

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



Weekly newsletter 30 October 2020



From Hilary:

Thank you, Chris, for service cover at Everton over the last two weeks, and to Wardens of both parishes for support during this painful time following the death of my sister. Also, a repeated thank you to all of you for your kind words and cards, and for your forbearance where I have not been fully present for tasks I was undertaking. In particular, I apologise for any confusion resulting from inaccurate information about Remembrance Sunday services. I think that has been corrected this week. Complete brain failure occurred when putting the Newsletter material together last week.

Midweek services and meetings are still subject to change at short notice so do check if you are planning to attend. I will be taking some time off before Advent, which begins on Sunday November 29th. While I am off, Sunday services will go ahead as usual but midweek Eucharists in Gamlingay **will not take place on November 11th and 18th.**

Harvest Sales and Gift Day

At the last count the Everton Gift Day, which takes place on the same day as Harvest Festival, had reached just under £3,000 with a little more to come. This is wonderful and will ensure that we can meet our commitments for this year in Everton parish. THANK YOU to everyone who worked hard and gave generously.

Sums of money have been given to both churches for the perishable goods, for the relief of need. Gamlingay supports the St Neots Food Bank, Everton the Prebend Centre. I've learned that £65 cash (which included a generous single donation) plus various items in kind went to the St Neots Food bank from Gamlingay Harvest - **thank you to all donors.**

Halloween

Preparations are well underway for the Halloween alternative party on Saturday night, hosted by Gamlingay Churches. Pre-recorded items and a fun pack of activities will be available for those who have registered - deliveries will have been taking place this week. Booking has now closed. We pray for all the families involved, and the rest of the villages, on this night.

All Saints/ All Souls

The services this Sunday take place at the usual times (temporarily now under Covid restrictions) but are, on this Festival day, specific to each of the churches.

Gamlingay celebrates All Saints with the families contributing to an All Age Eucharist.

Everton Celebrates All Saints combined with an All Souls service. People are welcome to stay, but need not do so, for the Communion with which the service concludes. There will an opportunity to leave at The Peace for those who wish to do so.

Gamlingay will have an All Souls Eucharist at 7.30pm on Monday.

Please give names of any person you would like to remember, with indication of which church they apply to, to me or one of the Wardens. We will read names during the memorial services. It was originally planned to circulate memorial cards, in a similar way to the Thanksgiving Cards we used for Mothering Sunday, but that hasn't been possible this year - perhaps in 2021?

Remembrance Sunday

Our Remembrance observances will look similar this year to previous years but, with Covid rules in place, fewer people will be able to take part in person. However, the up-side of that is that there will be broadcast coverage of the ceremonies.

At Everton the ceremony at the War Memorial in the churchyard will take place as usual with physical distancing in place, and be followed by the usual church service.

In Gamlingay the ceremony at the War Memorial will take place as usual led by Baptist and Anglican Church leaders, with representatives from the uniformed organisations and distancing requirements for any on-lookers. There will also be live streams of the event which will be followed by a service at the Baptist church for which places must be booked.

All our churches will be open for private prayer and decorated with poppies that Sunday and the following week up to and including Remembrance Day itself.

A 'Heads Up' for Advent

Advent Sunday is the last Sunday in November. We are planning to observe Advent across the Benefice on-line, with activities open to all ages and levels of commitment as well as Zoom sessions for those who would like to follow up the material that will be circulated.

Weekly Diary

Sunday November 1st All Saints Day

9.30am Benefice All Age All Saints Eucharist at Gamlingay with Sparks families
4.00pm Everton All Saints/All Souls memorial service with holy Communion

Monday 4pm Wardens meeting (Zoom)
7.30pm Gamlingay All Souls memorial service (Eucharist)
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 Remembrance Sunday

8.30am Benefice Eucharist (said) at Gamlingay
10.45am Everton Act of Remembrance
at the War Memorial in the churchyard followed by service in church
10.50am Ceremony at Gamlingay War Memorial (live streams available)
followed by service at Gamlingay Baptist Church - live stream via GBC

Monday 7.00pm Shared PCCs Zoom meeting, followed by Everton PCC meeting
Tuesday 10.30am Bible Study
4.30pm Families meeting (Zoom meetings)
7.30pm Gamlingay PCC meeting
Wednesday no midweek communion

Sunday November 15th 2nd before Advent (23 after Trinity)

9.30am Benefice Eucharist at Gamlingay
4.00pm Everton Evening service

Sunday November 22nd Christ the King (next before Advent)

9.30am Benefice Eucharist at Gamlingay
4.00pm Everton Evening service

Hilary



Japanese maple in Marcell's garden



Christmas Carols

Members of the Benefice Choir together with a few others are busy recording Christmas Carols for the festive season. The invitation is now open for anybody else who would like to, to record themselves singing these carols. Your voices will be added to those we already have. If you would like to be involved or know of anybody else who might like to be, then please get in touch with me and I will give you further information.

Chris Miller



Christmas Tree Festival



As there will not be a Christmas Fayre this year it has been suggested that we have decorated Christmas Trees in church (as we have done in past years) during the weekend 12th and 13th December, this would be a fundraising opportunity. If anyone would be willing to take on the organisation of this event please email alechissett@hotmail.com or telephone 01767 650052.

Please Note

As the darker evenings have arrived, St. Mary's Church, Gamlingay will be closed at 4:00p.m. every evening. The church will continue to be open from 10:00a.m.



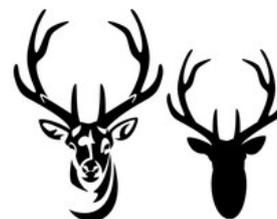
Correction to last week's Newsletter : Valerie Miller's email is vjm55@btinternet.com

Alec Hissett

More news from Mervyn Lack at East Hatley:

Mervyn has emailed that, for a while, there has been little to report in the way of activity in the field at the back of his house (shown as an orchard on old maps) but that all changed on Monday of this week. He writes:

Two stags, with amazing sets of antlers, in combat across the field. Eventually one saw the other off, chasing him right across to the road before returning, victorious, to the rest of the herd. Don't know where the loser went.



The stags look huge compared with the does, plus the antlers - very impressive.

Mervyn.

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