

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



Weekly newsletter 27 August 2021



From Hilary

A fine week of weather is promised which we hope will give us a good turnout for the Gamlingay and Hatley Church Fete at Hatley this Sunday, although we learn we are competing with the Air Show (you might well see some of it for free from Hatley playing field!)

As this Sunday is a 5th Sunday, the morning service is a Benefice Service. This time it is at Gamlingay but we hope it will be possible for the next, in October (the last one of 2021), to be at Everton.

The evening service, at 6pm this week, will give those involved in the Fete an opportunity for some quiet reflection after what we hope will have been a busy and successful day. Thank you in advance to Sarah and many helpers for their hard work.

This Week

Sunday 29th August Trinity 13

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| 9.30am | Benefice Communion in Gamlingay and on Zoom |
| 1-4pm | Gamlingay and Hatleys Church Fete at Hatley St. George Playing Field |
| 6.00pm | Benefice Evening service at Hatley St George Church |

Wednesday 1st September

Midweek Communion 9.30am at Gamlingay and on Zoom

Next Week

Sunday 5th September Trinity 14

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| 8.00am | Said BCP Communion at Hatley St George |
| 9.30am | All Age Communion at Gamlingay and on Zoom |
| 4pm | TBC Service at Everton |

NB : Tuesday Bible Studies resume on 7th September

A reminder of Churches Opening times

Everton church closed for building work.

Hatley church can be opened on request.

Gamlingay church daily 10am-5pm

Works at Everton

Due to confusion over safety, the building was not used as planned last Sunday. As the Parish Hall was not open, a rather moving communion service took place in the church porch. Thank you those who did, for joining me and sustaining the prayer and worship of our parish. There was, at least for me, a real sense that 'where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them'.

Many apologies for the confusing and conflicting information prior to this service. We are working to establish better communications and clarity over safety of use of the church building. Watch this space for information, and contact Hilary if in doubt. There is no service this fifth Sunday, as the Benefice worship is elsewhere.



St Mary's Children's Society Collection Boxes

This year we raised the sum of £138.58 for the Children's Society and thanks to all the box holders who helped provide some much-needed funds .

I am always looking for more people to hold a box so thought it might be an idea to give you some information about the vital work the society undertakes....

The Children's Society was founded in the late nineteenth century by **Edward Rudolf**, a Sunday School teacher and civil servant in South London. Rudolf led a deputation to Archibald Tait, Archbishop of Canterbury to put forward a plan for the establishment of Church of England children's homes as an alternative to the large workhouses and orphanages common at that time. The society now provides specialist support that empowers young people to make positive changes and rediscover their hope by working alongside young people, their families, and the community. Young people turn to the children's society when they have low self-esteem; when they're living in families who can't afford the next meal, the next size up in school uniform, or when there's no one else to lean on. Refugee and migrant children land in this country alone and look to them for guidance to achieve the life they dreamed of. To have a settled home, a secure job and starting a family

Children's Society counsellors meet with teenagers who want to quit using drugs or alcohol and who may be looking after mum, dad, or their siblings, or who have been taken advantage of and find themselves carrying drugs to far away towns or having sex with strangers.

It is vital the Children's Society receives financial support to continue their work so, please, if you are able to help them by having a donation box in your home that would be wonderful. All it involves is putting some loose change in when you can, and I will collect it once a year

If you would like a box, please give me a call on 01767 652832 and I will deliver one to you.

Many thanks,
Dawn Martin

Summer Fete

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GAMLINGAY AND HATLEY PARISH FETE

**Sunday 29th August - 1.00 - 4.00 pm
Hatley St George Playing Field**

Please come along and support this important fundraising event. There will be plenty of activities, stalls, refreshments and general entertainment, not to mention the opportunity to meet with friends outdoors on what will, hopefully, be a lovely summer afternoon!

NB: We are still desperately in need of more helpers to man stalls, serve refreshments and look after the games, as well as folk with muscle to set up tables, erect gazebos and do whatever is necessary.

PLEASE if you can help, contact Sarah without delay : crofty1113@gmail.com

CAKES

Cakes are needed for the refreshments as well as for a Cake Stall.

Items can be delivered to Valerie at 11 Bunyan Close at any time on Saturday,

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Bring to church on Sunday morning,

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Bring with you to Hatley on Sunday afternoon - as early as possible.

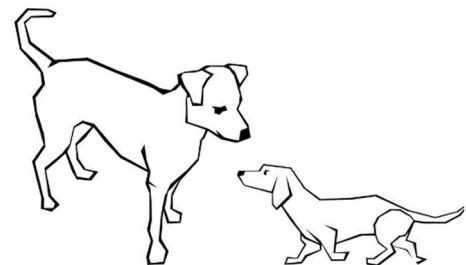
THANK YOU!

DOG SHOW AT THE CHURCH FETE

Do come along, and encourage friends with dogs to join in an informal event with rosettes for various classes:

Best cross-bred, young handler, veteran, puppy, rescue, best character, waggiest tail, prettiest bitch, gorgeous male, best in show.

Our thanks to Cyndy of Top Dog for organising this for us, it is NOT a Crufts-style event - plenty of opportunity for all.



If you would like to sponsor a class (£5 suggested donation though more is welcome of course!) contact Hilary. All proceeds go to the churches after costs for rosettes are covered.

We have received a letter from Christian Aid thanking us, as a Benefice, for our "generous gift of £1,460.00". The letter goes on to say :



"With your gift this Christian Aid Week you are supporting communities to access a reliable source of water, helping to provide a stable income and keep families healthy."

An example is given of a woman called Florence living in Kitui, Kenya. A few years ago she was struggling to cope. She had no water to grow crops, her children were hungry and she had to walk for hours on a dangerous journey to collect water. Now, with support from Christian Aid in partnership with Anglican Development Services Eastern, Florence has her own dam and water supply. She says :

"My life has changed. I am very happy. You can see it in my face: my face is shining. I have strength and power".

Florence's family is just one of many benefitting from projects to build better earth dams and harvest more water, sow drought-tolerant crops and to demand that governments prioritise climate justice.

Let us never forget how lucky we are not to have to worry about such things and continue to support the ongoing work of Christian Aid in areas of the world where it is so badly needed.

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