

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



Weekly newsletter 23 October 2020



From Hilary:

Thank you everyone for kind words and commiserations on the death of my sister. As many have said, it was not unexpected in the end and a peaceful release, but a painful loss of a beautiful person who was very dear to me. I am so proud of how brave she has been. Thank you for your understanding as I do that which cannot be healthily avoided - grieving for a personal loss. I will be, as advised, looking to take care of myself which will probably include taking some time off after the funeral.

Marcelle's ceremony will be on 3rd November in Woodhall Spa and, though it isn't always a good idea, in this case it does seem right that I should conduct it - one more mourner can attend apart from anything else! If you would like to receive a link to the intended live stream please let me know.

This Sunday - Remembering

We are remembering people whose funerals have taken place during this Covid time. We will be using the lectionary readings for Dedication Festival (though not specifically celebrating that only) as we use the occasion to pay tribute and say 'Goodbye' personally to all those with whom we have not been able to celebrate at services. At Gamlingay we will include Sue Thorne for whom we would have had a memorial service early this year but for Covid.

At Gamlingay, the 9.30am service is combined with the Benefice Communion. The remembrance part of the service will take the form of the first half of a Communion service, with the Sermon and intercessions as a remembering time. Anyone wishing to leave can do so during the hymn after the Peace as the service will be complete, at this point, for anyone not wanting to take communion. For those staying, the service continues with the 'add on' prayer of consecration and distribution of the sacrament (bread only).

Please be in touch with the name(s) of anyone you are hoping to remember. Your help, in this challenging time for me, is much appreciated and needed to make sure we include the right people. Valerie and I have collected several names but do not want to omit anyone. A picture and some words about the person would be helpful.

In Everton, likewise, names and pictures would be helpful. The service will use the Evensong format.

Next week:

Halloween

Plans are proceeding for All Saints Eve with a distanced Light Party. This year is a little different from previous years as it takes place at home with remote input from church.

Register for FREE, to get your 'Build-A-Light Party Kit' delivered to your door, [or available for collection], equipped with crafts, games, treats, and links to our specially made Light Party videos, for you to join in with all the Light Party fun. It may seem like it's a darker year than normal, so why not let the light shine in!

Book in: gbchurch.org.uk/lightparty-register

#lightparty #builddaylightparty #takehome #letyourlightshine #JesusIsTheLight #covidcantstopus #letshavesomefun #lightoftheworld

Please encourage any families you know to join in.

All Saints

Will be celebrated at Gamlingay in an All Age Benefice Communion with input from the children led by our new LLM (Sandra Macrow)

The All Souls/Memorial services will take place - at Everton that evening and in Gamlingay on Monday at 7.00pm. These services will include Communion and a time of remembrance - an opportunity to remember those who have recently died alongside those we have loved and not seen for longer times.

Weekly Diary

Sunday 25th October Last after Trinity (Dedication Festival) Remembering Day

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

9.30am Gamlingay Remembering service followed by Eucharist

4.00pm Everton Remembering service and Dedication Festival

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

Wednesday 9.30am midweek Communion in Gamlingay

Thursday 8pm Zoom Discussion Time leading to 9pm Compline

Saturday October 31st 'Build a Light Party' families' event with GBC

Sunday November 1st

9.30am Benefice All Age, All Saints Eucharist at Gamlingay with Sparks families

4.00pm Everton All Saints/All Souls memorial service

Monday 4pm Wardens meeting (Zoom) 7pm Gamlingay All Souls memorial service

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 November 8th

10.55am Service of Remembrance at Everton

4.00pm Everton Evening Service

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

We will be attempting to stream all our services live. Do get in touch if you need the links, which have all been published previously except the Sunday one which works for both services and is new each week.



A beautiful sunflower, complete with visiting bee, grown by my sister Marcelle.

Sunflowers

I think others may, like me, have forgotten or decided not to measure, their sunflowers but I have enjoyed mine and the pictures other people have shared. Definitely one to have a go at again next year! I did have a number of smaller ones, but I can't find pictures of those, here are the first and largest.



Hilary.

Church Fundraising

Christmas Catalogue

A big thank you to those who have already responded to the request for items to be included in our Christmas Catalogue, it's a good start but more offers are needed if we are going to be able to produce an eye catching range.

Offers of 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 either delivered to people's doorsteps or collected from your home (socially distanced, of course), it's your choice.

If you are able to donate any of the following please contact me as soon as possible so that we can start our preparations:

- Cakes
- Mince pies
- Yule Log
- Biscuits
- Scones (sweet or savoury)
- Sausage rolls
- Bread, bread rolls
- Craft items
- Candles
- Knitted items
- Table decorations
- Wreaths
- Jewellery
- Face masks

Tel. 01767 650052 or email alechissett@hotmail.com

Traidcraft Christmas Cards

Valerie has 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
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