

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



## Weekly newsletter 10 September 2021



### *From Hilary*

We have several baptisms in the next few weeks at Gamlingay and our prayers are with those families as well as with Sarah and Gary to be married at Gamlingay this weekend. We celebrate life and love with them and ask for blessings on all involved who are making new commitments or renewing existing ones.

The PCCs of the Benefice are scheduled to meet separately and together in the afternoon and evening of September 13th (Monday of the coming week). Please hold the governance of our Benefice and its constituent parishes in your prayers for that day as part of our mission and ministry in these places.

### **Now Open Daily! Gamlingay Food Project**

The Almshouse Chapel in Gamlingay is open in the mornings for distribution of Community Fridge items in the war on food waste. This is a 'soft' opening as systems are established and volunteers learn the ropes. There will be an official opening when project leaders from the Council can be with us. Watch this space and social media for more information.

The Co-op and Marks and Spencer are both donating food which would otherwise be thrown away that day to this initiative. Alongside this, with certain food safety limitations, anyone can donate food to be given away - allotment surpluses are finding an outlet here. THIS IS NOT JUST FOR THOSE WHO WOULD OTHERWISE GO HUNGRY! - though of course this could be a good place to look for a cheap meal on a budget.

Volunteers have been trained and are delivering both this project and Food Bank-style parcels to those in need. 'Well done' and 'thank you' to those already working. More are always welcome so do come along and check out what is happening. Help is welcome both in staffing the project and in collecting the items required - contact Hilary for more information, or Ros and Alec for what it is like to be a volunteer.

### **This 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

#### **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September**

- 9.30am **Midweek Communion** at Gamlingay and on Zoom

### **Next Week**

#### **Sunday 19th September Trinity 16**

- 9.30am Eucharist at Gamlingay and on Zoom
- 2.30pm Baptism of Darcie Rose Barton at Gamlingay
- 4.00pm Evening service at Everton (TBC, could be Communion if most people prefer)

**Tuesday Bible Studies** have resumed. This week the meeting was on Zoom. Do be in touch to establish what other time might work if this doesn't suit. We shall be discussing the possibility of in-person meetings soon.

## **Harvest Plans**

Sunday October 2nd has been allocated as the Benefice Sunday for Harvest celebrations when churches will be decorated. There will be more information about with what and when nearer the time, but it's not too early to start thinking about what you might offer. There will be the usual flowers and fresh produce, but we will also collect for Need project, and you are invited to bring something that symbolises what you are grateful for this year.



Sandra and Sarah will be away on well-earned retreat time that weekend but are participating in the Gamlingay and Hatley planning which is ongoing as this goes to press. They would love to hear from anyone who would like to be involved.

We do know that we shall be sharing hospitality in all the parishes and distributing donations from the services. We also do have in the diary that the evening of Saturday 2nd has been booked for a Harvest Supper in Everton at the Parish Hall. Details are still being finalized, both for that and for a possible meal on another occasion (possibly the following weekend) in Hatley or Gamlingay.

### **A reminder of Churches Opening times**

**Everton** church open Friday - Sunday.

**Hatley** church can be opened on request.

**Gamlingay** church daily 10am-5pm

## **Open Churches**

All the Churches in Gamlingay and Hatley will be open this coming weekend. Help with minding the buildings is welcome - a group is already organised for St Denis, but Hatley St George Church and Gamlingay St Mary would benefit from extra bodies. We missed out on putting out a rota this last Sunday, but it is not too late to offer help. Saturday 11th is Cambridge Historic Churches 'Ride and Stride' day, when visitors may well be looking to add one of our churches to their list of places they've called at during a sponsored 'church crawl'.

As mentioned last week, St. Denis Church at East Hatley will be open on Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 11am – 1pm and from 2pm – 4pm each day. It is well worth a visit especially with its beautiful new and restored chancel windows installed this year by the Friends of Friendless Churches.



## ***“LET THEM EAT CAKE!”***

When she uttered these famous words Marie Antoinette was certainly not trying to cater for the masses at a village event or raise much needed cash for her local church but we are and **WE NEED CAKES!**



### **VILLAGE SHOW – 18<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**

Over recent, pre-Covid years 'St. Mary's Tea Room' at the Village Show has become known for its varied and delicious cakes and bakes. The Village Show is back this year and so are we – with a reputation to maintain.

**PLEASE** if you can offer to provide cakes, scones or biscuits for the event, let Sarah, [crofty1113@gmail.com](mailto:crofty1113@gmail.com) or Sandra, [sandramacrow@btinternet.com](mailto:sandramacrow@btinternet.com) know as soon as possible.

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## **GUILD OF ST MARY**

### **OPEN MEETING - Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September**

We are welcoming Gamlingay's famous (on youtube and facebook) '**Two Lads and a Laptop**'. If you haven't heard of them you can find them on social media and they also have their own website [twoladsandalaptop.com](http://twoladsandalaptop.com). Go and check them out as they are awesome!

In their own words "We are simply two musicians, armed with various strings and a laptop, on a mission to spread love, joy and peace through music!"

If this sounds like your sort of thing please join us on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 7:30pm in the Church Hall for an evening of music and chat. Visitor entrance fee is £4, and this includes tea/coffee and biscuits. We would love to see you.

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