

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



Weekly newsletter 21 May 2021



From Hilary:

These next two busy Sundays see us through to the end of the Easter season and into Ordinary (or Ordered) time. I am sure I am not the only one who is finding this time of transition, and further uncertainty mixed with hope, tiring. Well done all for what we are achieving and thank you for keeping going.

This Sunday and next Sunday are both festivals - Pentecost and Trinity Sunday following on from the festival of Ascension which we celebrated on Thursday 13th May and Sunday 16th May. During the intervening 10 days between Ascension and Pentecost, the Church has been praying fervently 'Come Holy Spirit' as we prepare to celebrate that enigma of our faith, God who is Three in One known to us in three ways: Creator, Redeemer (Saviour), and Power-giver (Enabler). Everton APCM follows the 4pm service this week.

These two Sundays give us an opportunity to think about who we are as the Body of Christ.

What does our faith mean and how do we express it?

What sort of followers of Christ are we? Are we Christmas, Good Friday, Easter, Pentecost or Trinity people? Or are we able to hold all these together, sometimes in tension, and be Jesus Christ people?

In each generation we have Movements within the Church. The Church experiences the ebbing and flowing of life, death and rebirth which is associated with all living things. Charismatics revive our acceptance of the Holy Spirit at work, Evangelicals emphasise the Word, personified in Jesus and expressed in the Bible. We seem to find it difficult to grasp the enormity of who and what we are, and history is littered with the churches losing their way by focusing on one aspect of the truth to the exclusion of all else. A senior churchman once said in my hearing 'whenever I doubt that there is a God I look at the church and know that there must be, for such an organisation to have survived this long'. For despite our human failings, which are sometimes writ large in the church, God is faithful, and continues to be at work, creating and recreating, so that the Church survives despite her failure to be all that we continue to hope for as we pray 'Your/Thy Kingdom Come!' So Happy Birthday, and Many Happy Returns to the Church of God.



Churches Opening times

Everton church Friday-Sunday.

Hatley church can be opened on request.

Gamlingay church daily 10am-5pm

Everton and Hatley Churchyards

The open churchyards in these two churches in use in our parishes and the redundant church in East Hatley all have wild flowers worth a look. In Everton the saxifrage is coming into bloom, and the new burial ground beyond the churchyard has hawthorn in blossom and an extensive patch of cowslips among much else.

Hatley St George has some lady's smock in a patch protected from mowing near the road, and cowslips in the unmanaged area at the back.

Gamlingay Food Project - reaches well beyond Gamlingay!

Training took place on Zoom on Thursday evening this week for volunteers at the Almshouse hub, the planned base for Gamlingay Food Project. The proceedings are being recorded for those unable to attend. Please hold this whole process in your prayers, asking that barriers to progress may be overcome.

Fund Raising Plans

Sarah Titmus is gathering a team to plan events for June and July in Hatley and Gamlingay which will provide opportunities to meet within whatever the regulations are at the time. The Zoom meeting details will be circulated to anyone who expresses an interest. Please contact Sarah for more details:
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Easyfundraising

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Alec Hissett.

Gamlingay Church Hall and Gardens

The hall is at last opening for use again. 'Sparks' have been having 'Outdoor Church' in the garden and have an exciting den to play in. Special thanks to everyone who has worked to bring the garden round, we look forward to seeing the wild flowers which were sown to enter in the Gamlingay Show this September.

This week Sunday May 23rd, Pentecost

8.00am BCP Communion at Hatley St George church

9.30 Benefice Communion from Gamlingay St Mary, also on Zoom

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

Monday 24th May 11am Funeral of Diana Lindley at St Mary the Virgin, Gamlingay

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 TBC

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

Services for June are expected to run through the summer on an interim post-Covid pattern while a full Benefice consultation is prepared. Following Everton APCM this week it is hoped to publish a suggested pattern for comment and any positive suggestions.



Merrymaking in May

I came across this (hopefully tongue-in-cheek) poem and thought it might sum up the way we are all feeling about the weather at the moment though, as someone pointed out, rain is exactly what the natural world was needing and we will all, eventually, enjoy the resulting benefits. And, while reading the poem, it wouldn't hurt to remember how very different May was last year!

Brenda

British Weather

(by Gavin Ewart)

It is the merry month of May,
when everything is cold and grey,
the rain is dripping from the trees
and life is like a long disease.

The storm clouds hover round like ghouls,
the birds all sing, because they're fools,
and beds of optimistic flowers
are beaten down by thunder showers.

Under a weak and watery sun
nothing seems to be much fun,
exciting as a piece of string,
this is the marvellous British Spring!

Hopefully our own '*Merrymaking*' is helping
to cheer everyone up!



At least we can be inside now!

Fundraising

Would anyone like this mains, tabletop, combined DAB radio and CD player with built-in speakers? It is no longer required in church so a donation to Church funds would secure it.

If interested please contact me on 650052 or alechissett@hotmail.com



A message from Sarah Titmus

Following the Confirmation Service at Gamlingay on Sunday 30th May with Bishop Dagmar, we are planning a small tea party for those in attendance.

Donations of cakes/tea party food will be gratefully received.

THANK YOU!



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