

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



Weekly newsletter 29 October 2021



From Hilary

This has been a busy week preparing for upcoming events. Do read carefully, and especially note the time of the Benefice and other services this Sunday. As well as noting for yourself, it would be very helpful to check with others you know who might come to church, we need one another's help in remembering where to be and when on occasions where there is a change to the usual patterns.

As we celebrate All Saints, marking the end of the long season after Trinity and heading towards Advent, thoughts have already been directed towards Christmas. We do so long for the services we have been used to and it is so hard, once again, to be uncertain about whether our plans will work out as we continue trying to keep one another safe.

So, as the secular world will be concentrating on Halloween, let us make this Sunday a time to remember the unseen 'cloud of witnesses' with whom we travel on our journey home to God, and to celebrate the light that shines in darkness. Let us not be fearful when we see and feel darkness gathering but remember ourselves deeply loved by and precious to the one who has shared this earthly struggle and accompanies us always, whether recognised or not.

This Sunday the main morning service is an All Saints Eucharist for the whole Benefice to be held at Everton. Due to rising Covid cases, and therefore a possible issue with lifts, there will be a said 8am Eucharist at Gamlingay which is additional to the original plan. The Light party at Gamlingay is open to all. Do get in touch with Sarah or Sandra to be counted in - there will be a buffet, pumpkin trail and games and crafts for the season.

Memorial Service

The Annual Memorial Service this year will be on Monday November 1st at Gamlingay. There will also be an opportunity to remember the departed at the Evensong at Everton on 7th November. There will be many people remembering loved ones this year and my thoughts and prayers are with all.

At the service we will be lighting candles and hanging name cards on our memory tree in Gamlingay.

Let me know if you would like a copy of the card accompanying this newsletter. It uses the picture my sister Marcelle painted for me for this season.

Remembrance Sunday 14th November

With rising Covid cases, we have been asked to wait until later this week before finalising arrangements, but at present the plan is as follows:

In Gamlingay, there will be a gathering at the War Memorial at 10.45am with names read by Hilary, after which there will be a service at St Mary's. It is possible that if this service goes ahead people will need to book to attend - watch this space!

At Everton the planned service will be led by Chris Miller, gathering at 10.30am in church and moving to the war memorial.

This Week

Sunday 31st October All Saints

- 8.00am Said Eucharist at Gamlingay
10.00am Benefice Eucharist at Gamlingay and on Zoom
4.00pm Family Light Party at Gamlingay Church Hall
6.00pm Family Service of Light at Gamlingay St Mary and on Zoom (same as morning service)

Monday 1st November

- 6.30pm Annual Memorial Service at Gamlingay

Wednesday 3rd November

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

Next Week

Sunday 7th November

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion at Hatley St George
9.30am All Age Eucharist at Gamlingay
4.00pm Evensong and Memorial time + optional HC

Tuesday Bible Study continues on Zoom.

A reminder of Churches Opening times

Everton church open Friday – Sunday & Bank Holiday Mondays 10am-4pm.

Hatley church can be opened on request.

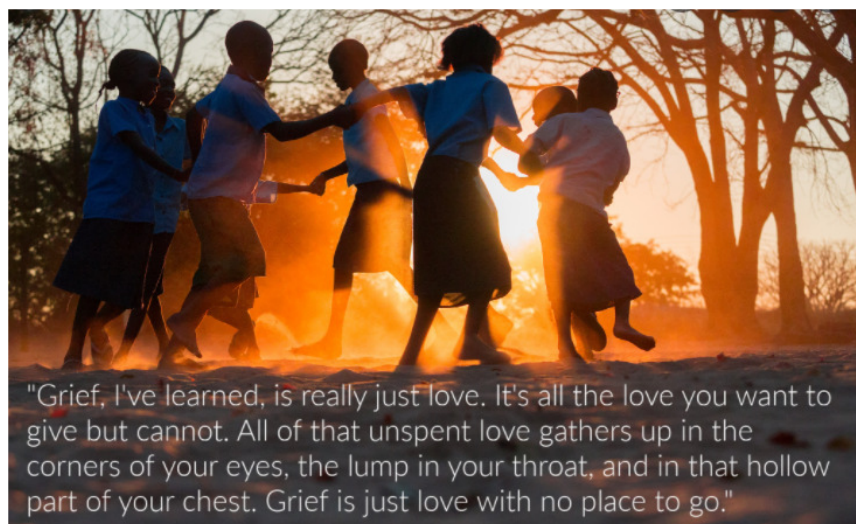
Gamlingay church daily 10am-4pm

REMEMBRANCE

Hilary has purchased 20 x 24hr votive candles 'Lest we Forget' to use at home or in church for this time. They have cost £2.50 each and are offered for £3 or more donation to church funds of the church of your choice. Let Hilary know if you would like one, they will be available this and next Sunday to collect in churches. When they are gone, they are gone!



To meditate as we approach All Souls Day....



"Grief, I've learned, is really just love. It's all the love you want to give but cannot. All of that unspent love gathers up in the corners of your eyes, the lump in your throat, and in that hollow part of your chest. Grief is just love with no place to go."

A Picture for Remembrance....

This is one of the last pictures which Hilary's sister, Marcelle, painted during remission from Melanoma from which she died a very few months later.

This was a commission for Remembrance tide (All Saints, All Souls and Remembrance Sunday) in Covid year 2020, when so many people said 'Good bye' under restricted circumstances.

Although intended to stand on its own, and not be overtly 'Religious' the picture is full of symbolism and expresses Marcelle's faith. Here are her notes:

gateway – departure from earthly life

dove – spirit, peace, calm, grace

rose (dark crimson) - mourning

poppy – consolation (remembrance)

pansy – thoughts, remembrance

zinnia (yellow) – daily remembrance

sweet pea – goodbye, departure

marigold – pain and grief

lady's mantle - comfort

salvia (blue) – I think of you

rosemary – remembrance

fern – sincerity

There's a raindrop on one alchemilla leaf - a tear?

Some grass- like lines towards the bottom of the candle look a bit like barbed wire - alluding to war, therefore Remembrance Day

The brighter stripe across the candle could be seen as a ribbon - the yellow ribbon has begun to be used for home-coming and particularly in the US for the safe return of soldiers from conflict.

The pattern of foliage over and through the other objects, together with the diagonal across the candle echo the watercolour: 'After the First Frosts' - an elegiac theme of the passing of summer, but not without hope as there is still beauty in winter and, with the cycle of the seasons, spring will surely follow.



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Please let Brenda have any articles or pictures  
by Tuesday evening each week to [Brenda.elcome@gmail.com](mailto:Brenda.elcome@gmail.com)

*From John Boocock*

**Ely Diocesan Association**

**Gamlingay**, Cambridgeshire

St Mary the Virgin

Sunday, 24 October 2021 in 51m (16-0-14 in Eb)

**1344 Grandsire Triples**

R Bailey

- 1 Cass Boocock
- 2 Sally Mew
- 3 James Hayden
- 4 Angie Gell
- 5 John Boocock
- 6 Nicholas T Smith
- 7 Iain Hayden (C)
- 8 Jez Bottley

Rung as a 'Thank You' to Jan Cooper, on her move, for her contribution over many years to the life of Gamlingay.



The Band.

**A reminder of some key contact details:**

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