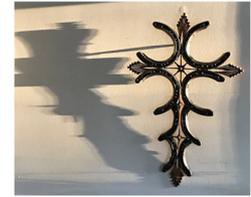


ST MARY'S GAMLINGAY, HATLEY ST GEORGE & ST MARY'S EVERTON



Weekly newsletter 19 August 2022



From Hilary...

I am now back at work after a lovely mid-week break for Norman and myself ending on the 13th. Being at the Norfolk coast we've kept out of some of the worst of the heat, but this has certainly been a long season of drought and hot weather and coming back has been hard work! Thoughts and prayers are with all those who struggle in the heat.

We have a couple of weeks left of the August holiday season, then September see schools back and the new term beginning. See below for advance notice relating to the first Sunday in September which will be special for more than one reason.

BENEFICE NOTICES

General Communion Service Arrangements

Thank you to those who have been in touch in response to last week's enquiries on procedures during communion services. Thank you also to the people who support, week by week, the preparations and clearing up of these services, laying out the altar, providing service material, opening churches, cleaning and assisting at the service with music and reading. If you haven't been asked and would like to be included on a rota for any of these things, do be in touch, perhaps with me (Rev Hilary) in the first instance, to be directed to the relevant people.

Concerning the chalice – all who replied were in agreement that we should continue to use intinction by the celebrant (the priest dips the wafer in the chalice before administering to communicants) - so that is a decision we will stay with and not revisit for a while.

At Gamlingay there was a suggestion that we should reinstate deacons and acolytes as well as Gospel and entrance/exit processions. I would be pleased to see these provided as long as we can do them well. I look forward to hearing from people who would like to be part of the ceremony of our services at Gamlingay post-Covid and we will proceed accordingly - training will be given!

Living in Faith and Love

Some readers may be aware of the discussions and wrestling with differences of approach to human relationships within the Church of England that has been live for some time and affected the recent Lambeth Conference of Bishops. Please see the attached poster from Rev Nicki our Area Dean, who has arranged for us to take part in the discussions on a Deanery-wide basis. I will hope to take part in the advertised sessions and will be pleased to provide transport for anyone who would like to accompany me - we may repeat the course in the Benefice more locally if that seems appropriate and there is enough interest.

Food Project - Please Help

A reminder that this project, although named for Gamlingay because it has been founded as a partnership between the Baptist and Anglican Churches in Gamlingay, serves a wide local area. In particular, the Food Bank element comes from an initiative in Bedfordshire and delivers to surrounding villages including Potton. If you are already giving, THANK YOU, if not, please consider adding a suitable item or two to your weekly shop or giving some cash to buy suitable items. The need tends to go up while the donations go down in hard times such as we are facing now.

It may be that there are no families in need in Everton, but I'm thinking it is more likely that the project is not known there yet, so I am particularly encouraging church folk to 'spread the word'. There are leaflets in both the churches, and there is now a box in both churches for collection of any donations which church congregation members might like to bring on Sundays. Sadly, we don't seem to be able to leave boxes out during the week without having things removed as well as put in, so they will be taken to the collection point at Gamlingay at the end of the church services. Tinned and dried goods and household items such as toilet rolls, washing up liquid and shampoo are all distributed (delivered direct to those referred to the project) on a weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly basis. The referral process is simple. Do ask if the leaflet isn't clear.

This Week

Sunday 21st August, Trinity 10

9.30am Parish Eucharist at Gamlingay

11.15am Parish Communion at Everton

NB : No Wednesday Communion

Thursday 25th August

4pm Funeral of Betty Freestone at Cambridge Crematorium.

Saturday 27th August

1pm Wedding Ryan Kendrick and Emily Day, Gamlingay

Next Week

Sunday 28th August, Trinity 11

9.30am Parish Eucharist at Gamlingay

11.15am Parish Communion at Everton

Wednesday 31st August

9.30am Midweek Communion tbc

September

Sunday 4th September, Trinity 12

9.30am All Age Eucharist with Baptisms - also marking new academic year, at Gamlingay

11.15am Parish Communion with preacher Revd Les Oglesby, celebrating a preaching Jubilee.

Monday 5th September

12.30pm Funeral of Bryan Page at Everton followed by burial in Gamlingay Cemetery.

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Open Churches Cambridge Historic Churches Trust

<https://camhct.uk/ride-and-stride/>

I have had no response to previous information about this, but here I pass on a request from Annette Reed as follows.

Annette writes to me.....

'Just emailing to ask if you know of any folk from your churches who will be taking part in the Ride and Stride event on September 10th.

I'm on the executive committee CHCT and also try to do publicity for Ride and Stride – it would be great if I could interview anyone taking part locally for the CHCT Facebook Page. Do you know if anyone is doing it from your churches?

Also, we are launching this year's Ride and Stride from Great Paxton Church and it would be great if anyone who is riding or striding could be there too at 9.30am.

Please be in touch if I can contact Annette with your details.

NEWS FROM EVERTON

Church Clock - work is ongoing to connect the striking with the time shown by the hands - it is understood that the strike cannot be exactly with the hands but it has got further out of synch and has to be adjusted slowly. In addition, the clock mechanism is affected by extremes of temperature and needs adjusting regularly during hot weather. This is being done so please be kind if you are affected and thank you Frances for taking the job on.

Banner

A banner consisting of separate letters was started during Covid lockdown. The letters are now being collected - watch this space for details of a 'sew-in' to make up the banner which will be used over Harvest weekend at the beginning of October.

NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY/HATLEY

Memory Lane - August Session

The weeks have gone by very quickly. The next meeting is on **23rd August at the EcoHub 2pm-4pm** and is planned to include music from David (and probably some from an on-line programme we've been shown) as well as a craft or art activity. The main purpose, however, is to provide an opportunity to enjoy one another's company and some refreshments together! Do let Hilary, Gerry or Kate (Hub manager) know if you can make it and encourage anyone you know who might benefit from this group for those with memory loss - all welcome with their companions.

Gamlingay Churchyard Jubilee Project

We had a great visit from Diana Cook of the local Wildlife Trust on Monday 15th August, establishing the project group which is formed from the Local Council Climate Action Group and church members. The partnership is hugely important, as both the PCC and the local council have elements of responsibility for the churchyard in Gamlingay. The discussion looked at proposals on making the churchyard more wildlife friendly. There was further discussion about the future of the huge beech tree which dropped a branch last year. At the time of writing another branch has just fallen which may make the group think again, but the present plan is to ask if the proposal to fell the tree later in September can be revisited.

October - Green Week and Harvest Weekend

Nothing yet to add to previous information. Plans are in hand for a Coffee Morning on Saturday 1st October at Gamlingay and posters for Green Week will be around shortly.

Plans are being prepared for a Light Party on October 31st. Do be in touch to let us know if you would like to take part, either bringing children or as a helper.

CALLING ALL BAKERS!



Here we are once more, fast approaching the date for the Village Show (17th September) and our highly respected 'St. Mary's Tea Room'. Just two weeks after that (1st October), as part of our weekend of Harvest/Jubilee celebrations, there are plans to hold a Coffee Morning in church when cakes will once again be needed.



It is possible that for the Coffee Morning there will be items left over from the Village Show which will either keep or can be frozen so, for the moment, we are just requesting offerings for 17th September. Afterwards we can assess the situation and seek more cakes etc., if and as required.

If you are able to help, please let Sandra know, she will be delighted to hear from you!
[\(\[sandramacrow@btinternet.com\]\(mailto:sandramacrow@btinternet.com\)\)](mailto:sandramacrow@btinternet.com).

Quotation provided by Roderick Starksfield :

At a Multi-Faith Conference – Rabbi Lionel Blue said:

"You worship your God in your way, I worship my God in His"

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This Newsletter is circulated by email each week to all on the Church Electoral Roll plus anyone else who gives their email details and requests it. It contains any news we have been given to share in our villages (Everton, Gamlingay and the Hatleys) plus news of what's going on in all three churches in the two parishes of the Benefice. Gamlingay with the Hatleys is one parish while Everton and Tetworth is the second linked parish in the current Benefice - both looked after by one parish priest.

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Church opening times:

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

Hatley church can be opened on request.

Gamlingay church open daily 10am – 5pm.

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