

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



Weekly newsletter 27 May 2022



From Hilary...

Big Clean and Opening of St Mary the Virgin in Gamlingay

A HUGE thank you to Jane O for organizing us and to everyone who contributed to cleaning up for Saturday's service including those kind souls who are not regular church folk but came along to help. Particular thanks are due to the four local retained firemen who carried out some of the really high-level cleaning - £30 was donated to them in thanks at the service on Saturday. They are currently recruiting so do make that known amongst friends and family. Despite a number of apologies, there was a service followed by fellowship at the church. It was a delight to welcome our architect, Gethin, to chat and answer questions. As this event had to be scaled back due to continuing work, we look forward to the Harvest weekend (the first one in October), when we are planning a cross-benefice celebration to include a Gift Day in all the churches together with a celebration of all that has been done. In Gamlingay, the current phase of the building works will be complete and we may even have solar panels on the roof! In Everton we hope to have the clock back and chiming.

First Services at Gamlingay following re-opening

It was great, although strange, to be back in church at Gamlingay, - familiar and yet unfamiliar! Apologies that there were gremlins in the sound and broadcast system in the morning. It had been left set up and then had unset itself, and at short notice we realised we didn't have our one knowledgeable person on site. We continue to work at broadening our base of expertise in this area so do let me know if you (or someone you might know or know of) could help. Training is available, you don't have to start off as an expert.



Welcome to Holly Flaurance Poxson, baptised on Sunday afternoon. We had a lovely time including relighting baptism candles for some of the children who came to be with Holly's family. It was good that some of our church family were also there to welcome her.



This Week

Deanery Synod met on Wednesday taking forward the Deanery planning process - more information next time.

Ascension Day precedes the **last Sunday of Easter - this coming Sunday.**

Thursday's evening service was moved to Gamlingay for personal reasons.

Saturday 28th May

1.30pm Marriage of Richard Astell and Camilla Regan at Everton St Mary

Sunday 29th May Sunday 29th May Sunday after Ascension

9.30am Gamlingay Parish Eucharist 'Thy Kingdom Come'

11.15am Everton Parish Communion 'Thy Kingdom Come'

New Service Patterns

It seems highly unlikely (to say the least!) that a survey will have been agreed, distributed and results returned before the beginning of June as we had hoped. After Pentecost and the Jubilee services Ordinary time starts, taking us through the Summer, and that had been the revised target for a new pattern to begin. However various reasons, including health issues in our parishes and the Deanery planning group, have resulted in slower-than-hoped-for progress. This does **not** mean that the process has stopped or will not produce a result, but it **does** mean that we don't have the new pattern in place for June as had been intended. That introduction has now been put back yet again - possibly to the Autumn. To help everyone who contributes to services I am, therefore, producing the following plan for all Sundays in June, and this may extend through July - basically the same services every Sunday with the possibility of an early service at Hatley or an Evensong.

Service information for June

Sunday 5th June Pentecost and Jubilee Celebrations

8am Said service following the order in the Book of Common Prayer at Hatley St George
9.30am Pentecost/Jubilee service at Gamlingay St Mary the Virgin
11.15am Pentecost/Jubilee service at Everton St Mary followed by lunch

Sunday 12th June Trinity Sunday

9.30am Parish Eucharist at Gamlingay St Mary the Virgin
11.15am Parish Communion at Everton St Mary

Sunday 19th June Trinity 1 Services conducted by Revd Robert Sibson

9.30am Parish Eucharist at Gamlingay St Mary the Virgin
11.15am Parish Communion at Everton St Mary

Sunday 26th June Trinity 2

9.30am Parish Eucharist at Gamlingay St Mary the Virgin
11.15am Parish Communion at Everton St Mary

Thy Kingdom Come

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global> offers opportunity to sign up to this world-wide movement. There will be prayers every day on this theme, both from this source and locally.

Between Ascension and Pentecost we pray particularly earnestly for the Kingdom of God of which we are heirs and witnesses. What does the Kingdom represent to you? Jesus ushered in this Kingdom but it is not fully present on earth, and, before Pilate, Jesus was clear that it is 'not of this world' though he did not deny that he is its King.

So, what is this Kingdom and what are we praying in this prayer (part of the Lord's prayer we say every Sunday)?

Here are a few words that connect for me – which of them connect for you too? Maybe you have others?

Peace, Justice, Love, Joy, (Faith and Hope in this time of 'not yet') Forgiveness, Freedom, Healing, Eternity, Jesus, Transformation, Heaven.

Let us pray together 'Your Kingdom Come, Your will be done on Earth as in Heaven'. Amen

Everton, St Mary's June 5th

Following the 11.15am Eucharist there will be a light refreshment lunch and a prosecco toast to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee.

If you would like to stay for and/ or contribute to this, please let Jane Butcher (680105) or Dorothy Oglesby know by May 29th.

Dementia Awareness (see attached poster)

How much do you know about dementia and how we might help those living with it in 2022? We will be joined at the EcoHub on Tuesday, 7th June at 1.30pm by Jan Payne, a Dementia Friends Ambassador for the Alzheimer's Society and Project Leader for the new Dementia Friendly Community in Histon and Impington. Jan will give a Dementia Friends presentation and say a little more about the role that a community can play in helping those with dementia (and their Carers) live as well as they can. There will also be an opportunity to become a Dementia Friend (free of charge) should you wish to do so. A Dementia Friends presentation lasts about 45 minutes but may run a little longer depending on questions etc., at the end. Please note that this is not a medical presentation – it's all about support in the community.

The Bells Ring Out!

Last Sunday's first full service in St Mary's, Gamlingay since the church was closed for major roof and window renovation work, was heralded by the wonderful sound of the tower bells ringing out once again. John Boocock, Tower Captain (and presumably the one behind the camera!) reports that this was the first time within memory that as many as 8 ringers have met for a Sunday service – an effort hugely appreciated by the rest of us!



Project Update - from Alec Hissett

There was another site meeting last Friday (13th May). Much progress has been made but there are a few items of work to complete:

- The stone required to rebuild the mullion in the north-west window (children's corner) has been delivered and should now be ready for the glass to be installed. We hope that Lincolnshire Stained Glass will be available to do this in the next couple of weeks.
- Work on the south aisle parapets is almost complete and the scaffolding on the south side will be removed this week.
- Lead on the north transept ridge is being replaced and will, by now, be complete.
- One of the north aisle gates has been removed as the hinge mounting failed. This work has been specified and is awaiting new stone and replacement ironwork, which is being produced by Chris Smith.

It is hoped that all work, except the gate, will be complete by mid-June.

A reminder of church opening times:

Everton church open Friday- Sunday, and on Bank Holiday Mondays 10am-4pm.

Hatley church can be opened on request.

Gamlingay church closed to the public until June.

Please let Brenda have any articles or pictures for the newsletter
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