

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



## Weekly newsletter 28 August 2020



### *From Hilary:*

Weather-wise this doesn't turn out to have been an especially good couple of weeks for holidays in the UK,. However, I expect others will be making the best of things, as we have, enjoying activities at home we wouldn't normally do when 'at work' and getting out to visit family when the weather was a bit better. There are also one or two church items which have needed attention, as follows:

#### **Lead theft**

Lincolnshire police telephoned to say that they have caught the gang who stole the lead from our church, among many others across the country. We may get a bit of compensation but apparently the gang do not have much in the way of assets to seize and we are one of many churches that suffered, so that's not the main cause for celebration. However, this one gang has stolen from all over the country and, faced with irrefutable evidence, they have now pleaded guilty so are in line for sentences from 6 to 12 years. The fact of their capture is an answer to prayer for me - though slower than I would have hoped it does show that justice can come eventually.

#### **Anna-Maria Allen RIP**

Others will have known Anna-Maria better than I and will want to know that we have been asked that her funeral might take place at St Mary's Gamlingay. It has been arranged for 2pm on Thursday 3rd September followed by interment at the cemetery at 3pm. There are still restrictions on numbers for funerals and weddings so if you want to pay your respects this may have to be outside the church unless you have been invited. Let me know if you would like to attend and I will liaise with the family.

#### **BT Broadband**

We are looking into installing broadband in Gamlingay Church to enable reasonable quality broadcast of services. This has been hastened particularly as we return to church during this ongoing Covid crisis, but it will facilitate sharing of church worship in a way many will value. An engineer will have visited by the time you read this.

#### **Water and Tree Works at Everton**

An inspector from Anglian Water visited Everton church this last week and has required a valve fitting to the 'new' installation which supplies the vestry. Thank you, Jane, for dealing with this during my leave time. Also, many thanks to Melissa who is taking forward the faculty application for the churchyard work - the many trees there need various forms of attention.

**There will not be a Bible Study on Tuesday September 1st**, watch this space for arrangements when these resume on Tuesday 8th.

*Hilary*

## Grateful thanks to Mary Booth, family and friends.

Mary Booth sadly passed away in May of this year at a time when lockdown prevented a true celebration of her life. As she had always taken an interest in the fabric of the church Mary requested that instead of flowers, which few would have seen, donations be made to the Friends of St Mary's Gamlingay to help with ongoing maintenance.

A magnificent sum of £1,550 was raised in donations from friends and family for which the Friends are truly grateful. The past few months have been lean times for fundraisers such as the Friends who tend to rely on activities such as the annual Barn Dance and concerts etc. and I have no doubt that the future will continue to be difficult long after more normal times return in view of the financial difficulties that many will face.

Thank you again to Brandon Booth and all the donors, we will ensure that the money will be put to good use.

Andy Banham

(Chairman, Friends of St Mary's Gamlingay)

*The year 2020 will certainly go down in history as one of trauma, trial and tribulation. The whole world seems to be in turmoil and even the weather has been topsy-turvy. (I never realised that so many troubling words began with the letter 't'!) At least David can offer an explanation for the temperamental and turbulent weather.....*

### **It's all due to the jet stream!** By David Elcome

However you look at it, this has been a very extraordinary summer! At least the lockdown was made more bearable by a remarkable spell of fine weather, but more recently we've gone from one extreme to another. We needed the rain but could have done without the high winds! At least we haven't needed our winter woollies yet.



There have been some beautiful sunsets – 'shepherd's delights' - but more recently some colourful 'shepherd's warnings' too!



*Sunrise over St. Mary's – Shepherd's Warning.....*

*A glorious sunset – Shepherd's Delight!*

It's all due to the jet stream! If you've ever flown between New York and London you may have wondered why your return journey was rather faster than your flight out – perhaps by up to an hour?

Coming home the pilot used the jet stream to give the plane a strong tail-wind push, saving fuel and gaining extra speed. This jet stream also brings us our weather. It is found between 5 and 7 miles up - a fast-moving, narrow ribbon of air. It travels from west to east at 100 to 200 mph in a meandering pattern around the globe, and separates the warm, tropical air masses to the south from the much colder, polar air masses to the north.

From time to time the speed and position of the jet stream changes because of temperature variations between the tropical and polar air masses. These push the jet stream and its wind-flow patterns into new positions. The jet stream also changes the strength of the air pressure and the winds we get at ground level. When pressure is low the jet stream steers low-pressure depressions towards us, but it also acts a bit like a huge Dyson vacuum cleaner! Air is sucked out at the top making the 'low' more intense. This air must be replaced from below, and this is 'wind'!

If the path of the jet stream is south of us, then a cool wind of polar air is drawn in but, if it deviates to the north, much warmer air is sucked in from the tropics. This is what caused the almost unbearable 30+ degrees C. temperatures we experienced during the last Bank Holiday weekend. A slower jet stream, which we had during most of the lockdown, gave us episodes of high pressure, bringing calmer and drier weather – 'shepherd's delight' - but sometimes with an early morning mist.

Unfortunately, for the next few days the jet stream will be situated just to the south of us. The weather is likely to be cool and unsettled. Pressure is low but lacking the intensity of the recent depressions. Perhaps the jet stream will shift once more, and we'll have a much needed 'Indian summer'! Next Bank Holiday perhaps?

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### *Just for fun....*

Answers to last week's anagrams of places in our Benefice :

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| 1. ECO HUB        | 6. WHEATSHEAF    |
| 2. BAPTIST CHURCH | 7. BUFF WOOD     |
| 3. THORNTON ARMS  | 8. TETWORTH HALL |
| 4. THE CINQUES    | 9. THE JANNAH    |
| 5. EAST HATLEY    | 10. THE RECTORY  |

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