9th, 2017

Great Hallingbury Village Hall & Field

Breed - Obedience - Novelty Classes

Entry fees £2 each class

Entries on field from 11 am

Judging starts at 12 noon

Stalls

Refreshments

Raffle

A PLEASANT FAMILY DAY OUT

Enquiries: 01279 654046

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

PARISH DIARY - March 2017

6	Great Hallingbury Parish Council Meeting in the Village Hall at 7 pm
7	Olive Branch Music Quiz at The Rectory at 2.15 pm
8	Library Van - Bedlars Green 1.35pm - 1.55pm Woodside Green 2.05 - 2.25 pm
8	History Society <i>The History of the National Trust</i> in Great Hallingbury Village Hall at 8 pm
11	Great Hallingbury Village Hall <i>Quiz Night</i> in the Village Hall at 7.30 for 8 pm
12	St Giles' Annual Parish Meeting in St Giles' Church after the 10 am service
14	Friendship Club
22	Library Van - Bedlars Green 1.35pm - 1.55pm Woodside Green 2.05 - 2.25 pm
22	Great Hallingbury WI Open Meeting <i>Man on the Spot - reflections on 50 years as a journalist and Broadcaster</i> in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm
27	Great Hallingbury Annual Parish Meeting in the Village Hall at 8 pm
<i>Future Events</i>	
4 Apr	Olive Branch in the Rectory at 2.15 pm
12 April	History Society <i>Essex Seaside Heritage</i> in the Village Hall at 8 pm
26 April	WI in Great Hallingbury Village Hall at 7.30 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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