

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



Weekly newsletter 3 September 2021



From Hilary

The service pattern for September will continue in the format worked out back in July, to help us establish whether this, or something better, should be in place for the new Church year that begins at the end of November (Advent Sunday on the 28th).

The intended consultation will be taking place throughout the next two months. Services will follow the pattern previously published with 5th Sundays being arranged as whole Benefice services. Apologies that the Gazette was inaccurate in that regard, having gone to press before the pattern was finalised.

NB : this pattern includes a commitment to holding festival services at each of the churches, with the intention that each will have a Communion on Easter Day and at, or around, Christmas as well as other special seasonal celebrations.

The next 5th Sunday falls at the end of October, on All Hallows Eve, when we shall be celebrating All Saints (although it is technically Halloween). All Saints is actually on the Monday and our annual Memorial services Commemorating the Faithful Departed will fall on the Tuesday this year. The arrangements have yet to be confirmed, but there is likely to be some sort of Light Party on the Sunday and an evening Eucharist on the Tuesday.

Remembrance Sunday is 14th November. This year the service, traditionally shared with the Baptist Church in Gamlingay, will be at St Mary's, with the talk being given by Adrian or his representative.

This Week

Sunday 5th September Trinity 14

- 8.00am Holy Communion (said) BCP in Hatley
- 9.30am All Age Communion at Gamlingay and on Zoom
- 4pm TBC Service at Everton – see below (confirmation with the service link later)

Wednesday 8th September

- 9.30am Midweek Communion at Gamlingay and on Zoom

Saturday 11th September

- 2pm Marriage of Sarah Humphreys and Gary Jeffrey at Gamlingay

Next Week

Sunday 12th September Trinity 15

- 9.30am Eucharist at Gamlingay and on Zoom
- 11.15am Communion at Everton
- 2.30pm Baptism at Gamlingay, George Nicholas Sharp

Tuesday Bible Studies resume this coming week 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

Everton Update

CHURCH ROOF UPDATE 1st SEPTEMBER 2021

Lee Roofing Ltd at St Mary's Church Everton-cum-Tetworth have completed all the high-level work as quoted on 16th December 2020, leaving one small, low-level job, not included in the original quote, to be completed.

We are just waiting for the new cast iron chute to be delivered and this can be fitted, in the near future, with low level ladder access. With the work completed we will see the strike of the scaffolding on Thursday 2nd September, which will then allow access to the building for the cleaners.

This means we expect that the service on Sunday will take place in church.

OTHER WORKS

There are ongoing, behind-the-scenes efforts to improve communications for Everton - nothing, as yet, to share but our love and prayers continue for all concerned.

The 5th Sunday's Benefice services took place at Gamlingay and Hatley this month, as previously advertised. The intention of 5th Sunday worship is to bring together the congregations of our Benefice to share fellowship and mutual support. I invite those who find this difficult, for whatever reason, to share the problem with the worship leadership (myself, Chris Miller and Sandra Macrow) to see if we can help move past any problems.

The morning service was well attended, and it was a delight to welcome Everton folk. The evening service was also a delight, although there were just two of us at Hatley St George for a simple Evensong service (we said quite a bit of it but sang some responses and hymns a cappella!). Every understanding for those who would have attended but were still involved, or were unable to attend having been involved, with the Fete.

Church Fete and Dog Show

The first count is in for the Fete, with a HUGE WELL DONE to Sarah, the team and all their helpers in putting together such a super event. It was delightful to have the whole parish community working together and to be able to meet and chat with friends old and new, eat delicious food, play and raise money together. Our thanks again to Cyndy, Top Dog, for bringing us the dog show. There will be another opportunity at the Gamlingay Show for pet dogs to compete.



Churches Open Weekend

Two events which coordinate the opening up of churches to visitors occur **next weekend (10/11/12th September)**. Peter Mann writes, below, of the one which covers all three days when the redundant church of St Denis in East Hatley will be open.

The other event is the **Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust 'Ride and Stride'** which takes place on the Saturday only. St James church in Hatley St George will be open on the 11th and 12th, as will Gamlingay church (always open anyway - but note that during the wedding on Saturday 11th and during worship services, visitors will not be able to wander round - though they are welcome to sign in).

Both churches would benefit from any time you can offer to sit in, offer refreshments and chat to those taking part in the sponsored event on the Saturday. Last year there weren't many visitors, but I enjoyed a chat with those sitting in and did some weeding in Gamlingay churchyard, which made a pleasant interlude.

Although not in Cambridgeshire, Everton St Mary would qualify for the Bedfordshire Historic Churches version of the 'Ride and Stride' so, if the buildings work allows, volunteers would be welcome there too.

If you can offer an hour or two between 10am and 4pm on the Saturday at any of the churches, please let me know.

Hilary

From Peter Mann

St Denis' church in East Hatley will be open for the Heritage Open Days (HOD) festival 2021 – **Friday / Saturday / Sunday, September 10, 11 and 12** from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm and 2.00 to 4.00 pm each day.

Because the internal walls are rather crumbly (but quite safe), the church is not normally open, so this is a special opportunity. St Denis' is a medieval building dating from before 1217, restored by Sir George Downing in the 1660s and again by the brilliant Victorian architect William Butterfield in 1874.

It is now owned by the Friends of Friendless Churches, which this year installed new windows in the chancel, including several large pieces from the old east window that was smashed by vandals after the church was made redundant in 1959. The centrepiece is the glorious, handsome head pictured here.

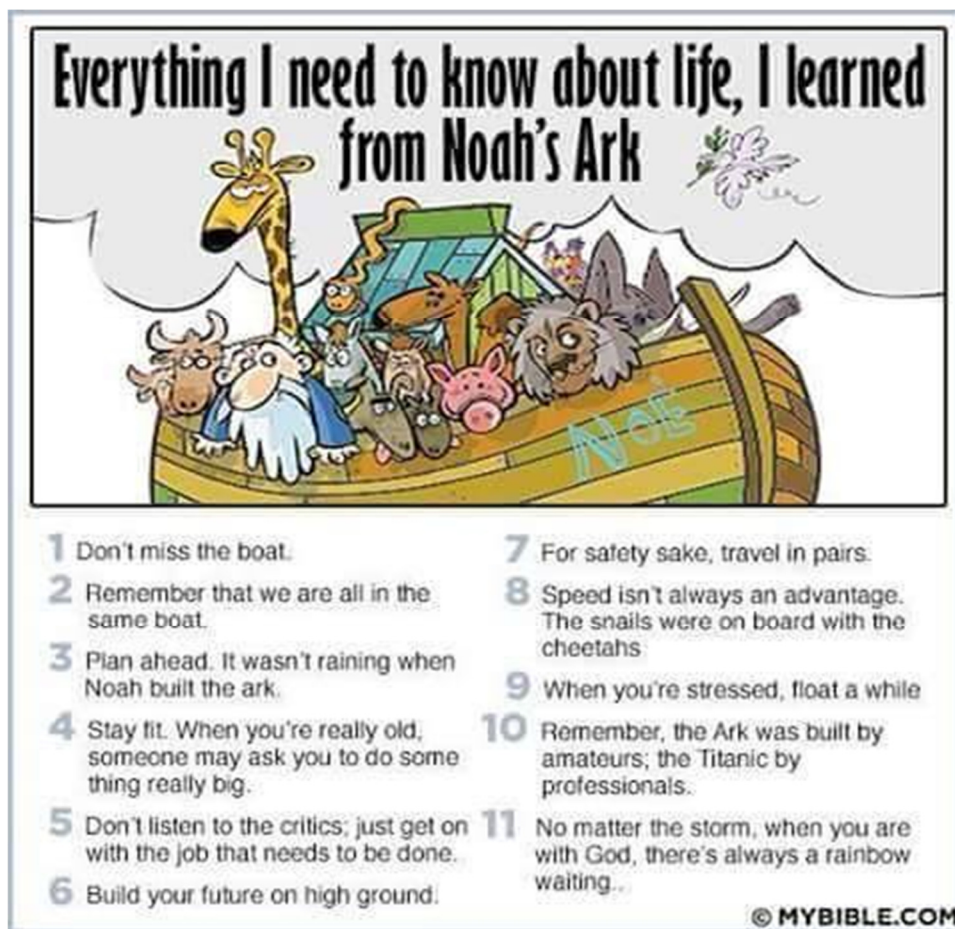


If you've not been to look round St Denis', do come because the surprise is an almost totally empty medieval building, which wouldn't feel too strange to a visitor from 1321

A chance, too, to decide if the 'handsome head' is just a pretty face or the profile of a god.

There's more about the event on the Hatley website:
www.hatley.info/news_events/events/st-denis-open-for-hod-2021.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT....from Anne Bunker



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