

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



Weekly newsletter 17 June 2022



From Hilary...

Last Week

Trinity Sunday was the last main Church festival for the summer, and during the week Gamlingay saw the works to the windows completed. There is an outstanding piece of work to rehang the gates in the south porch, so the builders remain officially 'on site' with items stored for use until completion, resulting in the building staying closed during the day although open for worship. The final 'big clean' is planned for Friday next week.

This Week

We are now planning summer and autumn fund-raising events in the parishes and moving on with the Jubilee Project for 're-wilding' the churchyard in Gamlingay.

Finance and Events

All three churches of the Benefice are facing rising running costs (insurance and energy costs are going up far in excess of what might have been previously predicted) while Gamlingay income has been reduced for the past six months due to building closure. While there is always a need to raise extra funds in these parishes, Gamlingay in particular has a rather large hole in the projected budget for 2022, more details next time, Nick and I will be publishing details here and writing to everyone on the Electoral Roll in Gamlingay with the Hatleys.

Advance Notice/Reminder Autumn Event

All the parishes of the Benefice will be involved in a Celebration Event on the first weekend in October, so save the date if you can. There will be an Autumn Fair at Everton, Gift Days in all three churches, Harvest meals and charity collections and Harvest decorations in open churches across the weekend with exhibitions for Platinum Jubilee year. There will also be a celebration concert in the early evening at Gamlingay, giving thanks for the work completed on the church and to the many who have contributed to it. This event will mark the removal of Gamlingay church from the Heritage at Risk Register, as a result of the completed works. All these events are planned to encourage our wider communities to celebrate with us - perhaps this may include East Hatley too, where St Denis has had further work done? Watch this space and do be in touch with any ideas or offers of help.

September Open Churches

Historic Churches groups will be running their customary events this Autumn, please be in touch if you can help make sure our churches are properly involved.

Prayers for Healing continue

Chris continues to recover well from his minor stroke – see separate message from him.

Hilary awaits progress with referral and continues in parish work with the support of the PCCs.

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ we pray to the Father, may we all receive God's healing touch to bringing wholeness and healing in body, mind and spirit.

Memory Lane - First Session

On Tuesday 28th June 2 - 4pm at the EcoHub in the Kingspan suite, there will be the first of the monthly sessions for those with memory loss and their carers - you don't have to be particularly ill to attend! There will be afternoon refreshments, possibly some gentle entertainment and lots of opportunity to establish the preferences of those attending. The aim is for the group to develop according to the needs of its members. We expect music and creative activities, together with access to information, to be high on future agendas.

It is OK just to turn up on the day but it would be helpful to have a rough idea of numbers for catering so, if you know you will attend, please let Hilary, Gerry or Kate know.

Please pass this information on and encourage anyone you know might find this helpful to attend.

Gamlingay Churchyard Jubilee Project

Jenny Shelton, leading on this with the PCC, met with Hilary and spent some time on the ground in the churchyard this week. The churchyard plan view presented at the Jubilee afternoon session for ideas (see separate attachment) was discussed and reviewed. The following needs were identified:

- + A more detailed plan (see next page) than the one in use, to include more exact locations of all the gravestones and trees.
- + Details confirmed for the areas to be managed for Spring, Summer and woodland wildflowers and plants - Cambs Wildlife Trust are being approached for their survey results and advice, a tentative plan for suitable areas was agreed.
- + Sites for planting new trees - two donations currently under consideration - walnut from the Emplins, plus one ~~other~~, plus query for others. Rowan considered for suitable new planting; beech not desirable because of possible disease present in soil.
- + Discussion with the PC on the beech tree which is to be felled in September and the future extent of PC-funded management.
- + Working parties to help with planting this Autumn and conservation mowing in appropriate seasons into the future
- + Consultation with the Church authorities as well as the Parish Council on plans, with a need for approvals possibly slowing things down.

A message from Chris Miller :

Dear all

This comes with heartfelt thanks for all the love and good wishes you have passed to me since my stroke last week. Thank you for all the cards and emails which I have received - they mean a great deal. I now need a time of recovery so you will not see me at the forefront of things for a while. I am happy to receive visitors but please contact Valerie in advance to arrange a suitable time. I do get very tired, so visits need to be spaced out. Please continue to pray for us as we shall continue to pray for you all (amongst others we are having prayers offered by the Muslim and Jewish communities!)

With love and very best wishes

Chris

Please let Brenda have any articles or pictures for the newsletter
by Tuesday evening each week to Brenda.elcome@ymail.com

Services for the rest of June (with apologies for a couple of omissions last week)

NB : Midweek communion will continue to take place at 9.30am on Wednesday mornings unless cancellation notified.

This week - 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

Friday 24th June

2pm Wedding rehearsal at Everton church
2.30pm onwards 'Big Clean' following completion of the work in Gamlingay church followed from 4.30pm by marquee assembly rehearsal and BBQ at Gamlingay Rectory

Saturday 25th June

12 noon Marriage of Joe Dryborough and Grace Lewis at Everton

Sunday 26th Trinity 2

9.30am Parish Eucharist at Gamlingay St Mary the Virgin
11.15am Parish Communion at Everton St Mary
2.30pm Baptism at Hatley St George - Freddie Paul Ron Andrews

Tuesday 28th

First session of the new group for those with memory loss and their companions (see above)

Services and events for July and August

In the absence of the intended survey results, services continue this month and through August in the current provisional pattern, although there may be adjustments on occasions to accommodate availability of personnel, so do check details weekly.

Normal Pattern

First Sunday 8am BCP Hatley St George
9.30am Parish Eucharist Gamlingay
11.15am Parish Communion Everton

Other Sundays

9.30am Parish Eucharist Gamlingay
11.15am Parish Communion Everton

Saturday 9th July

10am-12noon Everton Coffee Morning at the Village Hall
12 noon - 5pm Gamlingay Church Summer Fete in the church grounds

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We are so pleased to be holding this successful event in Everton again after a 3 year break!

## *ST MARYS EVERTON* SATURDAY JULY 9th 10-12noon

Village Hall, Everton

## COFFEE MORNING

Cakes, jams, produce, plants, books and raffle

**A very warm welcome to all**





# Summer Fete

Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> July

## CALLING ALL BAKERS!

If you can help with the provision of cakes for the Summer Fete on 9<sup>th</sup> July, we would be very grateful. Please contact Brenda Elcome with any offers. Many thanks to those who have done so already!

## ALSO NEEDED.....

**FILLED JARS** for the Tombola - please deliver to Alec and Ros at 45 Fairfield.

**RAFFLE PRIZES** - also to Alec and Ros OR left in the porch at 61 Fairfield (just around the corner!)

**PEOPLE** willing to staff, mind or run some of our proposed stalls - please let Jane Orchiston know if you can help - 07535 005908

Thank you!



## CHRISTIAN AID 2022

Christian Aid money has been collected and the total for the Benefice was £628.17.

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| Gamlingay | £415.31 |
| Hatley    | £98.04  |
| Everton   | £114.82 |

Well done to everyone involved - Great work!

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