

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



Weekly newsletter 1 October 2021



From Hilary

The badge system is in place at Gamlingay, having been agreed some time ago. The colour code enables people to show one another (only if they wish) what their preference is for taking care about infection spread. The code is available in church and included here for reference. We continue to encourage, but not insist, on face coverings for congregational singing.

Everton arrangements are still to be confirmed but we continue to take care of one another. With much smaller congregations it may be that we don't need to be as formal.

Harvest arrangements are by now well progressed and contacts are as follows for anything to be put into churches beforehand:

- Gamlingay - Anne Clarke 651932
- Everton - Sue Alexander 01767 65
- Hatley - Penny Hewlett 01767 650278

Supper tickets are available, from Manor Farm at Everton for Saturday 2nd and from Sarah Titmus for Saturday 9th at Gamlingay.

All the Harvest services will give the opportunity for harvest gifts to be given in church when the Harvest of Talents offerings will also be available. We will be accepting donations at the services, or beforehand, of fresh and preserved goods including toiletries. These will go directly to charities supporting those in need, or indirectly if they are more suitable to be sold and we have reasonable offers for them - in which case the income will go as a donation. In Gamlingay and Hatley this will be Niassa Diocese via the Manna project and the Gamlingay Food project, in Everton the Prebend Centre in Bedford.

Harvest of Talents - reminder

I am donating £100 to each of Gamlingay and Everton, and £50 in Hatley to be made available to anyone who will take and increase the value of the donation by whatever means they have at their disposal (I'm thinking here legal and kind!). Let me know the value of the talent you want to use. I will be giving out on Harvest Sunday, looking to collect back by the beginning of the new Church year. This money will go to the work of the churches of the people who take the money - it will be for the PCCs to decide exactly what that will be. In Gamlingay it is likely to be the roof and window repair work and at Everton it might be the work on the clock. In Hatley it could boost the building fund against the significant moneys needed towards drainage work on the church.

Hilary

This Week

Sunday 3rd October Harvest (and Dedication) Festivals, Everton Gift Day

8.00am Said BCP Communion at Hatley - Harvest theme
9.30am Harvest Thanksgiving Eucharist with Baptism of Oliver Draxler at Gamlingay and on Zoom
4.00pm Harvest Thanksgiving at Everton

Wednesday 6th October

9.30am Midweek Communion at Gamlingay and on Zoom
Meeting ID: 857 7959 5724. Passcode: 958554

Saturday 9th October

3.00pm Baptism of Huxley Michael Ward at Gamlingay St Mary

Next Week

Sunday 10th October Trinity 19

9.30am Eucharist and Baptism of Dexter James Peter Fisher Gamlingay St Mary and Zoom
11.15am Eucharist at Everton St Mary

Tuesday Bible Study continues on Zoom, with possible plans for face-to-face meetings in Advent.

Keeping one another Safe in Church

A Badge System (from September 2021) agreed by Wardens and Parish Priest:

Red

People wearing a red badge need those around to be careful for them. They will want to keep a 2m distance and have those around wear face coverings. They will not want people sitting in pews in front or behind and will only sit next to people in their own household. They may choose to sit in a distanced part of the church (side aisles).

Orange

People wearing this badge will still want to be taking some care, but will not be needing 2m distancing, and will be more relaxed about others wearing face coverings. They will not want to shake hands or hug or be close to people singing without a face covering, and only sit next to people in their own household. They will not mind people sitting in the pews in front or behind them.

Green

People with this badge are comfortable with returning to normal (pre-pandemic) interactions. Hugging and hand shakes (if they were used before!) are OK. These people will not mind having singers nearby and sharing a pew with people not in their family.

A reminder of Churches Opening times

Everton church open Friday - Monday.

Hatley church can be opened on request, open Sunday 3rd with harvest decorations.

Gamlingay church daily 10am-5pm

Gamlingay Churchyard

Oops! A huge limb has fallen from one of the magnificent beech trees on the south side of Gamlingay church.



It fortunately hasn't spoiled the cyclamen display, which is looking lovely at this time of year.....



.....but it has given a job to the Council who have responsibility for care of the churchyard now that it is closed. The Council is onto this, with regular specialist inspection of the trees. The tree in question had been considered safe and the branch that has fallen, and others, have been 'braced'.

As noted by Council :

'it is very fortunate that the branch fell when and where it did, as there does not seem to be any damage caused and it is not obstructing any paths. One of the bracing straps we had installed by tree specialists in 2014 has snapped. There are at least two other bracing straps still visible in situ. We will need to get the tree health checked. We have tree specialists booked in on the 14th October'

More news as it emerges.

FINAL REMINDER..... HARVEST CELEBRATIONS



Everton's Harvest Supper will take place this Saturday, 2nd October, 7pm in the Village Hall.
Contact : Manor Farm, 07967 445223

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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A reminder of some key contact details:

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