

# GOLDHANGER PARISH MAGAZINE

MARCH 2016



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## 121 Years of Goldhanger Parish Magazine

There has been a Parish Magazine since 1895 when the Revd. Frederick Gardner started it shortly after being appointed Rector at Goldhanger. In 121 years there have only been a few breaks in publication, most notably during both World Wars.

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Your donations will be gratefully received.

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### Goldhanger in March

<b>Easter Garden</b>	<b>St. Peter's</b>	<b>Saturday 26th @ 10.30 am</b>	<b>P. 6</b>
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*An extract from the History Archives...*

**The Revd William James Jay  
Goldhanger Curate, 1847-1849**

There is a strange connection between the Revd. Jay and the famous Kohinoor diamond originally from India, now in the Coronation Crown. Some newspapers have very recently reported the Pakistani government have requested its return.

William James Jay was listed in White's Directory as the Curate of Goldhanger between 1847 and 1849, at the time when the Rector was the Revd. C.B. Leigh. He graduated from Cambridge in 1847, so he would have been in his early twenties and was his first curacy. After two years at Goldhanger he moved to India to join the East India Company. This company was formed in the 1500s to pursue trade with the East Indies and it existed until 1874. An Act of Parliament in 1813 required the Company to open missionaries in India.

Jay was in India throughout the "Mutiny period" at a place called Fatehgarh in Uttar Pradesh and taught the young Maharajah Duleep Singh, the last Maharaja of Lahore and the Sikh Empire. He was converted to Christianity by the Revd. Jay, and it was during this period that the 11 year old Maharajah signed over the Kohinoor diamond to Queen Victoria. He was baptised by Jay in 1853.

After nine years at Fatehgarh the Revd. Jay returned to England with his wife and young family and became Chaplain and Superintendent at the Poplar Hospital in East London. Later when the Maharajah, came to England at the invitation of Queen Victoria and was given Elveden Hall near Thetford, the Revd. Jay was installed by the Maharajah as Rector there. In 1866 he christened the Maharajah's son Prince Victor Albert Jay at Elveden Church. Eight months later Queen Victoria ordered a second christening, Queen Victoria was the godmother and the Revd. Jay was the godfather at a service in Windsor Castle Chapel.

So having spent two years in Goldhanger at the beginning of his career, it seems from documents now available that the Revd. Jay may have unwittingly played a significant role in the circumstances which led to the British Empire acquiring the Maharajah's lands in Lahore and the Punjab, plus the acquisition of Kohinoor diamond still in the Coronation Crown.

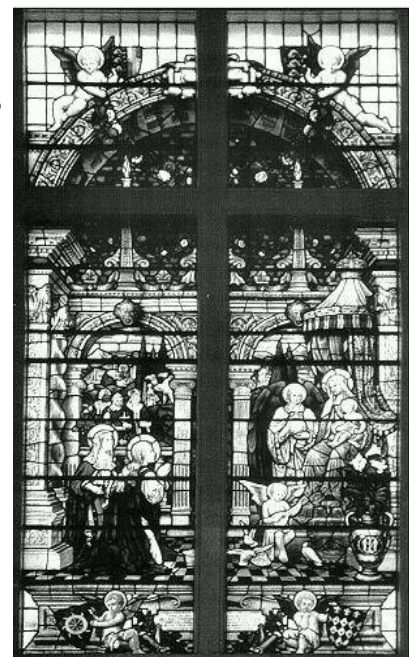
The Revd. Jay died in 1869 and is buried in Elveden churchyard near to where Duleep Singh is buried. There is an impressive window dedicated to the Revd. Jay in St. Catherine's College Chapel at Cambridge.

For more information about the Revd. Jay  
and Maharaja Duleep Singh search for:

Revd Jay Goldhanger

David Newman

[www.Churchside1.plus.com/Goldhanger-past](http://www.Churchside1.plus.com/Goldhanger-past)





# Goldhanger Church Services

## **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March                      Mothering Sunday**

8.30am              Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am            Family Service (CW)

## **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

7.00pm              Evening Prayer

## **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March                      Passion Sunday**

8.30am              Holy Communion by extension (BCP)

9.30am              Parish Communion (CW)

## **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March                      Palm Sunday**

8.30am              Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30am              Morning Prayer (CW)

## **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March**

7.00pm              Evening Prayer

## **Wednesday 23<sup>th</sup> March**

12.30pm            Picnic Service

## **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March                      Maundy Thursday**

7.30pm              Holy Communion

## **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March                      Good Friday**

10.00am            Devotional Service

## **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March                      Easter Day**

8.30am              Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30am              Parish Communion (CW)

with Easter ceremonies.

\* BCP denotes a service from The Book of Common Prayer using traditional language  
CW denotes a service from Common Worship using contemporary language.

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## **From the Parish Registers**

### **Funeral and Interment**

8th February

Christopher John Purdy

aged 67 yrs

### **Interment**

10th February

Craig Robert Mitchell

aged 46 yrs



The services at St Peter's church are for everyone. We are pleased to have children at all of the services. There is a family service once a month. We are also pleased to have people of other denominations worshipping.

Mother's Union meets on the fourth Friday of each month 1.45pm at Honeywood Hall, Hall Road, Great Totham.

Come along to our coffee morning in the new Community Room on Tuesdays between 11am and 12noon. Everyone is welcome. Pop along, bring your friends, and have a chat over coffee.

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Benefice website: [www.totham-goldhanger-churches.org.uk](http://www.totham-goldhanger-churches.org.uk)

The Wednesday lunchtime Picnic Service for Parents and toddlers. Last Wednesday of the month in term time.

Please get in touch with the churchwardens if you are considering baptism for yourself or your children, for weddings, Holy Communion at home or if you would just like a visit.

**Parish Prayers**

If you would like someone, an event or concern included in church prayers please write your request in the book in the Lady Chapel.

Votive candles are lit at Sunday Services.

Make sure you collect your copy of The Monthly News Article Diary to find out what is happening in the Diocese of Essex. Available free in church each month.

**Donation Envelopes**

**Donation envelopes will once again be included in the April edition of the Parish Magazine.**

Please give as generously as you can to ensure the continued production of our great little magazine.

Thank you in advance.

## Flags for March

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March**



**Commonwealth Day**

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March**



**Easter Day**

### **Easter Lilies**

Would you like a lily in church in memory of a loved one ? They are £2.00 each . Please let me know if you would like one.

Elaine 788686

### **Easter Garden**

Children. Would you like to help me, Becky, make the Easter Garden on Saturday 26th March from 10.30 a.m.? Looking forward to seeing you .Please, if you can, bring along posies of small spring flowers . Thank you .

Becky

Could all CMS Boxes be returned to George Bunting or Edith Richards for their annual Easter opening. Thank you.

The village magazine is supported only by our regular advertisers and your donations. That's it!

Any articles about the village or for the benefit of the village will always be included free of charge.

Whilst we try to include all other submissions these increase the cost of the magazine, therefore any donation you feel able to make (however small) for your personal interest article will be gratefully received.

### **Wildwatching group meets 2nd Thursdays**

10<sup>th</sup> March - Meet at 2.00pm at Goldhanger Church, and we'll decide what to do with the afternoon then. All welcome.

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## Bellringing activities

Bells will be rung every Wednesday between 7.30 and 9pm, and for service on Sunday.

<http://www.bellringing.org/learntoring/>

If you would like a birthday or congratulations message included in the magazine then please let us know (see inside front cover).

Photos of village events are always very welcome.

### Wheelchair available

A manual wheelchair is available which can be borrowed by anyone in the village.

Please contact Andrew Christy on 01621 788432 for details.



### Children's Quiz

- 1 Who had an encounter with the three bears?
- 2 What is the name of Winnie the Pooh's donkey friend?
- 3 Who was created by Gepetto the woodcarver?
- 4 Who is the bear in The Jungle Book?
- 5 What kind of creature was defeated by the Three Billy Goats Gruff?
- 6 Who painted the Mona Lisa?
- 7 Who leads a gang of outlaws in Sherwood Forest?
- 8 Who stole Christmas in a Dr Seuss book?
- 9 Who were all the King's horses and men unable to put together again?
- 10 Who is the druid in the Asterix books?

Answers on page 35



Stephen here:  
My sincere apologies for  
referring to Katie as Theresa in the  
Christmas 1945 Concert photos in the  
February edition.

This is Katie →



The Goldhanger Carpet Bowls Group had accumulated a little extra cash in their kitty so have kindly decided to donate the following:-

To the Goldhanger Parish Council £50 towards the Defibrillator Fund.

To the Goldhanger Village Hall Committee £50 towards the proposed extension to the Village Hall.

## **THANK YOU, THANK YOU & THANK YOU AGAIN**

### **CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL**

The festival raised the magnificent sum of £764. Many thanks to Elaine, Kim and their helpers and all those who attended the event over the 2 days despite the dismal weather.

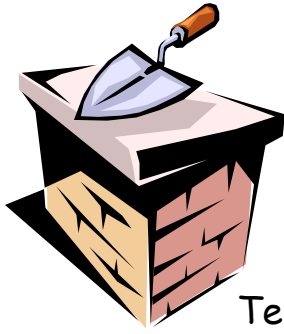
### **JUBILEE CHOIR CONCERT**

The concert generated £430 which was divided equally between Farleigh Hospice and St Peter's Church. A big vote of thanks to Margaret for all her hard work, to the choir and soloists and to all of you who packed out the church.

### **COFFEE MORNINGS**

The Tuesday coffee mornings held in the community room raised £273 in the second half of 2015. Grateful thanks to Pam and her ladies and to all those who support this weekly gathering.

*David Bristow*



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## JUBILEE CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

May we thank all the village for their wonderful support at the CHRISTMAS 1945 concert On December 18<sup>th</sup> in St .Peter's Church. It was an excellent village event and a valued part of our Christmas Celebrations here in Goldhanger. The Jubilee choir has gone from strength to strength since we formed in 2012 and we now number 50 members in total.

The concert proved to be a showcase for the many talented folk who live in the village and the programme included songs from the forties, ably accompanied by Toni Philpott and Ray Evans. Our ever -popular conductor, Penny Adams kept the choir on their toes throughout. May we congratulate the soloists from the choir who made the evening a truly memorable one and thanks also to John Paul who took us on a musical Dam Busters flight with great aplomb.

The evening raised the substantial sum of £492.00 to be shared by Farleigh Hospice and St. Peter's and we have received a lovely letter of thanks from the hospice which is displayed in church for villagers to see.

Once again, many thanks to all involved, too numerous to mention, and we look forward to our next event .

David Newman and Margaret Salmon



### Macmillan

We would like to say a big THANK YOU to the residents of Goldhanger and the neighbouring villages, for all the support in our fund raising efforts in 2015.

MORE THANKS go to individual people - Julia Chellingsworth, Jackie Christie, and their helpers, too many to list by name so I will not try as I don't want to leave anyone out. We also have to thank the Goldhanger WI for their generous contribution.

With so many Charities in need of money, we know not everyone can give to them all, so we need you to know how much all your support is appreciated.

June Ramsey and Kaye Shrubb

**GOLDHANGER PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Report on the Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2016**

Repair work to the bridge on the public footpath from Blind Lane to Wash Lane is in hand. Following a recent incident of hare coursing in fields off Blind Lane, a burnt out vehicle has been removed.

The Coastal Communities Team will be holding an information event at Goldhanger Village Hall on 24.2.2016 between 1200 and 1600 where members of the public can find out about the proposed Coastal Path.

The Speed Indicator Device in Maldon Road is currently not working, and the Parish Council will look into having it returned to working order.

### **Planning**

Councillors considered the following applications:

LBC/MAL/16/00070 and FUL/MAL/16/00077. Barn Folly faunts Little Totham Road—variation of condition 2 of approved application FUL/MAL/14/01166 and LBC/MAL/14/01167 (conversion of an existing barn to a residential dwelling) approved 19.2.2015.

Reason – roof of the existing barn to be raised by 500mm.

This application was supported.

FUL/MAL /15/01287 – erection of stables and grazing of land by horses. The Old Rectory Church Street. Although the site lies outside the village settlement boundary, the erection of stables is not contrary to planning policies as it is a development expected to be seen in a rural location. The application was therefore supported, although the Council asked that a condition should be made for no commercial use of the proposed stables.

Maldon District Council is issuing regular briefing notes on the Site Allocations Development Plan Document, and the Parish Council will monitor these closely for any issues affecting Goldhanger. The Ward Members advised that the District Council is currently going through the process of sifting sites for possible development, and a public consultation will then follow.

The Parish Council will contact Jenny Moody Homes to ask that all persons working on their site at the junction of Maldon Road and Church Street should park on the site and not cause obstruction to the pavements.

### **Purchase of a defibrillator for the village**

Councillor Bourn advised that a further donation of £50 towards the purchase of the defibrillator has been made by the Goldhanger Carpet Bowls Group. It is hoped that the defibrillator will be in place by the end of the year and a grant will now be sought from the Lottery Fund.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. Members of the public and the press are welcome to attend.

Vysian Banyard – parish clerk





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# BELLRINGING NEWS



## CHANGING FACE OF THE BELL TOWER

Some 14 years ago the then Tower Captain of the St.Peter`s church Goldhanger, Cyril Southgate decide to advertise for local people to learn the rudiments of bell ringing to support the normal activities.

Four of us responded, Vysian Banyard, Ian Valentine, David Newman and myself and under the guidance of Cyril, learnt the basic necessities to be able to ring, thinking that was all there was to it. There are many hundreds of different sequences (each bell ringing in a different position relative to the other bells with each pull) so we all went beyond our initial aspirations

To extend our skills some of us went to the practice sessions of nearby church towers and there the social side of ringing became apparent with many friendships being formed not just with these towers but with like minded ringers we met on ringing tours.

In February 2004, Nina Perry recorded the Goldhanger bells rung by the local band for the BBC. In addition to ringing we all had a speaking part which was great fun adding to the programme which was broadcast on Radio 3 on the 14th February 2004.

Sadly, the village lost dear Cyril and more recently Ken Perry, both former Tower Captains each having played their part in establishing the current Band which has up to a dozen regular ringers.

Today, we have a fine Tower Captain in Andrew Kelso whose enthusiasm and competence is now known throughout the EACR (the Essex Association of Change Ringers).

Rick Anstey.

## **GOLDHANGER, LITTLE TOTHAM and TOLLESHUNT MAJOR W.I.**



Our next meeting will be held in the village Hall at 7.30p.m. on March 2nd. The speaker will be Sally Brown who will talk to us about SUGARCRAFT and includes a demonstration of techniques. Members are invited to bring along a single stem flower from their garden to take part in our 'flower of the month' competition.

The talk last month, by Jess Jephcott, was a guide to the various pub signs that we see on our visits to Colchester and the surrounding area. Many of them had an interesting story to tell of past times. We all enjoyed the lovely refreshments provided by members and we heard about various activities to be enjoyed during the year. In March we will be going to the Ten Pin Bowling Alley once again and having lunch at the Izumi. The date for this is March 21<sup>st</sup>. Further details will be given at the meeting.

On 12<sup>th</sup> February the W.I. hosted a Lent Lunch in the village Hall. As always it was very well attended with lively chatter creating a great atmosphere. Eight different soups were available as well as breads, biscuits and cheeses. Tea and coffee followed and everybody felt that they had enjoyed a very substantial lunch. £213.00 was raised for Christian Aid. Our thanks to Joyce for the organisation, and to all our members who contributed to the success of the lunch in any way. Many thanks, also, to the villagers of Goldhanger and their friends for attending.

Please refer to our website for information and take a look at the photo gallery on [www.goldhangerwi.co.uk](http://www.goldhangerwi.co.uk).



# *Recipe of the month*

## **Stuffed jacket potatoes**

Warm your cockles on a cold day with this one. Great one for kids to help with.

- 4 medium potatoes
- 100g strong cheddar, grated, plus extra for topping
- 100g sweetcorn
- 100g mixed pepper, diced
- small handful fresh herbs, such as oregano, basil, coriander, dill or thyme



Get an adult to heat the oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6 and bake the potatoes for about 1 hr until cooked and the skins are crispy. Leave to cool completely. This can be done up to 2 days ahead.

To stuff the jacket potatoes, heat the oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6. Ask an adult to cut the potatoes in half. Using a spoon, carefully scoop out the middle of the potato, leaving the skin unbroken (like a boat). Place the scooped potato into a mixing bowl.

Mash the potato until there are no lumps. Add the cheese, sweetcorn and peppers and mix well. Gently pick the leaves from the herbs. You can rip the larger leaves into smaller pieces. Stir the herbs into the cheesy potato mixture.

Carefully scoop the mixture back into the potato boats. Make sure that you use all the mixture up. Sprinkle with a little extra grated cheese and place on a baking tray. Using oven gloves, place the tray in the oven and bake for 10-15 mins until golden.

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# **Mothering Sunday**

**at St Peter's Church,  
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**March 6<sup>th</sup> at 10 am**

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## **From the Rectory:**

Easter letter 2016

This year, for the first time, I get the tremendous privilege of writing the Easter letter. Thank you Jonathan. So what can I say about Easter that hasn't been said before; what is it about Easter that's "life" and "world" changing? Well if your mind runs to Cadbury's creme eggs and hot cross buns forget it; they're both excellent in their own way and they have something to say about Easter and new life but they don't have the power to change the world or me (except, perhaps, for the worst, calorie by calorie!).

Well Christianity has a past, a present and future that's a 1000 times more amazing than buns, eggs and bunnies and it does have the power to change me and to change the world. At Christmas we celebrate the birth of Christ; in Christ we have a God who actually took the trouble to get his hands dirty and become one of us; he experienced all the joys and sorrows of our human life. I don't think I know of another religion who claims that their God got up front and personal and directly experienced everything that it means to be human, from the joys of family life, through all its celebrations and friendships, to the experience of humankind at its very worst.

The world has a long history of man's and woman's inhumanity to their fellow human beings from concentration camps to "killing fields" and so much more. Humankind seems to find it all too depressingly easy to humiliate, to persecute and to torture.

But in God's commitment to being one of us there was no escape clause! Jesus continued to experience injustice, humiliation, torture and ultimately the brutality of crucifixion right to the end. One of the most amazing things about Christianity is that we can never turn to God and say, "You don't know how I feel!".

Well all good stories have to have a happy ending and this one has the ultimate amazing ending. Just when it seemed that the worst that evil could do had destroyed this Jesus, this God who became man, we find that some of his friends had an amazing story to tell. They spoke of an empty tomb, they spoke of meeting Jesus in an upper room, they spoke of a conversation with him on the road to Emmaus and of having breakfast with him on the beach. They came to understand that nothing, no evil that man can do or imagine could overcome the power of God to love us and to reach out and make us one with him.

Jesus comes to unite us with the love of God and to give us give us a life worth the having, a life in all its abundance and in that life nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ. God came to share our life so that we could share his. So come and join us we'd love to share our Easter celebrations with you.

Sue Godsmark

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### Maldon District Council Monthly Surgeries Saturday 5th March 2016 from 12 noon to 2pm.

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*Paul*



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A: "You can't tuna fish."

Q: What did the femur say to the patella?

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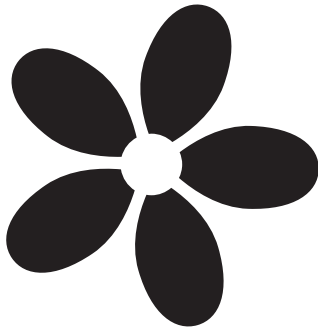


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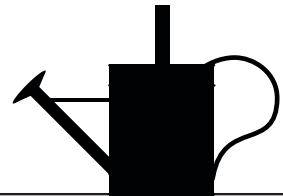
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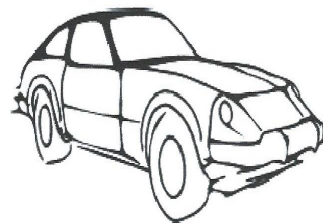
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February 14<sup>th</sup>, Saint Valentine's Day, is the day on which birds traditionally chose their mates, although there was nothing in the life and ministry of the Saint himself to associate him with this, or indeed, with the human love celebrated on the day. Some researchers believe that Saint Valentine's Day became confused with the ancient, possibly pre-Roman Lupercalia, or Wolf Festival, which ran from 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> February each year.

Whatever – there is much evidence of bird courtship and getting ready for nesting. Robin's are notoriously territorial, but pairs are being seen together now, including in our garden. A pair of Kestrels has been displaying at the top end of Sheepcoates Lane.



Their swooping and play-fighting is very dramatic. Some of the Cormorants seen at Chigborough on the February Second Thursdays were in breeding plumage wearing a white thigh-patch, and a Great Tit was singing there. Little Egrets are claiming their nesting sites alongside Grey Herons at the Heronry. The Second Thursdays bird of the day was a Little Owl, (Pictured), perched in a dead tree, which were able to watch for some minutes as the daylight was just beginning to fade. We heard the distant territorial call, rising and drawn out, for some time before seeing the bird.

The RSPB Garden Bird Survey at the end of January coincided with some very windy weather, and results were well below what could have been expected, at least in our garden. It was rewarding to count up to 10 Starlings and 6 House Sparrows though, as their declining numbers nationally are cause for concern. The always-present Collared Doves are something of an ornithological miracle, following the vast expansion of their range all across Europe from their origins in Asia, in the second half of the last century. A Wren flicking around in some dense ivy was probably the bird of the day.



A number of Muntjack Deer, (Pictured) sightings after dark, of animals that seem more confiding than usual, is probably due to mating activity. Having said that, it's difficult to make the case – bucks and does associate especially from October through to March, and young are born in the late summer, but there is evidence of breeding and giving birth all the year round, which accounts for the rapid colonisation of this species.

*Jonathan*

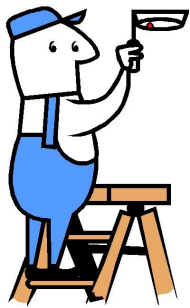


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- 9) Humpty Dumpty
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**Answers to Children's Quiz:**

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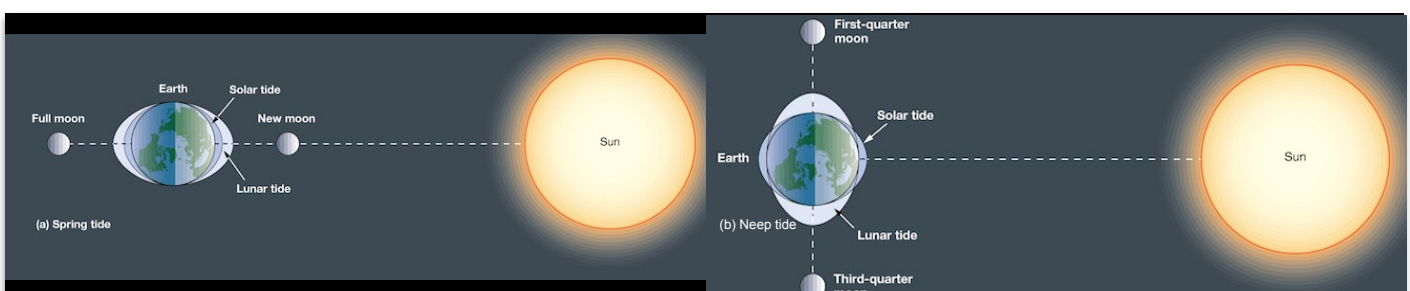
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# Tide Times for Goldhanger

March					
		Morning		Afternoon	
		time	m	time	m
1	Tu ☾	04:35	5.1	16:57	4.9
2	W	05:20	4.9	17:48	4.7
3	Th	06:21	4.7	18:59	4.6
4	F	07:41	4.6	20:24	4.7
5	Sa	09:03	4.8	21:42	4.9
6	Su	10:12	5.2	22:44	5.3
7	M	11:08	5.5	23:35	5.6
8	Tu	11:57	5.8		
9	W ●	00:20	5.9	12:42	6.1
10	Th	01:03	6.1	13:26	6.2
11	F	01:46	6.3	14:10	6.2
12	Sa	02:28	6.3	14:54	6.1
13	Su	03:11	6.2	15:38	5.9
14	M	03:54	6.0	16:23	5.6
15	Tu ☾	04:41	5.7	17:13	5.2
16	W	05:37	5.4	18:16	4.9
17	Th	06:50	5.0	19:36	4.8
18	F	08:14	4.9	21:01	4.8
19	Sa	09:36	5.1	22:12	5.1
20	Su	10:42	5.3	23:07	5.4
21	M	11:30	5.5	23:51	5.5
22	Tu			12:09	5.6
23	W ○	00:25	5.6	12:42	5.6
24	Th	00:57	5.7	13:13	5.7
25	F	01:28	5.8	13:44	5.7
26	Sa	02:00	5.8	14:15	5.7
27	Su	03:33	5.8	15:46	5.6
28	M	04:03	5.6	16:15	5.4
29	Tu	04:33	5.4	16:47	5.2
30	W	05:07	5.2	17:24	5.1
31	Th ☾	05:50	5.1	18:13	4.9





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Mar: 3, 17, 31	Ulting	Does Corner	9:40	9:55
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	Heybridge	Coopers Avenue	11:20	11:50
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	Heybridge Basin	Daisy Meadows car park	12:20	12:50
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Goldhanger Square	09:10	11:10	13:10	14:40	14:50	17:57	19:50
Bentalls	09:20	11:20	13:20	14:50	15:00	20:00	20:00
TESCO	09:23	11:23	13:23	14:53	15:03		X
Maldon High Street	09:26	11:26	13:26	14:56	15:06	Set down only	X
Maldon Lesiure Centre	09:30	11:30	13:30	15:00	15:10		X

➡ Tollesbury	M-S	M-S	M-S	M-F	M-F	M-F St
Maldon Lesiure Centre	08:55	10:00	12:00	14:00	16:30	17:35
Maldon High Street	09:00	10:05	12:05	14:05	16:35	17:40
TESCO	09:05	10:10	12:10	14:10	16:40	17:45
Bentalls	09:10	10:15	12:15	14:15	16:45	17:48
Goldhanger Square	09:20	10:25	12:25	14:25	16:55	17:57

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