

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



Weekly newsletter 17 September 2021



From Hilary

With Covid cases on the rise and general confusion as to what is safe and what the churches should be requiring of people, the Wardens and I are meeting again to revisit our procedures. We are well aware of a great range of different attitudes towards what constitutes risk and what level of risk is acceptable. The PCCs are mindful that this disease can be, for some, much worse than a bout of flu and the necessity for all of us to think about others ahead of ourselves.

Availability of people to plan together means this weekend will be a bit piecemeal again but we will have procedures out for the following week.

Following our PCC meetings, plans are in place for Harvest celebrations in October.

The first weekend of the month will see services at all three churches, collecting harvest gifts for good causes.

At Gamlingay we will be baptising Oliver Draxler in our Harvest celebration.

See elsewhere for details of the Suppers, at Everton on Saturday 2nd and at Gamlingay the following weekend.

This Saturday the Gamlingay Show takes place, with input from St Mary's. Any last-minute help, either with baking or helping on the day, is still welcome.

A reminder

We are still following a post-lockdown temporary service pattern, which is likely to continue in October as consultation takes place. What works well in this for you? What could be improved? What might we need to add or leave out in order to give proper space and welcome to more people in finding God in worship?

This Week

Sunday 19th September Trinity 16

- 9.30am Eucharist at Gamlingay and on Zoom
- 2.30pm Baptism at Gamlingay - Darcie Rose Barton
- 4.00pm Evensong service at Everton with optional communion afterwards.

Wednesday 22nd September

- 9.30am Midweek Communion at Gamlingay and on Zoom

Next Week

Sunday 26th September Trinity 17

- 9.30am Eucharist at Gamlingay and on Zoom
- 11.15am Eucharist at Everton

Tuesday Bible Studies continue at 10am. Reflection is on-going as to whether these should continue on Zoom.

Other opportunities to meet and discuss?

I continue to feel we need to offer an opportunity for chatting through the big questions for people who have interest but little experience of church life and faith. What do Christians believe? Why do we do (*fill in your own thought here*) during services?

Open Churches

A big 'THANK YOU AND WELL DONE' to people who staffed churches at Hatley this last weekend. We understand this was better supported at St Denis than at Hatley St George in financial terms.

Hilary.

A reminder of Churches Opening times

Everton church open Friday - Sunday.

Hatley church can be opened on request.

Gamlingay church daily 10am-5pm

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Jeffrey (Gary and Sarah) married joyously on Saturday 11th September at Gamlingay church.



Congratulations and much love, too, to the Sharp family as George was baptized this last Sunday, also at Gamlingay. It was a joy to welcome family friend Rev Janice, priest now working in the Isle of Man, to baptize a long-standing family friend's baby. Her son Nick was one of the Godparents.

From Jane Butcher at Everton

A huge thank you to Vera Bircham and her team of cleaning ladies, who went into Church following the completion of the building work a couple of weeks ago and carried out a Spring Clean. Their efforts were very much appreciated.

A visitor to the Church on that day was heard to remark "how lovely it was to walk into Church to the smell of furniture polish!"

Thank you all.

J. Butcher.



CHAT GROUP

Last week the Chat Group met for the first time since February 2020. Eight members attended and enjoyed a lively discussion on the subject of dreams and also spent some time considering the future of the group and how it might proceed and adapt. Since the formation of the Chat Group in 2009 Chris Miller and I have been taking it turns to choose a topic, prepare it and lead the subsequent discussion. During the year before we were forced into lockdown one or two other members of the group had a go which worked very well and was enjoyed by all. It has, therefore, been agreed that from now on all members will take it in turns to lead. With the current membership this means that no one should have to do it more than about once a year which everyone felt was quite acceptable. For the time being the group will continue to meet at 10.30am on the second Wednesday of each month at 2 Charnocks Close. Please let Chris or I know if you think you might be interested in joining us.

Brenda Elcome

HARVEST CELEBRATIONS



Everton's Harvest Supper will take place on Saturday, 2nd October in the Village Hall.

Gamlingay and Hatley will be holding a **Harvest Supper Party** the following Saturday, 9th October starting at 4pm, at St. Mary's Church Hall.

- A variety of activities suitable for all ages.
- Children's crafts.
- Fun puzzles/quizzes
- 5pm - Hog Roast (veggie option available), followed by Apple Pie, Cheese and Biscuits, Tea and Coffee.
- COST : Adults £10, Children £5, Family £25 - bring your own drink.

To book your place/ticket please contact us on : Phone - 01767 651238 or 07860 575342

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