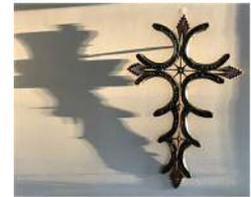


ST MARY'S GAMLINGAY, HATLEY ST GEORGE & ST MARY'S EVERTON



Weekly newsletter 13 November 2020



From Hilary:

As I write on Tuesday 10th November, the eve of Armistice Day, I am about to go on leave. I will be looking to recharge spiritual, physical and emotional batteries ready for our countdown to Christmas and the Christmas season itself. My time off won't be quite as originally envisaged, as this was to be retreat time for me and a holiday away for Norman and myself, but then a funeral and the lockdown intervened. However, we will be (as we were earlier in the Summer) making the best of what is possible and 'holidaying at home'. You may see me around, and I will be delighted to be acknowledged and respond if we pass in the street, but please don't think me rude if I don't do as I normally would. I will be 'back' on Wednesday November 25th, ready for Advent Sunday and looking at what follows the current lockdown.

Why do we need a Newsletter when we have the Gazette?

My special thanks again to those who are helping to produce this publication. I've done a bit of a straw poll after receiving a couple of queries over the past two months, passed on by Brenda. On the basis of the responses, I can promise that we will continue with the newsletter in its present format at least until the New Year, provided our editorial team are willing. It is part of our 'Covid Managing', as are the Benefice service arrangements and use of Zoom. It is not how we expect to operate in the future - that will evolve when we know more about what the future holds - but at present I look for support for making the best of things. It is hard for everyone but we can do this if we remember that we love one another. No doubt what we have learned and started doing now will inform and shape what we do in the future, but it will not BE the future, please God.

As a reminder - I asked for a Newsletter to be inaugurated to enable weekly communication specifically on Benefice activities and particularly with people in mind who are not users of Social Media. The idea of 'cheering things up' with additional items was, and is, great as we can share our joys and sorrows and feel a bit more connected. This is not just for Gamlingay and does not replace the Gazette articles which we continue to provide for communication with our wider community. During Covid, the lead-time for publication in the Gazette was rendering what has always been a limitation on what can be submitted and accurate at time of delivery, such a serious disadvantage that we needed something else. Thank You Brenda and Ian for enabling this supplement, over which we have full editorial control. We will continue to supply material to the Gazette, including updates on past happenings where they are still topical enough. If you provide a Newsletter item which would be more suitable for the Gazette, we may ask your permission to forward it on.

6 o'clock Prayers

The observant, living near enough to church, will hear the church bell ringing just before 6pm daily, as we take seriously the call by the Archbishops to the Anglican Church to pray daily during this second lockdown. There is a pattern of topics, a different one for each day of the week, which we will have used four times by the time the lockdown is due to end. I shall be keeping this discipline during my break and sharing via Facebook Live, though not from church every day as has been the case so far. Here follows the daily prayer for this week. There will be a new one from Monday, with the weekly pattern, which will be circulated with the Sunday material.

Prayer for Week 9-15 Nov

Loving God, at this time of crisis when so many are suffering, we pray for our nation and our world. Give our leaders wisdom, our Health Service strength, our people hope.

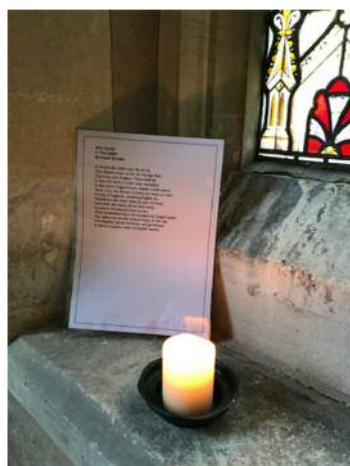
Lead us through these parched and difficult days to the fresh springs of joy and comfort that we find in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Remembrance Sunday

Thank you to everyone who helped to mark the day in our churches and on the Sunday. It felt very strange to be pre-recording the ceremony at the War Memorial in Gamlingay, and (in a good way) to be able to share, retrospectively, in the ceremony at Everton which was possible in the churchyard. And it was great to see the Everton poppies again!

All the churches were decorated for the occasion - a special mention to Penny at Hatley for her lone effort - but well done everyone. Please continue to share your pictures in the newsletter.



Advent

Plans are in place for whole-church activities and contributions to Sunday worship, with the expectation that our main worship may have to be remote. If we are permitted, there will be services in church - we work to keep our balance in unsettling times.

Please work with the Wardens to sign up for what is on offer in terms of paper and email communications and watch this space for weekly details.

We have chosen this year to follow weekly themes of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love.

Our Advent Bible studies will be starting out from the Sunday Gospels, looked at in the light of the weekly theme, and will be open to anyone in the village via Zoom. Zoom meetings will be on Tuesday evenings (and another on Thursday morning if there is interest for that). Please give expressions of interest to the Wardens.

This year I am encouraging us all, beyond our comfort zone, to share our study with other Christians in the community and beyond for anyone who chooses to join us. Chris, myself, Adrian from the Baptists and Sandra will each be leading a week. We will be offering telephone buddies for those who can't do Zoom and would like to follow the studies. Each week's study will be prepared by a different leader with whom discussions can be followed up outside the meetings if people wish.

Weekly Diary

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

9.30am Benefice Zoom service led by Les Oglesby

Tuesday 10.30am Bible Study

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

9.30am Benefice Zoom service led by Les Oglesby

Tuesday 10.30am Bible Study

Wednesday 9.30am Midweek Communion

Sunday November 29th First Sunday in Advent

9.30am Benefice service - Gamlingay StMtV format TBC

4.30pm Benefice Advent Carols Service Everton StM format TBC

Tuesday 7.30pm Advent Group

Wednesday 9.30am Midweek Communion

NB : Midweek Communion will be on Zoom until at least 2nd December.

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**Please contact Brenda Elcome with anything you would like to go in the weekly newsletter**

**by TUESDAY EVENING**

**Brenda.elcome@ymail.com or phone 650489**

# CHRISTMAS GRAND DRAW



We are collecting prizes together for the Grand Draw which will take place in church on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December. We have received sponsorship for the £100 first prize and a small number of other donations from local businesses, but are now asking you, our ever generous church members, for some further contributions in the form of bottles e.g. : wine/spirits/mulled wine, etc., or food items for a hamper.

We realise that shopping is difficult at the moment and while we are still in lock-down we are not able to collect or receive your items but it would be extremely helpful if you could let us know of your intentions. Either phone 01767 650489 or email [dandb.elcome@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:dandb.elcome@yahoo.co.uk)

If possible, your contributions should be delivered to 2 Charnocks Close or, if that is difficult for you, we can come and collect as soon as the restrictions are lifted. Either way, all prizes will need to be with us by 5<sup>th</sup> December at the very latest.

***THANK YOU***  
***For continuing to support our wonderful church.***

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A reminder of some key contact details:

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And a reminder about giving donations to the church.

Our preferred method of receiving funds is directly into the PCC bank account. The details are:

Barclays Bank  
Sort code: 20-74-81  
Account no: 30122807  
Account name: Gamlingay with Hatleys PCC

If you feel able, please put your name or any other short text in the reference box of the payment. If you are unable to pay online, cash and cheques are still very welcome. Either put through Hilary's door or Ian's (16 Brockwood Close).

*THANK YOU.*