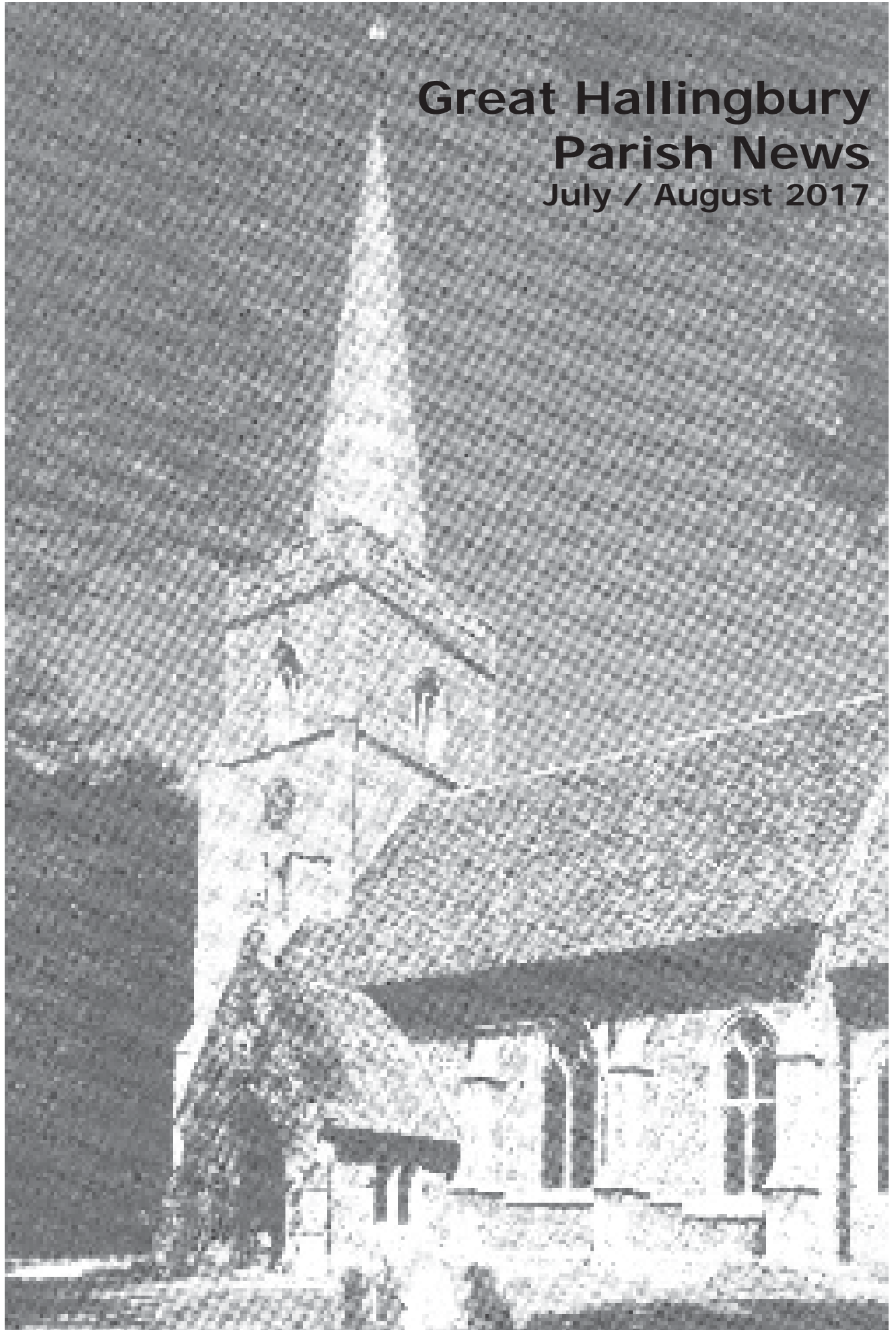


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Parish News
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THE CALENDAR - *July 2017*

2 ND	THIRD SUNDAY OF TRINITY		
	10 am	St. Mary's	Family Service
9 TH	FOURTH SUNDAY OF TRINITY		
	8 am	St. Mary's	Holy Communion 1662
	10 am	St. Giles'	Morning Prayer
16 TH	FIFTH SUNDAY OF TRINITY		
	10 am	St. Mary's	Common Worship Holy Communion
23 RD	SIXTH SUNDAY OF TRINITY		
	10 am	St. Giles'	Family Communion
30 TH	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF TRINITY		
	10 am	St. Giles'	Family Communion



THE CALENDAR - *August 2017*

6 TH	TRANSFIGURATION		
	10 am	St. Mary's	Family Service
13 TH	NINTH SUNDAY OF TRINITY		
	8 am	St. Mary's	Holy Communion 1662
	10 am	St. Giles'	Morning Prayer
20 TH	TENTH SUNDAY OF TRINITY		
	10 am	St. Mary's	Common Worship Holy Communion
27 TH	ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF TRINITY		
	10 am	St. Giles'	Family Communion

ST. GILES' CHURCH - *July & August 2017*

READERS AND SIDESMEN

Date	Time	Reading	Reader	Sidesman
9th July	10 am	Zechariah 9, vv 9 - 12 Matthew 11, vv 16 - 19, 25 - 30	R. Robinson P. Beaumont	M. Swann J. O'Brien
23rd July	10 am	Matthew 13, vv 24 - 30, 36 - 43	B. Beaumont	G Richardson L. Richardson
30th July	10 am	Matthew 13, vv 31 - 33, 44 - 52	J. Perryman	C. Collins F. Townsend
13th Aug	10 am	1 Kings 19, vv 9 - 18 Matthew 14, vv 22 - 33	S. Sylvester P. Green	F. Gregory J. Roberts
27th Aug	10 am	Matthew 16, vv 13 - 20	A. Trim	C. Collins F. Townsend

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.

FLOWERS IN CHURCH

July 9

Heather Hays

July 23, 30, August 13, 27

Silk Flowers / tba

If any parishioner would like to provide a floral arrangement for any of the above Sunday Services, please contact Heather Hays on 01279 651851. Thank you

CHOIR PRACTICE

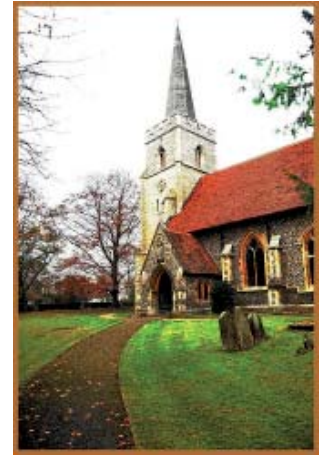
The choirs of St. Giles' and St. Mary's meet on Friday evenings at 7.15pm at St. Mary's. For details, contact Mrs. Patricia Larby (tel: 812468) or Mr. Chris Harding (tel: 503947).

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

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)*





**St Giles' Church
will be open for visitors
on Wednesday afternoons
in summer 2017
from 2 pm to 4 pm**

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.

Heather Hays

Churchwarden

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 - July 2017

Sometimes it can be so difficult to find the right words, or even to find adequate words, to make sense of what we witness. The recent terror attacks in Manchester and London, together with the tragic fire in Grenfell Tower, have, to quote Her Majesty, left the nation in *a very sombre national mood*.

There is a song in the musical *My Fair Lady* where Elisa Doolittle has been taught by Professor Higgins how to pronounce pretty much every word in the English Dictionary. When her suitor, Freddie Emsford-Hill, begins to court her with yet more words she sings *Words, words, words, I'm so sick of words... Don't talk of stars burning above. If you're in love, show me! Don't talk about it, show me with your actions.* The families who have been left grieving for the loss of a loved one or their home don't want clever speeches from Politicians, they want to see some action, they want justice, they want somewhere to live, they want to know what their futures might be. We often want someone to blame. Whose fault was it?

On July 3rd, the Church remembers Saint Thomas, the disciple who dared to stand up and say he did not believe that Jesus Christ has risen from the dead, an action which earned him the name *Doubting Thomas*. But today many people stand with Thomas, questioning God's authority and His very existence. How could a loving Father stand by and watch all this happen?

I wonder whether any of us have repeatedly told a child not to do something because they could hurt themselves. My mother's favourite saying was, *It'll all end in tears*. How often, despite a parent's warning, has the inevitable happened and the child ended up in tears?

Is this how God feels, as he has to stand and watch his children hurt each other and themselves? He gives us guidance on how to live which can simply be summarised in two statements: *Love me* and *love each other*. If we took care and looked after each other; if we did not try to cut corners when building multi-

occupancy social housing; if we celebrated our diversity and difference rather than fearing it; if we welcomed the stranger into our home, into this country, as one of our brothers and sisters in Christ, would the tragedies of recent weeks still have happened?

So where is God in all this? I return again to a speech given by Her Majesty the Queen during the Trooping of the Colour.

I have been profoundly struck by the immediate inclination of people throughout the country to offer comfort and support to those in desperate need. Put to the test, the United Kingdom has been resolute in the face of adversity. United in our sadness, we are equally determined, without fear or favour, to support all those rebuilding lives so horribly affected by injury and loss.

God, acting through us, through the Holy Spirit, responds. If we put ourselves before others, profit before people, we are not following God's commandments of loving each other. If we stand by while our fellow human beings live in unsafe conditions, putting their lives at risk, and do nothing, we are not following God's commandments. If we fail to respond to our fellow man at a time of great need, fail to help, fail to do all we can, we are not following God's commandments.

Now as we face the future, we need to turn our hearts and minds towards building a nation that truly cares for each other, where all can find a welcome, a future and a hope.

Caroline Harding



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.

The Olive Branch in the Hallingburys



This June, instead of a Summer Lunch we enjoyed afternoon Tea in the Rectory with sandwiches, scones with cream and jam and cake. The raffle and donations resulted in £140 being sent to Home Start, which is an organisation that gives



support and friendship to families who have young children and are struggling. If there are any problems, Home Start refers the family to another relevant organisation.

There will be no meeting in August so after July's social gathering at the Rectory on 4th July, we shall be meeting at Barker's Mead where Andrew and Amanda Trim will be hosting a light lunch on Tuesday, 5th September, at 12.30 p.m. for 1 o'clock.

Nita Sylvester

FROM THE REGISTERS			
<i>Baptism</i>			
Kirsty Ann Woodcock		21 May	St. Mary's
Ella Patricia Elms		21 May	St. Mary's
<i>Wedding</i>			
Kathriona McCann & Mark Anthony Davison		3 June	St. Giles'
<i>Funerals</i>			
Dudley Neville Pratt	(87 yrs)	16 May	St. Mary's
Jack Westley Hayden	(89 yrs)	23 May	St. Mary's
Patricia Lucile Towne Ellis	(83 yrs)	31 May	St. Giles'



St. Giles' Church 100 Club

June 2017

The draw took place on 25th June

The winners were:

No. 96	Karen Milton	£25
No. 32	Alison Hutley	£16
No. 10	Pauline Beaumont	£10

The prize money is 50% of the membership fees taken in June. 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 Village Hall

**SUMMER
QUIZ
NIGHT**



Raising funds to improve the Village Hall

GOOD PRIZES AND RAFFLE

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



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

PARISH DIARY - *July 2017*

1	Great Hallingbury Village Hall Committee - <i>Summer Quiz Night</i> - Village Hall 7.30 for 8 pm
3	Great Hallingbury Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall 8 pm
4	Olive Branch - <i>Social Meeting</i> - The Rectory 2.15 pm
11	Friendship Club
12	Library Van - Bedlars Green 1.35pm - 1.55pm Woodside Green 2.05 - 2.25 pm
16	Great & Little Hallingbury <i>Flower Show</i>
23	Gardens of Easton Lodge - <i>World War II Open Day</i>
26	Library Van - Bedlars Green 1.35pm - 1.55pm Woodside Green 2.05 - 2.25 pm
26	WI - <i>Bumblebees and your Garden</i> - John Taylor - Great Hallingbury Village Hall 7.30 pm
<i>August 2017</i>	
8	Friendship Club
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20	Gardens of Easton Lodge - <i>Woodwind of Stortford</i>
23	Library Van - Bedlars Green 1.35pm - 1.55pm Woodside Green 2.05 - 2.25 pm
23	WI - <i>Members Day</i> - Great Hallingbury Village Hall 7.30 pm
<i>Future Events</i>	
5 Sept	Olive Branch - <i>Light Lunch</i> - Barkers Mead 12.30 for 1 pm
11 Sept	Great Hallingbury Parish Council Meeting - Village Hall 8 pm

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