

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



Weekly newsletter 3 June 2022



From Hilary...



Last Week

For Richard and Camilla's wedding, Everton church was transformed with natural-looking flowers and foliage much of which has been donated for use at the Jubilee - thank you to them for that. We were blessed with lovely weather for this special beginning of married life for them and we continue to pray God's blessings for the new Mr. and Mrs. Astell.



Advance Notice :

A lovely spin-off from the wedding was that the choir, 'Vox Cantab' who sang so beautifully for the service, would like to come and sing again and I am (I hope!) in the process of booking them for the Harvest weekend. Do put that first weekend in October (Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd) in diaries as we will be making a real occasion of it, decorating churches across the Benefice, having Gift Days in all three churches and saying 'thank you' to God for all that's been in this last year, particularly including the work on church buildings. Everton will have an Autumn Fair on the Saturday, I'm working on an afternoon concert and celebration in Gamlingay and there will be Harvest meals - Everton's is planned for the Friday evening, Gamlingay's has yet to be fixed.

This Week

Pentecost and Jubilee services take place in all three churches this Sunday - a major church festival. We shall be including prayers and remembering Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Thank you to the people who will be providing the lunch and fizz at Everton after the service. It would be nice to know if you can join so please let Hilary or Jane Butcher know, but don't stay away just because you haven't been in contact.

On Saturday Gamlingay church has the opportunity to engage with the Jubilee project of re-wilding the churchyard, at the same time as hosting a picnic at the Church Hall and Church grounds. (*See poster at end.*)

Plans for opening church and sharing Jubilee decade pictures and artefacts have had to go, as there hasn't been the time and energy to make that happen. I am proposing instead that we do this for Harvest, let me know if you can help with pictures or information. The seven decades are: 1952-1962, 1962-1972, 1972-1982, 1982-1992, 1992-2002, 2002-2012, 2012-2022.

Please look out anything you have relating to your life and Church life in Gamlingay during any of these decades. There must have been arrivals and departures, weddings and baptisms connected to church life through all that time. Who were the clergy?

I hope my own health problems will be much better sorted by the end of the Summer and I can contribute more by the time we get to Harvest. However, I've only been here 4 years this Summer so I can only contribute to the last decade, and only to the back end of that!

'Thy Kingdom Come'

At time of writing, I haven't received any contributions or comments on this. If you have been praying specially 'Thy Kingdom Come' during this time, do tell me about it and how it has gone for you - it is always an encouragement to hear when people have been reading and responding to this Newsletter and to learn how the prayer life of our church is going.

In the morning prayers the following have been prayed as Kingdom qualities longed for:

From Ascension to last Sunday:	Faith Hope and Love
Monday/Tuesday:	Peace
Wednesday:	Release for the captives
Thursday:	Healing
Friday:	Patience and the capacity to wait in faith
Saturday:	Being clothed with Power from on High'

Deanery Synod

Sandra, Hilary and Gerry attended the meeting at Buckden this last week. There was not much new to share from the meeting about the planning process, except that it is progressing. There is a questionnaire for PCCs in circulation, looking at what is currently happening - Gamlingay PCC is looking at that.

June services

This week - Sunday 5th 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 Trinity Sunday

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

Sunday 19th 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 Trinity 4

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



Come and join St Mary's

Platinum Jubilee Party

On SATURDAY 4TH JUNE 2022

11.30AM – 3PM

In the Church Hall Garden

2pm - Gamlingay Community Choir

Tea, coffee and soft drinks provided

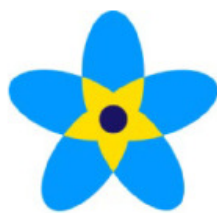
Bring your own lunch

Everyone Welcome

10.00am - Bellringers Quarter Peal

Dementia Awareness

A reminder of the event at the Ecohub on Tuesday 7th June as below. Do let Hilary or Gerry know if you intend to be there, it is open to anyone interested, not just for Church people.



Dementia Friends

An Alzheimer's Society initiative

Announcing a **FREE Dementia Friends**
Information Session

Tuesday 7 June 2022

The ECO Hub, Gamlingay

1.30-2.30 pm

Did you know that:

- dementia is not a natural part of ageing?
- increasing numbers of people are being diagnosed with dementia whilst they are still under 60 years of age?

Come along and learn how it is possible to help people with dementia to live well (or as well as they can) with appropriate support and understanding

No prior knowledge or medical skills needed but please note that this is not a medical presentation, it's about understanding and community support

Open to all over 18 years of age
- a warm welcome assured



From Valerie Miller...

I have been asked to keep a diary of events for the benefice and have, therefore, been co-opted onto Gamlingay PCC. Please would anyone planning an event let me know so that I can enter it onto the calendar.

Thank you,
Valerie

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.

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