

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



Weekly newsletter 14 May 2021



From Hilary:

As the gradual easing of pandemic restrictions brings a feeling of relief and we begin to enjoy more face-to-face activities, let us acknowledge the need for sensible caution and for sympathy with those whose confidence and/or energy levels are low. My suspicion is that there will be very few people who are not in this situation and the need to be gentle, kind and encouraging towards one another (and ourselves!) is all the more significant. We have all been in the same storm, but our boats have been different, some very small and now rather battered. Let us use these calmer waters for restoration and enjoy what we can now do without overdoing it.

There are several apologies this week, thank you for your forbearance if any of the following affected you - sometimes my best falls short!

- Zoom failed for the Benefice Evensong at Everton on Sunday 9th May, due to lack of internet connection - I left my phone at home and we couldn't get another to connect. I know that affected Norman, and obviously others that I don't know about. Anyway, we will do better next week.
- Last week's newsletter did not mention the Ascension Service in headlines (mea culpa) but I hope the celebration of this major church festival this week was spotted in the services notices and that people will have received information for it in time.
- Please note the corrections to information for 23rd May (Feast of Pentecost/Whitsun) and hold Everton, the smaller of our two Benefice parishes, in love and prayer as governance decisions are made for the coming year at the APCM following the service.

With much love from Hilary



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

Volunteer training - if you would like to volunteer, or think you already have and have no information about it, please get in touch - a Zoom session is scheduled for 20th of May at 8pm. Surplus food distribution has begun from outside the new Hub at the Almshouse Chapel and volunteers will be in action soon.

This week Sunday May 16th, Easter 7

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9.30am Benefice Communion at Gamlingay with Zoom

6.00pm Benefice Evening Service (BCP Evensong) at Everton and on Zoom

Tuesday 18th 10am Bible study Zoom

Wednesday 19th 9.30 am NO Midweek Communion at Gamlingay

Services in the rest of May

Sunday May 23rd Pentecost

8.00am BCP Communion at Hatley St George church

9.30am Benefice Communion at Gamlingay St Mary, also on Zoom

4.00pm Evening service 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

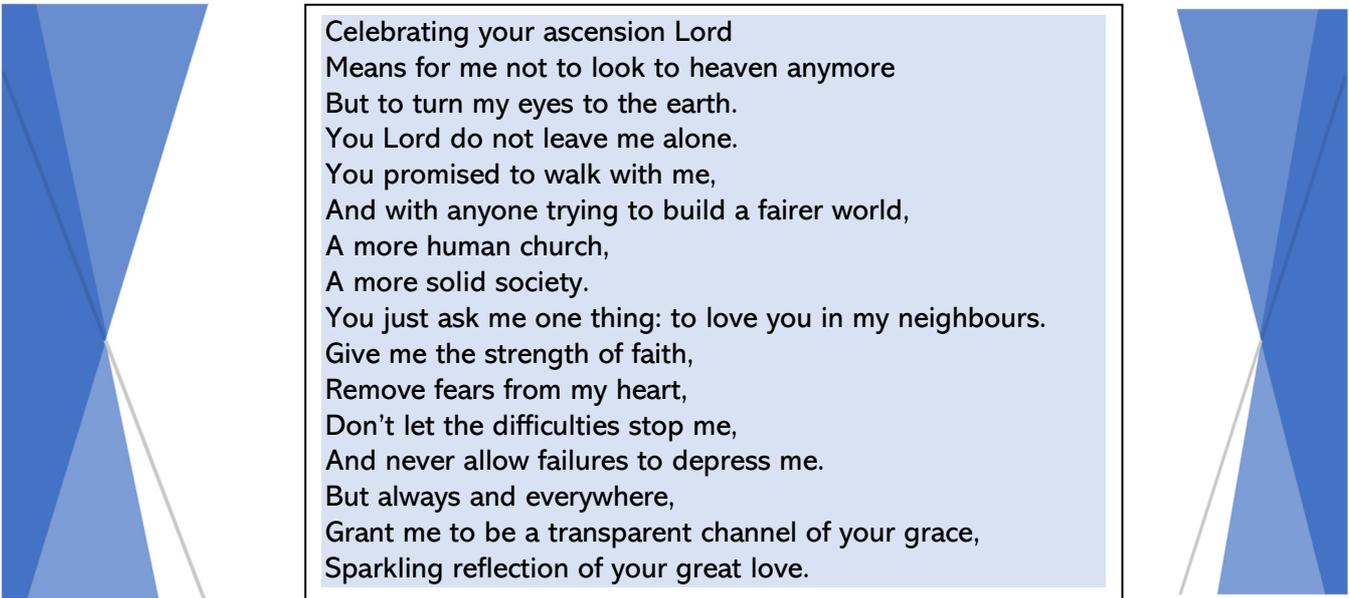
8.00am BCP Communion at Hatley St George church

11.15am Benefice Communion from Everton, 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

AN ASCENSION PRAYER



Celebrating your ascension Lord
Means for me not to look to heaven anymore
But to turn my eyes to the earth.
You Lord do not leave me alone.
You promised to walk with me,
And with anyone trying to build a fairer world,
A more human church,
A more solid society.
You just ask me one thing: to love you in my neighbours.
Give me the strength of faith,
Remove fears from my heart,
Don't let the difficulties stop me,
And never allow failures to depress me.
But always and everywhere,
Grant me to be a transparent channel of your grace,
Sparkling reflection of your great love.



Merrymaking in May



Three (and a bit!) of Tuesday afternoon's guests enjoying the first part of their tea. Believe it or not, cakes had to be left inside because of the SUN!

Hopefully there will be some more sunny events before the month is over but, whatever the weather, we would love to show some more 'Merrymaking' pictures so do send one in if you can.



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