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THE CALENDAR - *May 2016*

1 ST	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER		
	10 am	St. Mary's	Family Service
8 TH	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER		
	8 am	St. Mary's	Holy Communion 1662
	10 am	St. Giles'	Morning Prayer
15 TH	PENTECOST		
	10 am	St. Mary's	Common Worship Holy Communion
22 ND	TRINITY SUNDAY		
	10 am	St. Giles'	Family Communion
	<p>Followed by a walk from St. Giles' to St. Mary's for the able-bodied and then a CHRISTIAN AID lunch at approx 12.30 pm to which all are welcome.</p>		
29 TH	FIRST SUNDAY OF TRINITY		
	10 am	St. Mary's	United Benefice 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

ST. GILES' CHURCH - *May 2016*

READERS AND SIDESMEN

Date	Time	Reading	Reader	Sidesman
8th	10 am	Acts 16, vv 16 - 34 John 17, vv 20 - 26	M. King B. Beaumont	F. Gregory J. Roberts
22nd	10 am	Proverbs 8, vv 1 - 4 and 22 - 31	Ducasse Family	C. Collins F. Townsend

FLOWERS IN CHURCH

May 8	Heather Hays
May 15	Wedding
May 22	Heather Hays
May 29	Wedding

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
will be open for visitors
on Wednesday afternoons
in summer 2016
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.

Heather Hays

Churchwarden

Volunteer Uttlesford

Whether you need help or aspire to enable and empower others, we are here to connect you with the right service. 14 or 90 years old, an individual, an organisation or a charity, we have volunteering opportunities for all.

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Time on your hands this summer?

Youth Volunteers contribute their time, energy and skills to benefit their community. Volunteering will help you to gain experience, learn new skills, enhance your CV, and build self-confidence, equipping you for the jobs market. Voluntary work is rewarding, demanding, tiring, worthwhile and FUN.

Over 200 volunteering opportunities for 16-18 year olds

- ◆ Film enthusiasts for cinema front of house duties
- ◆ Befriend people with dementia in your local community
- ◆ Savvy sorters needed by local charity shops
- ◆ Local football associations need your help
- ◆ Maintain and conserve local historic gardens
- ◆ Make life easier for both patients in hospital and their families
- ◆ Get fit, make friends, grow organic fruit and veg
- ◆ Love animals care for a variety of small and large animals
- ◆ Deliver sensory stories to local children in libraries during the summer holidays
- ◆ Have fun on the play bus to help with children's activities

Connect Volunteer Uttlesford with the world via Facebook and Twitter

**Volunteering can change your world;
wherever you are, whatever you're into**



St. Giles' Church 100 Club

April 2016

The draw took place on 24th April

The winners were:

No. 92	John Oliver	£26
No. 39	Joyce Chapman	£13
No. 17	Doreen Milton	£7.50

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 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

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Church Letter - May 2016

There are three major festivals that Christians celebrate, Christmas, Easter and Pentecost, or Whitsun as this third celebration was also known until fairly recently. The seventh Sunday after Easter was and still is referred to as Whit-Sunday in the Book of Common Prayer. Everyone knows of Easter and Christmas but Pentecost seems to have disappeared, probably because it is no longer linked to a Bank Holiday. It was as long ago as 1967 when the Whitsun Bank Holiday in the UK was replaced by the Spring Bank Holiday with a fixed date of the last Monday in May. Other European countries still seem to cope with a moveable date which is what happens if you celebrate the Seventh Sunday after Easter, whether you call it Whit-Sunday or Pentecost.

I can remember Hatfield Broad Oak's flower festival being referred to as occurring over the Whitsun weekend. What I cannot remember, although some of the older people in my congregations can, are the Whit Walks which are still held in some of parts of the country. Typically, the parades include brass bands and choirs; girls attending are dressed in white which is probably where the title Whitsun came from as it was often on Whit-Sunday that people were confirmed and the girls would wear white clothing for this.

Whit-Sunday and Pentecost are interchangeable in the Christian tradition. They celebrate the same thing, the time when new life was breathed into the disciples and the Church was born because they went out into the world proclaiming the good news that Jesus had died and risen again so that we might be reconciled to God, that we might know the forgiveness of sins and have eternal life.

It is because of this that our Archbishops are calling the church in the UK to a week for prayer for evangelism, "*for the renewal of the Holy Spirit and the confidence to share (our) faith*" over Pentecost (8-15 May).

Archbishops Justin and John write: *"At the heart of our prayers will be words that Jesus himself taught us - 'Thy kingdom come, thy will be done'. It is impossible to overstate the life-transforming power of the Lord's Prayer. It is a prayer that is reassuring enough to be on the lips of the dying and yet dangerous enough to be banned in cinemas. It is famous enough to be spoken each day by billions in hundreds of languages and yet intimate enough to draw us ever closer into friendship with Jesus Christ. It is simple enough to be memorised by small children and yet profound enough to sustain a whole lifetime of prayer. When we pray it with sincerity and with joy, there is no imagining the new ways in which God can use us to his glory."*

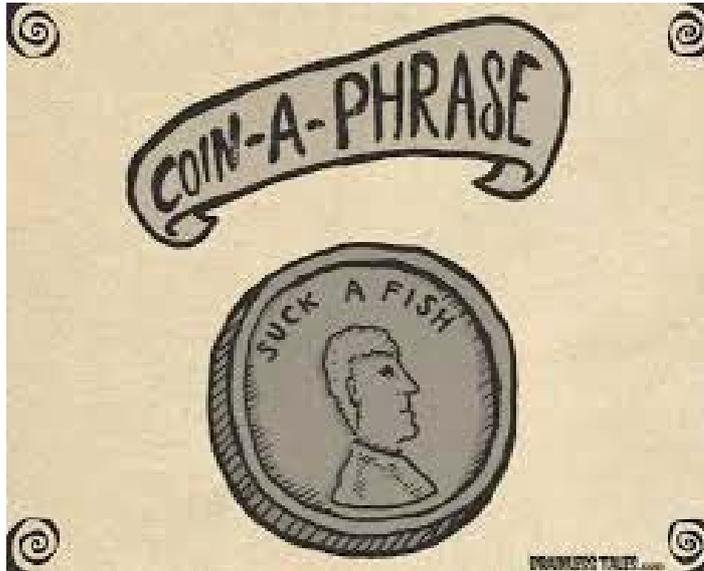
Let's believe amazing things can happen, in our country and around the world!

Janice

FROM THE REGISTERS			
<i>Funerals</i>			
Joyce Olive Catton	(91 years)	30 March	Parndon Wood
Adelheide Elrfiede Greenfield (Heidi)	(89 years)	31 March	St. Giles'

GREAT HALLINGBURY HISTORY SOCIETY

To coin a phrase



a light hearted lecture exploring the origins of
some expressions we use in everyday conversation

by

Meryl Catty

Wednesday, 11th May, 2016

Meetings are held in the Village Hall At 8pm

Entrance Fee Including Refreshments:

£2.00 for Members

£3.00 for Non-members

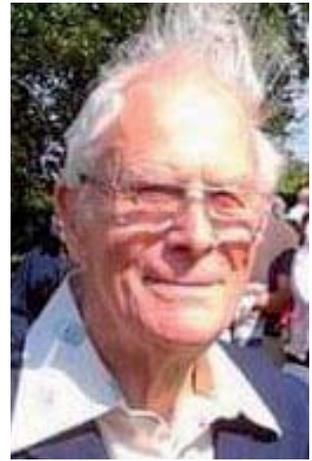
Membership £5 pa

Everyone is welcome, so do join us

Eric Rogers

Chairman of the Hallingbury Flower Show

Tribute by Geoff Petts who succeeded Eric Rogers as Chairman.



Nice is not a word I use often. I find it a little colourless, but Eric was a genuinely nice man. Quiet, never attention seeking. Someone who just got on with the job. In the context of the Flower Show, *an unsung hero*.

I took over from him as Chairman of the show in 1993. I was a new boy, an outsider and Eric didn't really know me but, along with Betty, Ron Eldred and other long standing members of the committee, he could not have been more supportive.

His wealth of experience was invaluable and I was pleased to be able to suggest to the Royal Horticultural Society that they honour him with a medal for long and outstanding service.

I was the new figurehead of the show but Eric continued to be an essential part of the *engine room*. A wealth of knowledge, with a head full of names, results and statistics. From runner beans to luscious lemon cakes, Eric knew the number of entries and the names of past winners.

For many years he and Betty were the show, working tirelessly behind the scenes in the weeks leading up to the event; working non stop on the day itself and in the days following, making sure all the trophies were engraved.

Much of what we see and enjoy in the show today is down to the successful format that Eric devised over many years. The Flower Show is one of the highlights of the year in Great and Little Hallingbury and the always modest Eric Rogers helped make it such an integral part of life in the two villages.

REMINDER: *This year's Flower Show is on Sunday, 24th July, 2016, with judging the day before, at Harps Farm, Great Hallingbury, from noon to 4 pm.*

Great Hallingbury Village Hall



SUMMER QUIZ NIGHT

Raising funds to improve the Village Hall

Saturday, 2nd July, 2016

Great Hallingbury Village Hall 7.30 pm for 8 pm

GOOD PRIZES AND RAFFLE

£5 per person at the door - tables 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 Hallingbury Village Hall Committee

Flower Arranging Demonstration

SPRING SPECIAL



Thursday, 12th
May, 2016

1.30 - 4 pm

with afternoon tea and a
raffle in Great Hallingbury
Village Hall



Tickets £6.50

Contact Valerie Walker
01279 465663



PARISH DIARY - May 2016

3 rd	Olive Branch - <i>Social Meeting</i> - The Rectory 2.15 pm
4 th	Library Van - Bedlars Green 1.35pm - 1.55pm Woodside Green 2.05 - 2.25 pm
9 th	Great Hallingbury Parish Council + AGM - Village Hall - 8 pm
10 th	Friendship Club
11 th	History Society - <i>To coin a phrase</i> - Village Hall 8 pm
12 th	Village Hall Committee - <i>Flower Arranging Demonstration SPRING SPECIAL</i> - Great Hallingbury Village Hall 1.30 - 4 pm
18 th	Library Van - Bedlars Green 1.35pm - 1.55pm Woodside Green 2.05 - 2.25 pm
24 th	Olive Branch - <i>Outing</i>
25 th	Great Hallingbury WI - <i>London Exposed</i> - Great Hallingbury Village Hall 7.30 pm
<i>Future Dates</i>	
1 Jun	Library Van - Bedlars Green 1.35pm - 1.55pm Woodside Green 2.05 - 2.25 pm
7 Jun	Olive Branch - <i>Summer Lunch</i> - Latchmore Hall 12.30 for 1 pm
8 Jun	History Society - <i>Memories of an eventful year 1916 + AGM</i> - Village Hall 8 pm
2 Jul	Village Hall Committee - <i>Summer Quiz</i> - Village Hall 7.30 for 8 pm
24 Jul	<i>Hallingbury Flower Show</i> - Harps Farm 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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