

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



Weekly newsletter 7 May 2021



From Hilary:

As May begins, we look forward to several key events in the life of our churches - we pray to stay 'on task' with only the things that fit with our mission and ministry as we seek to be salt and light in our communities.

- * We celebrate the birthday of the Church on 23rd May, the same day as we have the postponed Annual Parochial Church meeting in Everton, following the service there (see below for Pentecost services).
- * There is a confirmation service at the end of the month with +Dagmar Winter at Gamlingay. We await confirmation of what we are allowed to do. At the moment, our current risk assessments are still in place and we expect that physical distancing, face coverings and hand hygiene will still be required. Two of our candidates live in Gamlingay, one in Hatley.
- * We look to the prospect of returning to the previous service pattern while the review, moved forward from early last year, takes place on worship in the Benefice churches.

Heads Up for the change to marriage registration law

There has been change, which many will have missed, in the way church weddings are registered. This was voted in under the government led by David Cameron and finally became law some months ago but has only recently come into force - from Tuesday this week in fact (4th May).

The 'old' marriage registers are no longer in use and will not be in the future. They are being formally closed and will be returned to County Offices. From 4th May ministers can no longer issue marriage certificates for weddings that have taken place in the church for which they are responsible.

I will still be able to conduct weddings in the churches of the Benefice and Banns can still be a legal means to a wedding in a local church, but there are some changes.

All marriages will be registered on a document produced by the Registry Office, filled in electronically, printed off and signed. The document will be completed by the officiating minister with the couple before the wedding, to be signed on the day and then returned to the Registry by the minister. This new form of registration allows for up to six witnesses, and for up to four 'parents' to be recorded. New rules about who these can be, will be discussed with couples at time of arranging the wedding - they give the opportunity to include mothers and step-parents, where the old forms only recorded birth fathers of bride and groom, if names were supplied.



Churches Opening times

Everton church Friday-Sunday.

Hatley church can be opened on request.

Gamlingay church daily 10am-5pm

Gamlingay Food Project - Launch is Coming

Despite there being some unforeseen delays to the full launch of the Gamlingay Food Project, progress has been continuing with the putting in place of the necessary infrastructure to enable food sharing to take place from one location in Gamlingay.

Thank you to volunteers for helping to clean and furnish the premises.

The Community Fridge is in place and leaders trained to train volunteers, and the necessary checks are either done or in progress.

Surplus food currently being distributed from outside the Baptist Chapel will be distributed from the new Hub, and volunteers will be in action. If you would like to be included, do contact Hilary or Adrian.



This week Sunday May 9th, Easter 6

9.30 am Benefice Eucharist at Gamlingay (also on zoom)

6.00pm Benefice Evening service at Everton (also on zoom) - communion after Evening Prayer

Tuesday 11th, 10am Bible study

Wednesday 12th 9.30 am Midweek Communion at Gamlingay, zoom and in person

Thursday 13th May Ascension Day

Benefice Ascension Eucharist at Gamlingay 7.30pm 'live' and on Zoom.

Services in the rest of May

Sunday 16th May Sunday after Ascension

9.30 Benefice Communion from Gamlingay

6.00pm Evening service from Everton

Wednesday 19th possibly no 9.30 am Midweek Communion at Gamlingay

Sunday May 23rd Pentecost

8.00am BCP Communion at Hatley St George church

9.30 Benefice Communion from Gamlingay, also on Zoom

4.00pm Evening service at Everton followed by APCM on Zoom (including anyone in person at church)

Wednesday 26th May 9.30 am Midweek Communion at Gamlingay, zoom and in person

Sunday 30th May Trinity Sunday

8.00am BCP Communion at Hatley St George church

9.30 Benefice Communion from Gamlingay St Mary, also on Zoom

4.00pm Benefice Confirmation service with +Dagmar at Gamlingay

Wednesday 2nd June 9.30 am Midweek Communion at Gamlingay, zoom and in person



Merrymaking in May



Ready for the first Coffee Morning and four hardy and intrepid guests refusing to let the weather defeat them! Let's hope the sun will return and start shining for us all soon.....



It would be lovely to show photos of all our May events - do send some in if you are able.



Open Garden Invitations - still available

If you would like a visit to a beautiful garden please contact Anne Clarke who is offering hospitality, and possibly plants to purchase, donations in aid of St Mary's Gamlingay. To make arrangements please contact Anne directly on 651932. Hilary is also offering hospitality in the Rectory Garden, again phone to make and arrangement.

A reminder of some key contact details:

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Christian Aid week : May 10th – 16th

EVERTON -

There is no house-to-house collection this year. Options for donating are as follows :

By Post - cheque or postal order to Freepost Christian Aid

Online - caweek.org

Telephone - 08080 006006



Some envelopes available in church or from Dorothy Oglesby 01767 699165

GAMLINGAY and HATLEY -

Thank you to all our lovely volunteers who will be delivering envelopes to houses in Gamlingay and Hatley this week. We really appreciate your help.

This year due to Covid restrictions we are not collecting envelopes but instead are asking people to take their envelopes to the collection buckets at the following places.

Co-op, Woodview Farm Shop, Doctors, Pharmacy, Eco Hub, Wheatsheaf, Baptist Church, Hatley Post Office.

If you are unable to get out to the buckets, it is very easy to donate on-line (see below) or by one of the methods given under **EVERTON** above.

<https://donate.christianaid.org.uk/Donate>

OR someone can collect your envelope and take it to the bucket for you. Please let us know if you need any help.

Please give generously to this amazing charity - This Christian Aid Week, your donation could help communities withstand climate chaos. With your support we can build better earth dams to harvest more water, sow drought-tolerant crops and demand climate justice at the highest level.

Many thanks, Sandra

Please let Brenda have any articles or pictures by Tuesday evening each week to Brenda.elcome@ymail.com