

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



Weekly newsletter 9 October 2020



From Hilary:

Our Harvest week ends this Sunday, proceeds from our Harvest Gifts are being taken in Everton to the Prebend Centre and in Gamlingay shared between Need and the Food Bank. Any proceeds from sale of produce in Gamlingay will also go to the charities.

Remembering Service, All Souls/Memorial and Remembrance Sunday

These are three different occasions with slightly different emphases, so here is the heads-up for which to engage with:

Remembering Services are planned for both parish churches on the last Sunday in October (25th). That Sunday can also be a Dedication Festival, where the actual dedication date for a church isn't known, so there will be an element of that in the services too.

We are using this occasion for church family to say 'good bye' to those who have died during the Covid crisis. Although not a funeral (so not limited to 30 people), the hope is that, as we remember people in a personal way, there will be some closure for people connected with our church who have been unable to attend a funeral. In Gamlingay, Valerie Miller and I will lead a time of remembering individuals by name and with short tributes as part of the 9.30am Benefice Holy Communion. It will be possible to attend for the remembering time only, or to do so and stay on for Communion. The earlier part of the service will contain the elements required for the first part of a Communion service, ending with the Peace. Those wishing to receive communion will stay for a further 15 minutes or so for the prayer of consecration and distribution, there will be opportunity to go at the Offertory when some suitable music or a hymn will be played.

The service at Everton will be at 4pm, details are still awaiting confirmation.

We already have a list of people to include, but do be in touch if you have someone whose funeral you have not been able to attend in the last 6 months, so we can make sure they are included.

We will do our absolute best to make the services visible on Zoom as well as for those attending personally, but beware our unreliable internet signal.

This service is not to be confused with the **All Souls/Memorial Services** which take place the following week. Names will be remembered at these services too, but there will not be any personal memories shared, those remembered may have died at any time and we expect there to be many more names. The service at Gamlingay will be an All Souls Communion on Monday at 7.30pm. The service at Everton for this occasion is in the evening of All Saints Day (Sunday 1st November) at 4pm and may include communion depending on the need.

Remembrance Sunday

Is on Sunday 8th November (nearest Sunday to 11th November which is the following Wednesday). In Gamlingay the local Council and Baptist and Anglican Church leaders plus other will be meeting soon to sort out details of what can be done. We do know it won't be the usual arrangements as neither church has the capacity for the service to take place.

We feel fairly confident to predict that there will be an Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial, followed by some form of gathering, possibly outside. More details will be published as advice is available and has been digested. In Everton the service and Act of Remembrance is expected to follow the pattern of previous years, Chris Miller is kindly leading that service.

Whatever emerges, we expect that the churches will be decorated with the poppies produced last year. Additional poppies are welcome, drop them in at the churches when they are open, or in Gamlingay, additionally, at the Rectory, in the first instance.

Weekly Diary

Sunday 11th October Trinity 18 October Benefice Harvest Weekends

9.30am Benefice Eucharist at Gamlingay,
Sparks meet in the Church Hall, and join the service at the Peace
4.00pm Harvest Festival and Gift Day at Everton

Monday 4pm Wardens meeting (Zoom)

Tuesday 10.30am Bible Study 4.30pm Families meeting (Zoom meetings)

Wednesday 9.30 midweek Communion in Gamlingay

Thursday 8pm Zoom Discussion Time leading to 9pm Compline

Sunday 18th October Trinity 19 or Luke the Evangelist

9.30am Benefice Eucharist at Gamlingay,
Sparks meet in the Church Hall, and join the service at the Peace
4.00pm Benefice Second service at Everton

Monday 4pm Wardens meeting (Zoom)

Tuesday 10.30am Bible Study 4.30pm Families meeting (Zoom meetings)

Wednesday 9.30 midweek Communion in Gamlingay

Thursday 8pm Zoom Discussion Time leading to 9pm Compline

Sunday 25th October Last after Trinity, Dedication Festival

NB British Summer time ends! Clocks go back 1 hour.

9.30am Gamlingay Remembering service followed by Eucharist
Sparks meet in the Church Hall, and join the service at the Peace
4.00pm Everton Remembering service and Dedication Festival

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Harvest

Although not our usual, with the times being as they are, the service at Gamlingay was a celebratory affair with Sandra Macrow welcomed after her Zoom licensing the previous afternoon. The church was full of flowers, arranged by Anne Clarke's talented team, thank you everyone for sharing your skills to make the church look festive.

At Everton the church is also beautifully decorated, again thank you and well done to the Sue Alexander's team. We are planning to decorate Everton church additionally with Harvest Pumpkins – i.e. the veg (or rather fruits technically) carved with symbols of harvest and thanksgiving - Sparks will be working on that, but others are welcome - bring along on the afternoon or give to Hilary.

More photos on the next page.....





CHURCH FUNDRAISING

An open meeting was held recently to discuss ways of raising funds for church during these difficult times. A number of suggestions were made and help is needed to plan the details and then carry them out.

1. Grand Christmas Draw

This will go ahead in the usual way with pre-printed raffle tickets posted through letterboxes throughout Gamlingay and the Hatleys. The draw will be held on Sunday 6th December after the morning service.

Volunteers are required to stuff tickets and an accompanying letter into envelopes and then deliver the envelopes through doors.

Nearer the date donations of food items for the prize hamper would be appreciated.

2. Traidcraft Christmas Cards

Valerie has four boxes of assorted packs of Christmas cards which she will take to people's homes when requested, packs of cards can then be purchased. There will be a small profit from these sales which will go into church funds. If you would like to receive one of the boxes please contact Valerie Miller on 01767 650779.

3. Christmas Catalogue

As it will not be possible to hold the Christmas Fayre this year, the suggestion was made to produce an online/printed catalogue which will be circulated around the village for people to select items to purchase. The catalogue could include:-

Cakes

Craft items

Table decorations

Wreaths

Jewellery

Face masks

etc. etc.

Offers of these items would be welcomed with approximate quantities and a guide selling price.

Photographs and/or descriptions of items for sale will form the catalogue which will be, emailed, where possible, and then the ordered items delivered.

This is a significant undertaking so an early indication of what, if anything, you would be willing to contribute is essential. Some offers have already received and more are needed.

4. Christmas Tree Competition

This will be an online event (possibly themed), Please let me know if you would like to take part so that the level of interest can be gauged.

Several other suggestions have been made and these will be progressed over the coming months. Watch this space!

Please contact me with offers of help on:
tel. 01767 650052 or email alechissett@hotmail.com

Many thanks,
Alec

News from St Marys, Everton.

We are looking forward to Celebrating our Gift day and Harvest Festival Service,
on Sunday 11th of October at 4pm.

We would love to welcome you to join us, to help us Celebrate our Festival together.
Any produce collected at this service will be taken over to the Prebend Centre, for Homeless People in Bedford, on Monday morning.

Jane Butcher has sent us these lovely photos of her garden roses:



Some lovely photos of the flowers from harvest and the wreath from Sarah's funeral:



A reminder of some key contact details:

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