



THE CALENDAR - May 2017

7 тн	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER		
	10 am	St. Mary's	Family Service
14 тн	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER		
	8 am	St. Mary's	Holy Communion 1662
	10 am	St. Giles'	Morning Prayer
21 ST	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER		
	10 am	St. Mary's	Common Worship Holy Communion
	Christian Aid Week and Rogation Ramble Walk from St Mary's Church to St Giles' Church followed by lunch at 12.30 pm		
28 тн	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER		
	10 am	St. Giles'	Family Communion

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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 - May 2017

READERS AND SIDESMEN

Date	Time	Reading	Reader	Sidesman
14th	10 am	1 Peter 2, vv 2 - 10 Acts 7, vv 55 - end	M. King B. Beaumont	J. O'Brien A. Trim
28th	10 am	Acts 1, vv 6 - 14		C. Collins F. Townsend

FLOWERS IN CHURCH

May 14 To be arranged / Silk Flowers
May 28th To be arranged / 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
is now open for visitors
on Wednesday afternoons
from May to September 2017
from 2 pm to 4 pm
commencing on
10th 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 Heather Hays

Churchwarden |

St Clare Hospice

St Clare Hospice is your local hospice caring for people with a whole range of life-limiting illnesses. Over £4 million a year is needed towards providing services,

free of charge to local people. Will you help them?

Tee off for St Clare!

Epping Rotary Club's popular annual Golf Day is back for 2017 and will be offering a tee-rrific time!



Come and take part in a round of golf at the beautiful Saffron Walden Golf Club - set in the picturesque grounds of Audley End's mansion. Once you have had your fill on the golf course, relax over an evening meal and take part in our charity auction - all in aid of St Clare Hospice.

Tickets cost £75 per person or £300 for a team of 4 - so get your golfing friends together and spend a day teeing off for St Clare!



Open Gardens: Calling all green-fingered folk!

It's that time again for the blooming

marvellous St Clare Hospice Open Gardens!

The Open Gardens Weekend on 24/25 June, featuring more than 20 gardens across both Uttlesford and Harlow, is an opportunity to explore some of the area's hidden treasures and best-kept green spaces. It is a must for all lovers of flora and fauna.

Entry to all the participating gardens is by brochure only. They cost £5 and contain the details and locations of all the gardens that will be open over the weekend.

For more information, please get in touch with the St Clare Community Fundraising Lead Dani De'ath. Call on 01279 773738 or 07718 257704 or email dani@stclarehospice.org.uk



St. Giles' Church 100 Club April 2017

The draw took place on 23rd April

The winners were:

No. 72	Kate Fuller	£25
No. 82	David Collins	£10
No. 58	Henry Schwier	£10

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

If you are interested in joining The 100 Club, please contact Heather or Philip Hays for further details. Tel: 01279 651851 e-mail: philipandheatherhays@googlemail.com

Church Letter - May 2017

For a number of years now the United Benefice of St Giles' Church, Great Hallingbury, and St Mary's Church, Little Hallingbury, have celebrated Rogation Sunday with a community walk from one church to the other. Upon arrival at the receiving church the walkers have enjoyed a Ploughman's lunch and fellowship with those they have walked with and are joined by those members of the churches who were unable to walk the distance. The route takes the travellers through the fields and glorious countryside we all enjoy in the Hallingburys. The Ploughman's lunch aims to raise much needed funds for Christian Aid, as we celebrate Rogation Sunday at the end of Christian Aid week.

The word *Rogation* comes from the Latin verb *rogare - to ask*. During the Rogation walk we ask for God's blessing upon all the crops of the fields and for his protection of the crops from calamities.

A common feature of Rogation days in former times was the ceremony of *beating the bounds* in which a procession of parishioners, led by the minister, churchwarden and choirboys, would proceed around the boundary of their parish and pray for its protection in the forthcoming year. This was also known as *Gang-day* after the old English name for going or walking.

Although not a formally recognised festival in the current Common Worship book of services, a number of rural parishes still like to mark the occasion in some way with services outside in fields and special prayers said. The date of Rogation Sunday is movable, although usually celebrated around Ascension Day.

As a Christian, seeing the beauty of the world with all its many natural wonders only confirms a creator God who made all things, visible and invisible. Living in this beautiful part of Essex with a plethora of flora and fauna in our own back gardens, we can take for granted the variety of life which surrounds us. If you speak to people living a mere 35 miles away in Central London,

their gardens are visited by few birds and urban foxes, rats and squirrels are the main wild animals they encounter; the night sky reveals only a fraction of the stars we can see here.

This year Rogation Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, 21st May, with a walk from St Mary's, Little Hallingbury, to St Giles', Great Hallingbury. Anyone is welcome to join us and enjoy a fairly gentle walk of approximately 1.5 miles and share in a lunch at St Giles' afterwards. Meet at St Mary's Church at 11.15am with walking boots, water bottle and waterproofs - this is England after all.

Caroline Harding LLM.

FROM THE REGISTERS			
Baptism			
Jacob Caimin McCraith		2 April	St. Mary's
Wedding			
Nicola Simmons & Charles Thomas Lindsay Camp		1 April	St. Mary's
Funerals			
Ronald Charles Coultrup	(87 yrs)	17 March	St. Giles'
June Christine Foster	(75 yrs)	22 March	St. Mary's

The Olive Branch in The Hallingburys

At our April meeting, Hilary Hedderick, who is a member of the West Essex and East Herts Roydon Spinning Guild, gave us a talk about spinning. Although Hilary lives in Harlow, she is known to many of us as an active member of Hallingbury Choir and for attending local events with her spinning wheel and showing some of the lovely things she has made. The spinning wheel which Hilary showed us is from Germany and is very similar to the ones used in Shetland. The wheel as seen in Sleeping Beauty is larger and has a large needle sticking out,



hence the evil finger-prick.

Spinning has been done for ten thousand years or longer and textiles from five thousand years B.C. have been found. When fleece is supplied by Harlow Pets' Corner, the spinners spin on the day and give the Pets' corner a square of their work. Hilary showed us 8 different shades of fleece from different breeds

of sheep, one of them a lovely orangy colour. She pulled out a tuft to show the length of the fleece. The length pulled out is called a staple, the shorter ones being more difficult to work with. There are 22 main shades of Alpaca, with some in between. Llama and camel hair are also used, besides goat, rabbit and angora. Hilary has not worked with camel hair nor with flax, as flax requires the use of water.

Some people have asked Hilary to make something from the fur of their cat or dog. There is someone who supplies Hilary with fur from their dog Sydney, a Samoyed, every six months. While, these days, carders are used to comb out the fleece, teasels used to be used as can a toothcomb.

Hilary's group went to show their skill at the Roman Exhibition at the British Museum, where a Roman street was re-created out of cardboard.

On Tuesday, 2nd May we meet for a social meeting at 2.15 p.m in the Rectory.

Nita Sylvester

Advance notice: on June 6th, instead of a lunch, there will be Afternoon Tea at 3 p.m. at the Rectory.

Garden Open

Longridge, Sawbridgeworth Road, Hatfield Heath CM22 7DR



Saturday/Sunday May 27 & 28

for Grove Cottage (MENCAP).

Saturday 10 a.m. - 4.30 p.m.

Sunday 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Beautiful garden

lots of entertainment both days

singer Jess Daugirda Ukes of Hazard (Ukulele)

SOSA dancers Anwaar Belly Dance

Epping Green Community Choir BSUS (Bishop's Stortford Ukulele Group)

Crafts, jewellery, books, hundreds of plants for sale. Head massage by Izzy. Coffee and delicious cakes.

Save the Dates

and support Great Hallingbury Village Hall



Great Hallingbury Village Hall

QUIZ NIGHTS

Raising funds to improve the Village Hall



Saturday, 1st July, 2017 Saturday, 14th October 2017

Have another convivial evening Support the Village Hall

GREAT HALLINGBURY HISTORY SOCIETY



The Temple of Claudius at Colchester and Emperor Worship in the West

Mark Davies

Wednesday, 10th May, 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

PARISH DIARY - May 2017

2	Olive Branch - Social Meeting - The Rectory 2.15 pm
3	Library Van - Bedlars Green 1.35pm - 1.55pm
	Woodside Green 2.05 - 2.25 pm
8	Great Hallingbury Parish Council Meeting & AGM -
	Village Hall 8 pm
9	Friendship Club
10	History Society - Temple of Claudius at Colchester -
	Village Hall 8 pm
17	Library Van - Bedlars Green 1.35pm - 1.55pm
	Woodside Green 2.05 - 2.25 pm
23	Olive Branch -Outing with Happy Circle members
24	WI - Bishops Stortford Food Bank Mione Goldspink -
	Village Hall 7.30 pm
31	Library Van - Bedlars Green 1.35pm - 1.55pm
	Woodside Green 2.05 - 2.25 pm
Futur	e Events
6	Olive Branch - Afternoon Tea - The Rectory 3 pm
June	
14	History Society - AGM - Village Hall 8 pm
June	
24	Midsummer Masked Ball - Great Hallingbury Village
June	Hall

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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SAVE THE DATE!SUNDAY 16TH JULY, 12 -4PM GASTON HOUSE, GASTON GREEN

Please continue to send your contributions for the magazine to Mrs. Christine Coultrup, Pantiles, Bedlars Green, Great Hallingbury or email to cj@coultruponline.com before the 20th of month previous to publication