

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



## Weekly newsletter 25 September 2020



### *From Hilary:*

First time back in churches seems to have been a good experience for everyone able to attend. Yes, it's strange in many ways but there is something about being together but apart in the same building that is helpful for most of us. Thank you to everyone who worked hard to make this happen. The failure of the Zoom link for the morning service (Eucharist at Gamlingay) was very disappointing. We can't promise to do better this next week but we will try again. Ironically, it worked fine for the afternoon service at Everton where no one needed it - so there is a recording of that available but not of the morning. If you would like to watch a service, please do get in touch and a link can be provided, as long as the recording worked. We learned one or two things from the services in both places and no doubt will continue to do so as time goes on - things should move a little more smoothly each time. We will make the best of what we can currently do and keep watching developments.

While we are in churches the plan is to continue to circulate written material by email, printed out for those who need it to use at home but don't have the facilities. If you are coming to church, please print and bring your own Newsletter and Readings sheets if you are able to do so, and let us know if you are not able to print so we can have copies available for you. There will be a few copies available in church anyway, but it will help to know who will need them – clearly, we need to take special precautions if giving out materials and do not want to print more than necessary.

The arrangements for orders of service will vary from week to week. Most weeks in Gamlingay we will be using the green booklets we already have. Regular attenders should keep their own and bring and take away from church. The on-line version is the same but simplified to take up fewer pages and will be circulated each week.

On the first Sunday there will be a bespoke service sheet which will be circulated. It will help if people could bring their own to church. As for the Readings sheet, we will print some extras and it would be useful if people could let us know they will need one of these.

At Everton there will be a service sheet each week, so helpful to know who will need theirs printing in advance.

### Weekly Diary

#### **Sunday 27th September Trinity 15**

9.30am Eucharist at Gamlingay,

Sparks meet in the Church Hall, and join the service at the Peace

4.00pm Service at Everton - Prayerbook Evensong (for this week, service will vary)

#### **Monday 28th September**

4pm Wardens meeting (Zoom)

#### **Tuesday 29th September**

5pm Families meeting (Zoom)

#### **Wednesday 30th September**

9.30am Midweek said Communion, Gamlingay.

### Sunday 4th October Benefice Harvest Week Begins

9.30am All Age Communion celebrating Harvest, Sparks help lead the worship

4.00pm Evening Worship at Everton

### Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October

9.30 Midweek said Communion, Gamlingay

12 noon Funeral Sarah Wichett at Cambridge Crematorium

### Sunday 11th October Benefice Harvest Week Ends

9.30am Eucharist at Gamlingay

4.00pm Harvest Festival and Gift Day at Everton (Activities from 3.30, Covid permitting)

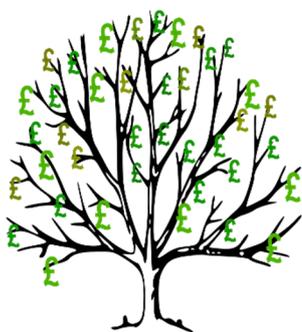
**Memorial Services** are in planning for both churches later in October. The thought is to remember church family in services where there can be specific memories shared. These services will be in addition to the 'All Saints/All Souls' services at the very end of the month where we will remember all those who have died. Sarah Wichett is the latest of our dear friends for whom the farewell we would have liked will not be possible. We remember her, with our other friends, with love.

**Special congratulations**, as well as thoughts and prayers are with Sandra Macrow who completes her LLM training this next week and will be licensed to children's ministry in our parishes on Saturday 3rd October. Sandra's first service will, appropriately be at Gamlingay's All Age Harvest Thanksgiving. Our thanksgivings this year will be for much more than our food.

*Hilary*

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### **A Fundraising plea....**



As you will all be aware, fundraising for our churches has been severely restricted by the constraints surrounding the pandemic. It looks very unlikely that we will be able to do any of our usual events for the rest of this year and probably well into next year.

We would like to explore innovative suggestions that will boost church funds over the coming months. If you have any thoughts, ideas or can help in any way please get in touch with Alec Hissett – he will be delighted to hear from you!

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

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**From Valerie Miller**

### **Christmas Cards**

Yes, I know it's only September and I am really sorry to be using the 'C' word so early but.....

**.....the early bird catches the worm!**



*Valerie has, as usual, bought Christmas Cards from Traidcraft. By purchasing in bulk she can make a small profit which will go into church funds. Arrangements can be made for you to have the cards in your home whilst you make your choice so, if you want to help the charity Traidcraft and the church, please contact Valerie.*

## A Story Retold

### Memories of Sarah Margaret Wichett



It was with great sadness that we heard, last week, of the death of Sarah Wichett. Sarah was a huge part of what we do in the church at Gamlingay and she featured in many parts of our church life. Apart from being a regular member on a Sunday morning, she was also a regular attender at our Bible Study and our Faith Groups. Her Christian faith shone through in these meetings and she was always willing to contribute with her thoughts and beliefs. On many occasions she would say, usually at the end of the meetings, just how much she valued being part of the discussion. She was always happy to read and would often be the first to offer. Sarah was also a regular attender at our Chat Group meetings where she would offer her views on a variety of subjects. For those of us who attended these meetings with Sarah, she will be lovingly remembered for her anecdotes, often repeated many times on different occasions! We heard (on many occasions!) about her time as Chairman of her engineering company and the story about drilling a tunnel through the Alps!

Sarah's previous church was the United Reformed Church at Potters Bar in Hertfordshire where she attended with her sister-in-law Marion Norris. They moved to Gamlingay and lived together in Chapel Field until, sadly, Marion died in 2012. It was unfortunate that Marion did not live to see Sarah confirmed at Ely Cathedral on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2013. Sarah's confirmation was, quite clearly, one of the highlights of her spiritual life and she spoke of the event quite regularly – especially referring to the point at the end of the service when the Bishop took her arm as they led the procession of the newly confirmed to the west door of the cathedral!

Sarah was also a talented musician and author. She played the piano to a high standard and could, in her younger days, have been a concert pianist. She also wrote music for the piano. Her expertise as an author extended to self-publishing several books including the novels *The Evacuee*, *The Derwent Inheritance*, and *The Vincenzo Brothers and One Plus Eleven* – a collection of short stories and memories.

Many of us will remember Sarah as she travelled round Gamlingay in her buggy, avoiding the potholes on Church Street! She was recognisable from afar with the distinctive rain hood on her buggy which many of us were concerned would cause the buggy to blow over! She was one of Gamlingay's characters and will be sorely missed.

Sarah spent her last months in lockdown and at times felt very isolated and cut off. However, even though she could not join in with the Sunday services she followed the service at the same time that the rest of us joined together on Zoom. She said she still felt part of St Mary's and could feel the love we sent to her through our prayers.

God bless you Sarah. May you rest in peace and rise in glory!!

*Chris Miller*

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### ***A message from Dawn Martin about the Children's Society:***

As you may or may not know, I am the St Mary's representative for the Children's Society. Each year I collect and open the boxes from which all the money collected goes directly to the Society. This year, due to Covid 19 restrictions, this has not been allowed but I have now been advised that the boxes can be collected. As you can imagine the CS, like most charities, has really suffered loss of income this year as many of their fund-raising events have been cancelled, so it is vitally important that we continue to support them. I think the safest option would be for me to collect the boxes from everyone individually rather than bringing them to church. If you have one for collection just email or ring me on 652832 and I will call round and pick it up. After opening, the boxes will be sanitised, placed in a plastic bag and returned to you after 1 week. If you have never had a box before and would like one just let me know. It is surprising how the pennies add up over the year and this is a wonderful Christian organisation that supports children and young people in the UK with both their physical and mental wellbeing. Thank you so much to those of you who donate in this way each year.

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