

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



Weekly newsletter 2 July 2021



From Hilary:

The weeks are whizzing by and the days are blurring into one another with husband Norman improving and SO grateful to everyone who is praying and helping in tangible ways. As we pass the summer solstice and head into July, we continue to long for 'normality'. I expect I am not on my own in wondering what that will actually be like post-Covid - not that the infection will go away but that we will learn to live with it better. I do know one can never go back, tempting as it sometimes can be to try and much as we can long for things past. What we can do is to take into the future the legacy of the past, so we make the future better than it might have been. My prayer is for all of us in doing just that.

Our PCCs (Everton cum Tetworth plus Gamlingay with the Hatleys) met together on Monday, recognising that we are different communities yet with much in common. In particular, our shared Anglican leadership means communications are important. We have a renewed resolve to make these as good as we possibly can and to be patient at working on improvements where we find they are needed.

The proposed Sunday pattern was reviewed and accepted, with some question over the Sundays in August when I am hoping to be off meaning there is likely to be different provision, and a reminder that festivals will alter the pattern as there is an undertaking to have a Communion service in each church for these occasions.

Sunday October 2nd has been agreed as the Harvest weekend for all the churches. A Harvest Supper in Everton on the Saturday evening is being planned, with the possibility of a Harvest Lunch and Sale in Gamlingay on the Sunday, when there is also a baptism booked.

A group is being convened to reflect on the new (Interim) pattern as it is happening and to canvas opinion from the wider community as well as the church congregations. The aim is to enable worship for both our existing and future congregations.

This week Sunday 4th July Trinity 5

8am Holy Communion BCP Hatley
9.30 am Family-Friendly [Eucharistic] service, Gamlingay
4.00pm Evening service at Everton, including farewell and thanks to Judith King who is moving away after many years within this church community. Refreshments after the service.

Next Week Sunday 11th July Trinity 6

9.30am Eucharist at Gamlingay
11.15am Holy Communion at Everton
6pm Evening service TBC

Banns

We pray with Richard and Katy to be married in Everton on 16th July, when baby Mary will be baptised also, and for David and Hayley whose Banns are being read in Gamlingay in preparation for their wedding at Comberton.



Anniversary

On Saturday last (19th June) Michael and Amanda Watson celebrated 21 years of marriage with a blessing ceremony outside. Congratulations and love to them on marking this special time (should have been last year and had to be postponed, but thankfully possible this year). It was a lovely occasion, blessed with decent weather, thanks be to God.

Church Children's Birthdays



Twins Saoirse and Aoife had their birthdays last weekend and Bella's is this weekend. We wish them all Many Happy Returns and invite the sharing of birthdays and other celebrations here - don't rely on me remembering or even knowing(!) but let Brenda or myself have details.

Hilary

From Sarah Titmus

On Sunday July 11th I will be hosting a 'Forget me not' tea party in honour of our son Jacob James Titmus for the amazing charity Aching Arms.

In March this year we sadly miscarried our son due to Parvovirus B19, commonly known as Slap Cheek, a very common childhood illness.

Aching Arms is a charity which offers help and support to bereaving families. During these heart-breaking times you are given a bear which is donated by another grieving family in memory of the child they have lost. Receiving these bears gives you some comfort in the most painful time and lets you know you are not alone and others understand what you are feeling.

Please come and help me support this amazing charity and thank them for everything they have done for myself and my family.

I will be at the church hall, Gamlingay on Sunday 11th July from 1.30-4.30pm serving drinks and lots of scrummy cakes! We hope to see you there.

Sarah Titmus and family.



Forget Me Not
Tea Party
Aching Arms



Forget Me Not Tea Party 2021

PHOTOS, FOOD AND SCARECROWS!



St. Mary's Church, Gamlingay
17th and 18th July
1pm - 4pm



Watch out for further details which will be circulated by email next week and also posted on social media.

Don't forget, if you fancy making your own scarecrow to help fill the pews in church, you need to let Sandra or Sarah know as soon as possible.



A reminder of 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 9am-5pm

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