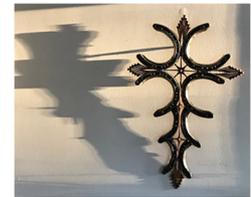


ST MARY'S GAMLINGAY, HATLEY ST GEORGE & ST MARY'S EVERTON



Weekly newsletter 14 August 2020



From Hilary:

I am ever hopeful that someone will respond to questions I ask here - as they have with positive comments about the Newsletter (and another donation, thank you D!) So, here goes again.....

Advice now is clear that anyone leading a service is not required to wear a face covering except when in close proximity to other worshippers, e.g. when giving communion.

It remains a requirement that members of the congregation wear face coverings unless exempt for specified reasons. It would help greatly if you would let me know:

- a) If you will be attending services with these arrangements?
- b) Your views on face coverings?

Services during Covid

Assuming there are no drastic changes in advice we will be in churches from Sept 20th. However, I don't want to lose what we've gained with Zoom. With all its limitations it has, nevertheless, enabled some contact for many people and has given the younger people opportunity to really contribute to worship, keeping them interested and connected. Watch this space for more information. The Benefice church service basic pattern during this Covid time will be, if allowed, as previously advertised:

9.30am Gamlingay Communion

4.00pm Everton Service of the Word.

Harvest and Memorials

It might seem early to be planning, especially when we don't know quite what will be possible, but the time will be gone before we know it, so let us get thinking and planning. Do let me know your thoughts as to how we can remember and celebrate well together - offers of help to make ideas happen will be particularly welcome.

In October there will be services of celebration and thanksgiving and of remembering in all our churches. Who will be taking part, and how, cannot be definitely fixed at this stage, but there will be exhibitions and decorations in the churches on the first two weekends of October for the Harvest celebrations. I have commissioned a couple of people to produce artwork, please suggest this as widely as you can. My sister Marcelle (Melanoma survivor thus far) has painted a picture for me for the occasion. I am encouraging anyone who does creative things to think about doing something for one of the churches - poems, sculpture, pictures, photographs, calligraphy, flower arrangements, anything you can think of. Please be in touch with your offerings. Everton will be having their Gift Day the second weekend in October coinciding with Harvest there. Last year there were some amazing craft pieces on sale and display, maybe again this year? Maybe Gamlingay too?

We have church family and others in the community to remember who have died during this Covid time without the big community send-off that would otherwise have taken place. We will be remembering them - gathering as well as we can but also making a space to visit, alone or in small groups. Again, ideas and offerings welcome. Vera especially will be in our thoughts, as we were unable, as a church, to say our farewells.

Dates for the coming week

Please note - no midweek services or Zoom meetings this week

Sunday 16th August : 9.30am Benefice All Age service (Communion) on Zoom

Hilary

The Elcome sunflowers have bloomed!

There must be more out there – do send pictures if you can. It would be lovely to have a Sunflower Gallery next week!



News update from Everton (Jane Butcher)

A few weeks ago, Jane Gurney, our Church Warden, met at Church with a Tree Expert from Astwick Forest Services who the PCC had asked to come and carry out a survey on the condition of all the trees in the churchyard. His report was very interesting as he had named all the trees and numbered them all on a map, reporting on each tree's condition. So, we now have an up to date report. We are also in the process of writing a report for a bid for Lottery funding. We are hoping to get work started on some of the trees, later in the year. Jane has met with John Boocock regarding the Church Clock and we are hoping to get it working very soon. The sale of Home-made Jams is doing really well from the Gurneys' farm and raising funds for our Church.

**Count your
rainbows and
not your
storms**

Inhale the future, exhale the past

No amount of change will dampen our urge to love

'Holiday at Home'

A message and a new offering from **DailyHOPE**, the Church's freephone line:

Since its launch at the beginning of May the DailyHOPE line has received more than 215,000 calls. That accounts for over 2.5 million minutes of listening to prayers, hymns and reflections. We have been so glad it has had such a reach and impact. Our hope and aim was to offer something for the elder generation who don't access things online. The freephone line seems to have been a wonderful help and encouragement to tens of thousands.

In addition to the normal offering of hymns, the daily office, reflections and prayers over this summer month there is a new offering of **Holiday at Home**. This offers an opportunity for those who rarely leave their houses a chance to be 'transported' on a holiday – with prayers of thanks for times past, a poem recollecting holidays and even a soundscape to evoke those memories of past holidays. Here is a link to a taster of Holiday at Home- [Holiday at Home Taster](#)

We would love to get the word out near and far to all who might benefit from it. So this is simply to encourage you if possible to pass this onto your Deanery Chapter and Synod and also if you know of any parishes or communities that would benefit from the encouragements of a freephone line to provide company, prayers, hymns and memories of gladness then please would you pass on the details of DailyHOPE (0800 804 8044).

The Revd Canon Chris Russell | Archbishop of Canterbury's Advisor for Evangelism & Witness

SUPPORT FOR ALEC HISSETT:

Cycle 100 miles in August for Prostrate Cancer UK

I've signed up for this challenge to support the Prostrate Cancer UK charity, if you would like to sponsor me here is the link to my Just Giving page:-

<https://cyclemthmonth.prostatecanceruk.org/fundraising/cycle-the-month280>

Many thanks, Alec.

What about some more limericks?

Here's one to get you started. Anyone like to have a go at another verse?

During lockdown we've all learned to Zoom,
It brings faces right into the room,
All of them dear,
Some of them clear
While others fade into the gloom!

Answers to last week's silly riddles!

1. Where does today come before yesterday? **In the dictionary**
2. This belongs to you but everyone else uses it. What is it? **Your name.**
3. You see a boat filled with people. It has not sunk but when you look again you don't see a single person on the boat. Why? **They are all married.**
4. What gets wet as it dries? **A towel.**
5. What is seen in the middle of March and April that cannot be seen at the beginning or end of either month? **The letter 'r'**
6. A man stands on one side of a river, his dog on the other side. The man calls his dog who immediately crosses the river without getting wet and without using a bridge or a boat. How did the dog do it? **The river was frozen.**
7. Samuel was out for a walk when it started to rain. He had no umbrella and no hat. His clothes got soaked but not a single hair on his head got wet. Why? **He was bald.**
8. What can you hold in your left hand but not your right? **Your right elbow.**

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