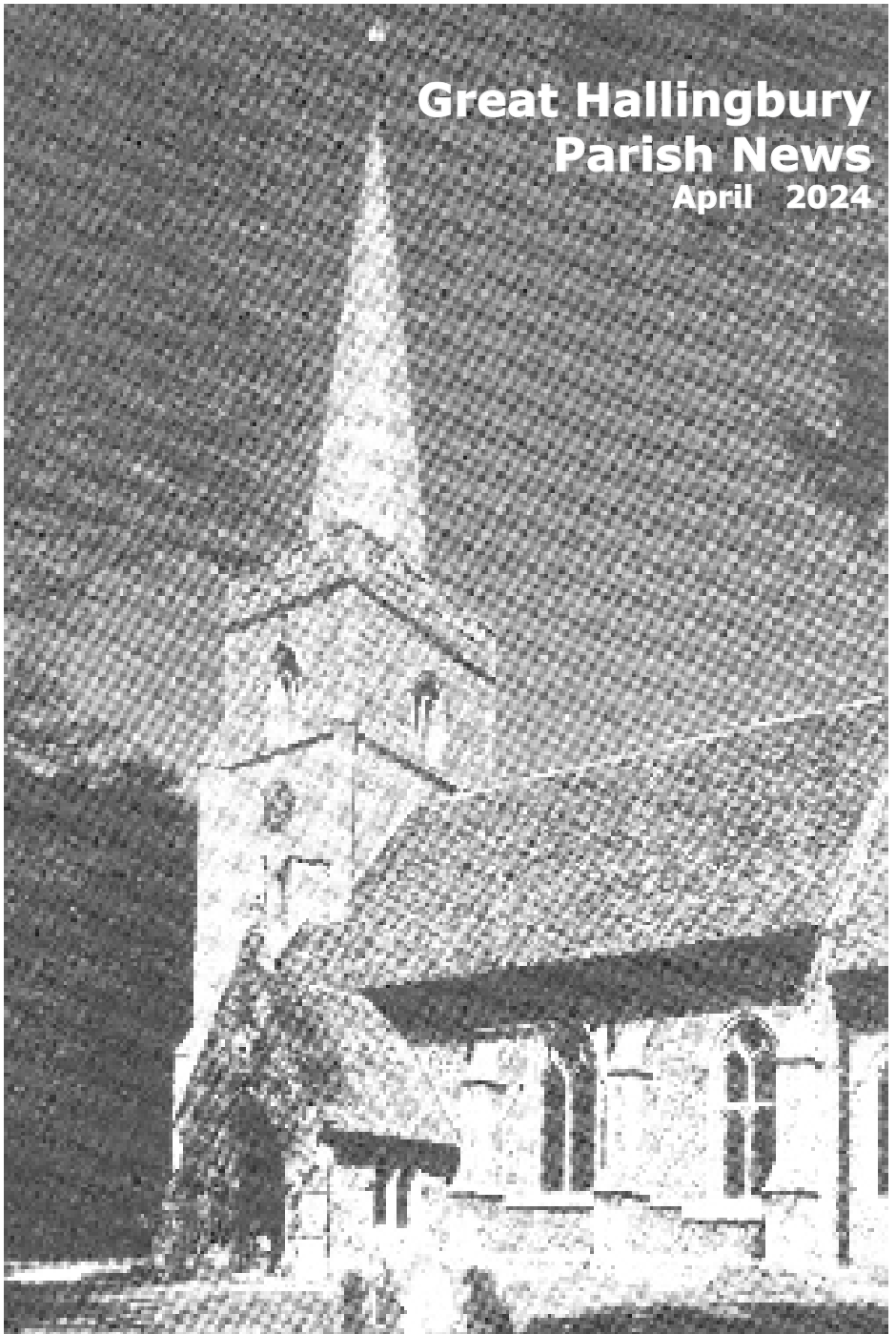


# Great Hallingbury Parish News

April 2024



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## THE CALENDAR - *April 2024*

### **7 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

9.00	St John, Bush End	Matins (1662)
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10.30	<b>St. Mary, Little Hallingbury</b> St Mary, Sheering St Mary, Hatfield Bd Oak	Morning Worship Morning Worship Holy Communion
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### **14 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

9.00	St John, Bush End	Holy Communion 1662
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10.30	<b>St Giles', Great Hallingbury</b> St Mary, Sheering Holy Trinity, Hatfield Heath	Holy Communion Morning Worship Matins (1662)
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### **21 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

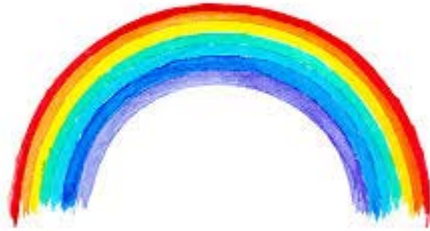
10.30	<b>St Mary, Little Hallingbury</b> St Mary, Sheering St. Mary, Hatfield Bd Oak	Holy Communion Holy Communion Morning Worship
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6.30 pm	Holy Trinity, Hatfield Heath	Evensong (1662)
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### **28 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

9.00	St John, Bush End	Matins (1662)
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10.30	<b>St Giles', Great Hallingbury</b> Holy Trinity, Hatfield Heath St Mary, Sheering	Morning Worship Holy Communion Morning Worship
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**The Rainbow Club**  
is a club for people living  
on their own in the Hallingburys.  
It meets  
on the last Friday of the month.

Our next meeting will be on  
**26th April at the Cock Inn, Sheering at**  
**12.30 pm.**

For further information and to book,  
please contact Amanda  
(Tel: 01279 504669).

# A Year Book of Saints: April

## Dietrich Bonhoeffer

*The Church of England commemorates many of the same saints as in the Roman Catholic Calendar but also commemorates many notable (often post-Reformation) Christians. On 9<sup>th</sup> April the Church of England commemorates Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

Dietrich Bonhoeffer was a German Lutheran pastor who opposed the Nazi Regime and was executed for his involvement in a plot to kill Adolf Hitler. Bonhoeffer was also an important Christian theologian who wanted the church to become actively involved in solving the world's problems. He was a proponent of ecumenism, a movement for unity among Christian churches of all denominations. His theological writings are regarded as classics throughout the Christian world.

Bonhoeffer was born on 4<sup>th</sup> February, 1906, in Breslau, Germany (now Wrocław, Poland). After studying theology at the Universities of Tübingen and Berlin, he became a pastor. From 1931 he taught theology at Berlin. From the first days of the Nazis' rise to power, he protested against the Nazi regime, especially its anti-Semitism. He became a leading spokesperson for the Confessing Church, a movement among German Protestant churches to resist Hitler's attempt to unify all the Protestant churches into a single, pro-Nazi, German Evangelical Church.

Bonhoeffer's brother-in-law, Hans von Dohnany, introduced him to the group that was plotting to overthrow Hitler. During World War II, Bonhoeffer became active in the resistance movement under the cover of working in Germany's Military Intelligence Department, which was, in fact, a centre of the resistance. He and his brother-in-law helped several Jews escape from Germany to neutral Switzerland. German authorities arrested Bonhoeffer on 5<sup>th</sup> April, 1943, and he remained in prison for the rest of his life.

On 20<sup>th</sup> July, 1944, Colonel Claus von Stauffenberg tried unsuccessfully to assassinate Hitler. Stauffenberg (1907-44) left a

bomb in a briefcase in a conference room at the field headquarters at Rastenburg, East Prussia, where Hitler was meeting with top military aides. But the briefcase was pushed behind a table support and Hitler survived the blast with minor injuries.

The discovery of documents connecting Bonhoeffer with the 1944 attempt on Adolf Hitler's life led to his execution a month before the end of World War II. He was executed at the concentration



camp at Flossenbürg, Germany, on 9<sup>th</sup> April, 1945, a month before Germany surrendered. One of his brothers and two of his brothers-in-law, including von Dohnany, were also killed for their involvement in the resistance.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer is one of the Ten Modern Martyrs of the 20th century. The Martyrs were unveiled in 1998 above the west door of Westminster Abbey. The sculptor was John Roberts.

*Heather and Philip Hays*



# **St. Giles' Church 100 Club**

## **March 2024**

**The draw took place on 29th March**

**The winners were:**

<b>No. 54</b>	<b>Angela Allsop</b>	<b>£30.00</b>
<b>No. 82</b>	<b>David &amp; Stephen Collins</b>	<b>£20.00</b>
<b>No. 122</b>	<b>Tom Streeter</b>	<b>£17.50</b>

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

**We had 135 tickets in the 100 Club Draw for March.**  
**Thank you for your support.**

If you are interested in joining The 100 Club, please contact  
Heather Hays or Philip Hays for further details.  
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# **St Giles' Church**

## **Mothering Sunday Flowers**



**Thank you to everyone  
from Great and Little Hallingbury  
who helped to provide posies  
on Mothering Sunday.**

**Heather Hays**



**St Giles' Church**



# **ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING 2024**

The Annual Parochial Church  
Meeting  
is an important event in the Church  
Calendar

The 2024 APCM for St Giles' Church  
**is to be held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2024,**  
following the 10.30 am  
Holy Communion Service

Please come and join us



## Church Letter - April 2024

### Being Easter People

I write this on the day that the name of my successor was announced: by now you may know that Rev'd Sophie Weller, who spent three months on placement with us before Christmas, has been appointed to the post of Priest in Charge of the Six Villages and will start in September 2024. I will retire at the end of July but my last Sunday will be 30<sup>th</sup> June, so there will be a short vacancy between the two of us.

Our Bible reading in church this morning (17<sup>th</sup> March), John 12:20-33, included some of the poignant words of Jesus shortly before his death: *unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.* These words seem especially apt as we anticipate sad goodbyes but also the excitement of new relationships, of warm hellos - not just for Sophie and the people of the Six Villages but for me and my husband, Andrew, as we move to the Kent coast in August to begin our retirement and join a new community and a new church.

In this reading from John's gospel, Jesus is trying to help his followers understand that there is a purpose in what is about to happen; that he needs to accomplish the purpose for which he came and then disappear from the earth. They cannot see beyond the fact that their beloved leader is talking about going away. But Jesus' death on the cross, as we commemorated on Good Friday, his rising in glory on Easter morning and his ascending to heaven 40 days later all set the scene for an explosion of the early Church, starting with the events of the day of Pentecost, often called the *birthday of the Church* because it grew exponentially; many seeds were produced from that one *kernel* - Jesus - that fell to the ground.

This is why Christians often call themselves *Easter people*. We are

by no means exempt from the trials, tragedies and losses of this world but we are called to live in the light of Jesus' resurrection. We try to live as people of joy, people of anticipation, people of hope.

That's what we focus on, especially at Easter time, but of course all year round too. So whatever losses we may feel as a new season begins for us, let's try to remember that loss - although I don't believe it's *sent by God to test us* - so often leads to new life, to growth, to a fresh vision of what it means to be human. That is hope indeed.

*Revd Dawn Jewson  
Associate Priest in the Six Villages*

**Edward Bear Club,  
a baby / toddler group re-starts  
for the Summer Term  
on 16<sup>th</sup> April.**



**It meets on Tuesdays in term time  
in St. Mary's Church, Little Hallingbury  
from 10 am to 11.30 am.**

Nursery rhyme time, stories and craft corner.

**Most importantly, this is a time for children to  
play together and for parents and carers to enjoy  
a cuppa and a chat.**

We are a friendly welcoming bunch,  
so please come along and join us.

There is no charge, although any contributions  
to the church collection would be very welcome.

# **Great Hallingbury: April Anniversaries,** as recorded in local newspapers. Read all about it!

## **90 years ago**

*The Herts and Essex Observer* (28<sup>th</sup> April 1934) reported that the Great Hallingbury Junior Dancers competed in two classes in the Letchworth Folk Dance Festival. For their Morris dance they gained a certificate of *proficiency*. The judges spoke in high terms of their dancing, expressing the opinion that it was the finest performance they had seen in a junior side and that *here is the beginning of a splendid tradition which, if continued, will one day bring Great Hallingbury to the forefront of English Morris Dancers.*

## **80 years ago**

*The Herts and Essex Observer* (8<sup>th</sup> April 1944) reported that the licences to run two inns in Great Hallingbury had been transferred to relatives of the previous licensees. Mrs H Pearson took over the running of The Hop Poles, following the death of her husband who had held the licence for 40 years. Mr Basil George John Drage became the new landlord of The George Inn, Great Hallingbury, following the death of his brother, who had held the licence.

## **75 years ago**

*The Herts and Essex Observer* (8<sup>th</sup> April 1949) reported that members of the Women's Institute, at their monthly meeting, heard an interesting talk on *beauty culture* given by a representative of a Bond Street firm.

## **70 years ago**

*The Herts and Essex Observer* (9<sup>th</sup> April 1954) reported that a large congregation, including sixty members of his previous church at Gosfield, attended the induction of Revd. Charles Percy Turton as rector of Great Hallingbury. After the service refreshments were served in the Village Hall where the Rector met many of his new Parishioners. (*Revd Charles Percy Turton served as Rector of Great Hallingbury from 1954 until 1960.*)

### **60 years ago**

*The Herts and Essex Observer* (10<sup>th</sup> April 1964) reported that a trip around the world on a B.O.A.C airliner was the honeymoon waiting for a Great Hallingbury bride and her husband after their wedding at the village church last Tuesday. The Rector, Canon D P Grant, conducted the service. The bride, Miss Rosemary Larkins, only daughter of Mr and Mrs C E Larkins of Howlets, is a B.O.A.C. stewardess. The bridegroom, Mr Paul Newsome, is the service manager of his father's garage business in Coventry. *(Canon Douglas Percy Grant served as Rector of Great Hallingbury from 1960 until 1967).*

### **55 years ago**

*The Herts and Essex Observer* (4<sup>th</sup> April 1969) reported that, at a recent meeting of the Great Hallingbury Women's Institute, members were shown how to bone and stuff a chicken by Mrs Buck. Later, members tried their hand at their own chickens, with good results.

### **50 years ago**

*The Herts and Essex Observer* (12<sup>th</sup> April 1974) reported that, to celebrate the centenary of the rebuilding of St Giles' Church, a guide book is to be produced which will be on sale from Whit Sunday. 1000 guides have been initially printed and it is hoped that the guide will be a great success.

(The Guide Book was written by Heather Cocks and Colin Hardie and includes the history of the restoration of St Giles' Church in 1874. Copies are available for purchase at the church).

### **40 years ago**

*The Herts and Essex Observer* (26<sup>th</sup> April 1984) reported that a light engineering firm in Great Hallingbury will be forced to liquidate, with the loss of twenty prospective jobs, if its appeal fails against an enforcement notice from Uttlesford District Council. Rotary Manufacturing Co. Ltd has until 19<sup>th</sup> July to end its operation at Howe Green Moat Farm, where it has been making office machinery and computer components for the last six months.

### **35 years ago**

*The Herts and Essex Observer* (13<sup>th</sup> April 1989) reported that the

guest speaker at a recent meeting of the Great Hallingbury Women's Institute was a local vet, Mrs Moffatt, who mentioned various animals in her talk, including a sheep called *Exocet*, who went into attack, low and fast, a rabbit called *Rambo*, who was not especially friendly and a constipated lizard. Mrs Moffatt's talk aroused much interest as the majority of WI members are pet owners. One member has sixteen dogs! It has been noted that, for an institute of about twenty members, Great Hallingbury WI is unusual in that six of the members are practising nurses, all in different specialities, and so at every meeting any health crisis can be coped with instantly.

In the same newspaper (13<sup>th</sup> April 1989) it was reported that Revd. Dennis Staveley, Rector of Great Hallingbury, had called on parishioners in the latest Parish Magazine to *support conservationists and cry out against the worldwide destruction of wild life*. He said that he was already making enquiries about converting his car to use unleaded petrol.

### **30 years ago**

*The Herts and Essex Observer* (28<sup>th</sup> April 1994) reported that *tails were wagging* recently at the Great Hallingbury Parish Hall when about 125 dogs took part in the Bishop's Stortford Dog Training Club Show. Including among the winners were father and daughter team, Richard and Nicola Simmonds, whose two dogs, Tryfan and Guy, both came first in their obedience classes. The show raised £300 for the MacMillan Nurses Fund.

*Philip Hays*

# **Great Hallingbury History Society**



**National  
Trust**

## **Ten Tales of The National Trust**

**By David Simmonds**

**Wednesday 10th April 2024**

**Meetings are held in the Village Hall at 8pm**

**Entrance Fee Including Refreshments:**

**£3.00 for Members**

**Membership £10 pa**

**£5.00 for Non-members**

**Everyone is welcome, so do join us!**



# **Great Hallingbury Neighbourhood Plan**

## **Coffee Morning**

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April**

**10am-12 noon**

### **Great Hallingbury Village Hall**

Come along and join us for coffee and cakes and talk to councillors about the proposed Neighbourhood Plan for the village.



It is your chance to have your say in what shapes the future of the village, where buildings should be, where building should not take place, what amenities you want to see, what assets you want to see preserved.

***See you there***

## PARISH DIARY - *April 2024*

7	Great Hallingbury Neighbourhood Plan Coffee Morning - Village Hall 10 am to 12 noon
10	History Society - <i>Ten Tales of the National Trust</i> - Great Hallingbury Village Hall at 8 pm
20	Library Van - Bedlars Green 3 pm - 3.30 pm Woodside Green 3.40 pm - 4.10 pm
22	Great Hallingbury Village Hall AGM - Village Hall at 8 pm
24	WI meeting - Great Hallingbury Village Hall - 7.30 pm
<b><i>Future Events</i></b>	
8 May	History Society - <i>The Buxtons: An Old Essex Family</i> - Great Hallingbury Village Hall at 8 pm
13 May	Great Hallingbury Parish Council - Village Hall 8 pm
22 May	WI meeting - Great Hallingbury Village Hall at 7.30 pm
6/7 July	St Giles' <i>Blooms and Bells</i>

# Some Useful Addresses

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### Great Hallingbury Parish Council

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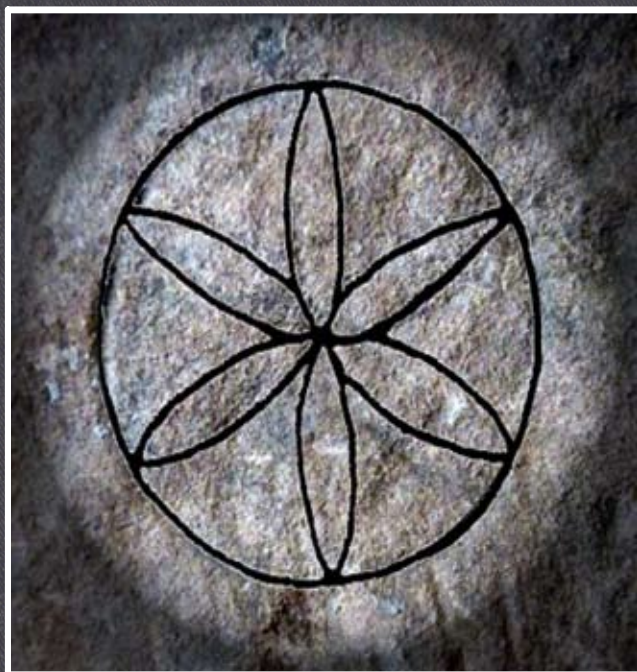
### Poppy Appeal Coordinator

Mrs Gill Sewell, Street Farmhouse, The Street  
Great Hallingbury, CM22 7TR

Tel: 504990

**Saturday 18th May, 2024**

**6 pm in the church**



# **Witch Marks & Graffiti at St Giles**

**A talk by expert Anthea Hawdon from  
“Raking Light” about her discoveries at St Giles**

**Tickets £5 on the door - £2 for U16's**