

A black and white photograph of a church. The church features a tall, slender, pointed steeple that rises from a square tower. The tower has small, arched windows. The main body of the church has a steeply pitched, thatched roof. The walls appear to be made of stone or brick. There are several windows with pointed arches. The church is set against a dark, textured background.

**Great Hallingbury
Parish News**
January 2024

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THE CALENDAR - *January 2024*

7 EPIPHANY

9.00	St John, Bush End	Matins (16620)
10.30	St. Mary, Little Hallingbury St Mary, Sheering St Mary, Hatfield Bd Oak	Morning Worship Morning Worship Holy Communion

14 SECOND SUNDAY OF EPHIPHANY

9.00	St John, Bush End	Holy Communion 1662
10.30	St Giles', Great Hallingbury St Mary, Sheering Holy Trinity, Hatfield Heath	Holy Communion Morning Worship Morning Worship

21 WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

10.30	St Mary, Little Hallingbury St Mary, Sheering St. Mary, Hatfield Bd Oak	Holy Communion Holy Communion Morning Worship
6.30 pm	Holy Trinity, Hatfield Heath	Evensong (1662)

28 PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE

9.00	St John, Bush End	Matins (1662)
10.30	St Giles', Great Hallingbury Holy Trinity, Hatfield Heath St Mary, Sheering	Morning Worship Holy Communion Morning Worship

A Year Book of Saints: January

George Fox

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, often with an emphasis on those of an English origin.

In January the Church of England commemorates George Fox.

George Fox was a founder of the Religious Society of Friends, commonly known as the Quakers. He was born in Fenny Drayton in Leicestershire in July 1624. His father, Christopher Fox, was a weaver and a churchwarden and the family was comfortably off. George Fox trained as an apprentice shoemaker. When he was 19, he became disgusted by the behaviour of some fellow apprentices who were members of the Church of England, especially their consumption of alcohol, and he left his family and went off alone.

After much thought and reading of the Bible, George Fox came to believe that every person has an inner light to guide them. They did not need human teachers. Fox began to engage in itinerant ministry, preaching at the close of Puritan meetings or outdoors before crowds. Large numbers of people were *convinced* (converted) through his preaching.

In 1650 George Fox was arrested on a charge of blasphemy in the town of Derby. Fox told the judge he should *tremble at the word of the Lord*. Afterwards, Fox and his followers were contemptuously called Quakers. For historians, the year 1652 marks the birth of Quakerism when Fox stood on Pendle Hill and experienced a vision of *a great people to be gathered* in Northwest England. By 1660 there were 50,000 followers in England.

George Fox was a pacifist. He also said that people should not swear oaths, nor should they pay tithes (giving one-tenth of their produce to the Church of England). In the 1650's England was

torn by civil war, however, and the authorities did not like this sect that claimed equality for all and refused to take up arms or swear allegiance. Fox was arrested and imprisoned several times, along with his followers. While in prison, Fox wrote his Journal and pamphlets supporting his beliefs.



George Fox (July 1624 – 13th January 1691)

The situation grew worse when King Charles II was restored to his throne in 1660. The new government was very suspicious of radical religious groups. During the reign of Charles II (1660-1685) Quakers were frequently imprisoned. Nevertheless, the Quaker movement grew rapidly in England in the late 17th century and it spread to other countries.

The first Quakers went to North America in 1656. In 1681 William Penn founded the Quaker colony of Pennsylvania. Meanwhile,

the Quaker movement spread to Ireland, Holland, Germany, Barbados and Jamaica. George Fox himself travelled to Barbados in 1671. In 1672 he travelled to Jamaica and then to mainland North America. In 1673 Fox returned to England where he was imprisoned for refusing to swear an oath of allegiance to the crown.

On 27 October 1669, George Fox had married Margaret Fell, the widow of Thomas Fell, a wealthy supporter. Margaret Fell (1614-1702) was a great Quaker preacher in her own right. In 1666 she had published a pamphlet called *Women's Speaking Justified, Proved and Allowed of by the Scriptures* which argued that there is no reason why women could not be preachers.

George Fox was released in 1675 and in 1677 he travelled to Europe. He went to Europe again in 1684. Then, in 1685, Charles II died and under the next king, James II (1685-1688), the treatment of Quakers improved. Finally, in 1689, an Act of Toleration allowed Quakers to meet in England.

However, George Fox was now an old man. He died on 13th January, 1691, aged 66 years. George Fox's Journal was published after his death in 1694.

Heather and Philip Hays



St. Giles' Church 100 Club

December 2023

The draw took place on 31st December

The winners were:

No. 129	Gillian Thompson	£30
No. 41	Chris Harding	£20
No. 23	Jo Bloomfield	£15

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

**We had 130 tickets in the 100 Club Draw for
December.**

Thank you for your support.

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

St. Giles' Church 100 Club in 2024



Following the success of The 100 Club in 2023, we are hoping that our present members will renew their subscriptions for 2024.

In 2023 £780 was given out in prize money and £780 was given to St. Giles' Church.

Congratulations to everyone who won a prize in 2023.

A sincere thank you to everyone who supported The 100 Club in 2023.

£12 a year will buy one membership number, which will enter you into a monthly draw.

You may of course have more than one membership ticket.

WE DO HOPE THAT ALL OUR MEMBERS RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2024.

If you wish to renew your membership to The 100 Club, or wish to join The 100 Club for the first time, please send your £12 to Heather and Philip Hays, 3 Haycroft, Bishop's Stortford, CM23 5JL
Cheques should be made payable to
Great Hallingbury PCC

If you wish to pay online, please contact us for the church bank details: 01279 651851

**On behalf of St. Giles' Church,
thank you for your continued interest and support.**

KEEP SAFE AND WELL HEATHER AND PHILIP HAYS



Church Letter - January 2023

Happy New Year

Once again we find ourselves standing at the doorway to a New Year. It is a unique moment when we can look back at the past 12 months as we prepare to step over the threshold into the next. No one knows what those months will bring. For some it may be a daunting prospect, perhaps facing the future without a loved one or in the knowledge that there are tough challenges to face. For others there may be excitement and happy events to look forward to in the coming months.

For the Churches of the Six Villages there is uncertainty and change ahead. The six churches - St Giles' Great Hallingbury, St Mary's Little Hallingbury, Hatfield Broad Oak and Sheering, St John's Bush End and Holy Trinity Hatfield Heath - have begun a process of forming a single Benefice of six parishes, to share stretched resources and financial concerns. There have been a number of hiccups on the way and we are still far off this process being formalised. Stepping over the New Year threshold does feel like we are stepping into the unknown, not certain what the path on the other side will be like.

But we can be certain of one thing. God is with us. No matter what challenges we face, as individuals, as a church, or as a nation, we know that God has got this. If we trust in Him, if we pray to Him, if we keep Him at the centre of all that we do, we can be assured of His comfort. We are not alone.

If you find yourself at the start of this year feeling anxious, uncertain and afraid to step into the New Year, why not join us in one of our churches to find out how the Christian faith can totally transform your lives and give you the peace of mind which you may crave?

I leave you with the words of Christ from John's Gospel, Chapter 14, verse 27:

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not let them be afraid.

and, on behalf of the Churchwardens, PCCs and Ministers of the Six Village Churches, wish you all a very Happy New Year and hope to see you soon.

Caroline Harding LLM.

Six Villages Zoom service

Each Wednesday at 11.00am.

Everyone is welcome.

**For details of how to log in please contact
sixvillageszoomcodes@gmail.com**

**Edward Bear Club,
a baby / toddler group re-starts
for the Spring Term 2024 on 9th January.**



**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 Parish News Subscription 2024

A very sincere thank you to all our Parish Magazine Readers and distributors.

We do hope that you have continued to enjoy reading the Parish Magazine during 2023 and found it to be a worthwhile publication. **We would really appreciate any feedback relating to the Parish Magazine, including any ideas to improve the content.** Any contributions to the magazine would also be most welcome.

On behalf of St Giles' PCC we send our sincere and grateful thanks to those parishioners who help with the publication and distribution of the Parish Magazine.

It is now time to renew the subscription for 2024.

It is intended to continue publishing the magazine **each month** this year (except for a joint copy in July and August). **(We are considering whether we should in the future publish a magazine every two months. Again, any feedback relating to this suggestion would be most welcome).**

Christine Coultrup is very happy to continue to publish the magazine and Jan Baldwin is very happy to help deliver the magazine to our distributors.

The subscription for the 2024 Magazine is **£5 for the year**
Please give your subscription to the person who delivers your Parish Magazine or send it to: Philip and Heather Hays, 3 Haycroft, Bishop's Stortford, Herts. CM23 5JL. Cheques should be made payable to **Great Hallingbury PCC.**

May we wish you a Happy and Healthy and Peaceful New Year.

Heather and Philip Hays

Great Hallingbury: January Anniversaries

as recorded in local newspapers. Read all about it!

100 years ago

The Essex Chronicle: 25th January 1924: George Stock, a farm labourer, employed by Mr John Lowe, a farmer and dairy-man of Beldams Farm, injured his hand on a cart. He was treated at the Bishop's Stortford Infirmary but the wound became septic and his death occurred this week from lockjaw.

(George James Stock was 68 years old when he died, having been born in Bambers Green, Takeley, in July 1856). George Stock married Jane Harrington in Great Dunmow in 1877. They had thirteen children: six boys and seven girls. Three sons served in the Great War: James, Harry and Robert).

90 years ago

The Herts and Essex Observer (13th January 1934) reported a football match between Great Hallingbury and Little Hallingbury in the first round of the Bishop's Stortford and District Junior Charity Cup Competition. The match, staged in Little Hallingbury, was played in very windy conditions. Little Hallingbury beat Great Hallingbury three goals to one.

80 years ago

The Herts and Essex Observer (22nd January 1944) reported the wedding held in St Giles' Church, the Rev'd C Gell officiating, of Lieutenant Eugene Phillips, US Army from Connecticut, USA, and Miss Jean Leslie Hartley, youngest daughter of Capt. J Hartley MM and Mrs Hartley of Cherry Orchard, Great Hallingbury. A reception was held at Howe Green House (lent by Mrs and Mrs V Routledge) where about 35 guests assembled.

(Vincent Routledge was Captain of the Great and Little Hallingbury Home Guard in World War Two. He bred a number of successful gun dogs, training them in the evenings on his return from working in the City as a tea broker.

Cyril Annesley Gell had been Rector of Great Hallingbury since 1940. He retired in 1953 and went to live with his daughters in Farnham, Surrey)

70 years ago

The Herts and Essex Observer (22nd January 1954) reported on a meeting of residents of Great Hallingbury and Little Hallingbury, held in Little Hallingbury Village Hall, to discuss the continuation of the Annual Flower Show. After a lively discussion and several ballots it was agreed to continue their joint annual flower show which had caused a crisis in the relationship of our two villages. The main argument advanced against one show was the distance between the two villages. A lack of transport made it difficult to take produce from one village and back again on show days.

50 years ago

The Herts and Essex Observer (25th January 1974) reported on a cheese and wine party, attended by nearly 60 villagers, to mark the retirement of Miss Pat Hustings from the church choir after 33 years service. Before becoming ill, Pat Hustings had led a very active life, being a Brown Owl to the local Brownie Pack and a member of the Parochial Church Council for the last 12 years. The rector, Revd. Colin Smith, and Mr Len Este sang a song, specially written for the occasion by Miss Audrey Bickersteth. Mr Robert Trigg, the oldest member of the congregation, gave a speech, as did organist and choir master, Mr Alfred Austin.

*(Heather Hays has very happy memories of Pat Hustings and writes as follows: I remember that when I re-started the 1st Great Hallingbury Brownie Pack in the 1980s, I visited Pat at her home in Broomfields, Hatfield Heath, the first of many visits, at which she gave me lots of help and advice. Pat told me that the old Brownie toadstool would be found under the Village Hall stage which was used as a store. Excitedly, I looked for the old toadstool but unfortunately it was not to be found. Pat was always invited to the Brownie Carols-in-Candlelight Services, which she attended on many occasions and the Brownies presented her with a Christmas Gift. The Brownies affectionately called her *The**

Wise Old Owl. After Pat's funeral service I was invited to lunch with her family and friends at The Hop Poles to celebrate her life. "Great Hallingbury Village: The Years of Change", published by the Great Hallingbury History Society, includes a fascinating article written by Pat Hustings of her memories of Great Hallingbury in the 1940s and 1950s).

40 years ago

The Herts and Essex Observer (5th January 1984): At the AGM of the Great Hallingbury WI, reports were given by the treasurer and secretary and President Mrs Baldwin presented floral tributes to retiring committee members, one of whom, Mrs Peachey, had given 20 years service. The new committee was elected and Mrs Baldwin agreed to continue as president. Mrs Homan is to be the new secretary. After refreshments, there was an anagram competition, won by Mrs Latham.

30 years ago

The Dunmow Observer (13th January 1994): Great Hallingbury Parish Council has unveiled plans for a new access and rear extension to the village hall in Church Road. The proposals also include building a new car park on agricultural land at the side of the hall.

20 years ago

The Daily Telegraph (24th January 2004): Germaine Greer, in an article entitled *Time to accept the inevitable before the misery begins again*, wrote that under the command of Norman Mead, **Stop Stansted Expansion**, which had been founded six months previously, has declared war. One of Norman Mead's recent speeches was quoted in the article. *Whether in the courtroom or otherwise - make no mistake - we will ultimately win this battle. And when that day comes it will be a victory for the entire community, a victory for our heritage and a victory we can all be proud of.* Norman Mead's speech was given "rapturous applause."

Philip Hays

Great Hallingbury History Society



Tilekiln Green Dig

By Robin Mathieson

Wednesday 10th January 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!

PARISH DIARY - January 2024

5	Refuse/recycling resumes - black/grey lidded general waste bins
8	Great Hallingbury Parish Council meeting - Village Hall at 8 pm
10	History Society - <i>Tile Kiln Green Dig</i> - Great Hallingbury Village Hall at 8 pm
22	WI - <i>New Year Meeting</i>
25 - 27	Little Hallingbury Panto - <i>Sleeping Beauty</i> - Little Hallingbury Village Hall (see back cover for details)
Future Events	
15 Feb	History Society - <i>Chimneys, Hearths & Fireplaces</i> - Great Hallingbury Village Hall at 8 pm
28 Feb	WI meeting - Great Hallingbury Village Hall at 7.30 pm

**Wishing a Happy New Year
to all our readers**

2024

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Presents

Sleeping Beauty

Little Hallingbury Village Hall
25th - 27th January 2024 at 7.30pm
Matinee 27th January at 2pm

Box Office:

thelittleboxoffice.com/hallingburypanto



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