

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



Weekly newsletter 28 May 2021



From Hilary:

So we come to Trinity Sunday, ushering in the long season of Ordinary time. We are looking forward to the confirmation service on this Sunday of a Bank Holiday weekend and, with hope, to more freedom after June 21st. Until then our present pattern continues. See the item on service patterns for afterwards which will be a two-stage process (so sorry this looks like Government edicts) and be aware June-September is NOT necessarily the way we shall be doing things from the Autumn. Please give your (kind and thoughtful) feedback directly to me as well as anyone else you care to speak to - no one person's voice is more important than any other.

WE WELCOME + Dagmar Winter (Bishop of Huntingdon) on her first visit to worship in these parishes, confirming Jason, Lauren, Peter and Wayne. Our prayers are with all of them.

Everton APCM

Our second Benefice APCM took place, mainly in person, after the Pentecost service. Enormous apologies to the two Zoom participants who missed out on the end of the meeting due to technical problems.

Despite several apologies before the event, some due to the changed date, a healthy turnout of more than a dozen people re-elected a lone Church Warden (Jane Gurney) and new PCC members Richard Astell and Doreen Gurney, with Jane Butcher continuing on the PCC as Deanery Synod representative as well as elected member.

Special thanks went to Ian Parker and Ann Naseby who have been Treasurer and Secretary respectively for the past year but will be sorely missed as they finish. Thanks also to Melissa who continues to support while not on the PCC, and to Dick who acts as Treasurer's assistant.

Ann's departure due to serious ill health earlier in the year has meant that the Annual Report was assembled by Hilary and distributed rather late. However, this was graciously accepted by the meeting, and the report contains much to be proud of in a difficult year, not least the financial break-even thanks in no small part to the generosity of the wider community at Gift Day. The report is available in printed format in Everton Church and on-line at the website.

Upcoming plans for services

Until the Government guidelines change on June 21st, and with consultation with lay leadership in the Benefice, the current service pattern continues on a whole-Benefice basis. These services will be offered on Zoom as well.

9.30am Communion/Eucharist at Gamlingay

4.00pm Evening Service at Everton (Prayerbook Evensong seems preferred format?) with optional communion afterwards.

No services in Hatley for the next three weeks.

From June 27th, while further local consultation takes place on future worship patterns in 'normal' times, and if government guidelines permit, the following is suggested as an interim pattern pending new plans to be implemented in the Autumn. These will, of course, again have to depend on national guidelines and Covid safety. The suggestions here take into account feedback from the existing congregation at Everton but not yet the wider community there or the congregation and community in Gamlingay and Hatley, and are not set in stone.

First Sunday (July 4th, August 1st and possibly Sept 5th)

8am Holy Communion BCP Hatley
9.30 am Family-Friendly [Eucharistic] service, Gamlingay
4.00pm Evensong at Everton with optional Holy Communion

2nd and 4th Sundays (July 11th and 25th, August 8th and 22nd)

9.30am Eucharist at Gamlingay
11.15am Holy Communion at Everton
[possible Evening service in Hatley or Gamlingay as announced]

3rd Sunday (June 27th, July 18th)

9.30am Eucharist at Gamlingay
4.00pm Evening service in Everton

This week

Sunday 30th May Trinity Sunday (Festival)

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

Wed 2nd June NO MIDWEEK COMMUNION (Hilary not available)

June 6th Trinity 1, June 13th Trinity 2, June 20th Trinity 3

9.30 am Benefice Eucharist, Gamlingay
4.00pm Benefice Evensong, Everton with optional Holy Communion after

Gamlingay Church Hall and Gardens



SUCH a lot of work has gone into transforming the garden space at the Church Hall in Gamlingay. The Sparks families, with a little help from their friends, have made a wildlife garden, den, rockery and compost heap. The young people and their parents have worked hard and enjoyed making the space somewhere toads, hedgehogs ladybirds and other insects as well as wild flowers, herbs and vegetables can flourish.



Well done Sandra and a big THANK YOU to those who have donated time and resources - the lovely planter donated by Wayne Butterick @bwb_woodsproviders and all the rubbish removal done by Alan and others deserve a special mention, alongside Ciaran's fencing.



Churches Opening times

Everton church Friday-Sunday, 9am-around 5pm, or after last service on Sunday if later.

Hatley church can be opened on request.

Gamlingay church daily 10am-5pm

An important message from Gerry Brunt:

As part of my ALM Ministry Social Awareness I am seeking to set up a Dementia Café to fill a need in our community and surrounding areas. I am looking for volunteers to become part of a team so that the sessions are not reliant on just a few people. PLEASE think about it, as you all have many and various gifts. If you have any questions, please contact me - g.brunt321@btinternet.com Tel : 650693

We are very fortunate to have the support of Jan Payne, who has been trained by the Dementia Society to fulfil a need as identified by Ely Diocese. Jan prefers to be known as a Friend to the Dementia People. She is willing to give us an online talk, which lasts about 45 minutes.

If you would like to attend please select from the list below, the dates and times you are available and let me know as soon as possible. I will then choose the most popular and Jan will do her best to accommodate us.

Monday 7th June, 2.30pm or 6pm.

Tuesday 8th June, 2.30pm or 6pm

Wednesday 9th June, 10.30am, 2.30pm or 6pm

Friday 11th June, 10.30am or 2.30pm

THANK YOU!

Gerry

Fun and Fund-Raising Plans in Gamlingay and Hatley

A productive meeting this Tuesday agreed two provisional dates for summer fetes (Covid regulations permitting) and made a good start at planning. Save the dates!

Saturday 17th July - Gamlingay Churchyard and Hall

Sunday 29th August - Hatley Field and Parish Room

Help is very welcome for either or both of these events. There are many attractions being planned, but always room for more - **please contact Sarah or Hilary** with offers of help or ideas. Keep the dates and spread the word, more details to follow, but useful to know now that there will be stalls available to hire at £10 a pitch (no food and drink stalls please) and church-run cakes, refreshments, BBQ, Tombola etc., to contribute to. All offers of help or promises of contributions for stalls will be gratefully received.

A reminder that Valerie needs your prayers!

As printed in a recent copy of the newsletter.....

We are compiling a list of favourite prayers and spiritual texts to make into a booklet. We need you to send us your favourite prayer, spiritual text or biblical passage with a sentence or two about why it is special to you.

Maybe you remember a parent or grandparent saying a prayer with you before you went to sleep. Maybe you remember a prayer from schooldays. Maybe there is a text which inspired you or helped you through a difficult time in your life.

Once we have them all we will gather them together into a booklet (rather like the Guild of St Mary recipe book) and sell them. All profits will go to church funds. Please submit your prayer with a note about why it is meaningful to you, to Valerie Miller (contact details at the end of this newsletter). You are not limited to one prayer, the more we have the better the book.



Merrymaking in May



Undefeated by the wind, rain and freezing temperatures we have continued to make merry with indoor gatherings of up to six people permitted. It would seem that our dreams of luxuriating in each other's gardens were no more than pipe-dreams but we are British and well used to making the best of bad weather!



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