

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



Weekly newsletter 26 August 2022



From Hilary...

I took Wednesday off this week to do one or two necessary things - apologies to those who didn't pick up the Newsletter notice about this. It's a bit late now, but just a reminder that I did ask people who were planning to attend Midweek Communion at Gamlingay through August, to check that the Wednesday services were on.

BENEFICE NOTICES:

General Communion Service Arrangements

Confirmation that we will continue to use intinction with the chalice at least until Advent.

I am waiting, in Gamlingay, for more responses to see if we can reinstate some of the communion service ceremony

Living in Faith and Love - reminder of the course running in September/October

St. James Church, Little Paxton. Wednesdays 7.30 – 9.30pm. September 21st, 28th, October 5th, 12th, 19th.

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. A poster from Rev Nicki, our Area Dean, concerning a deanery-wide version of the discussion course was circulated with last week's newsletter. I will hope to take part in the sessions advertised 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 - Help - Thank you,

It was heartening to see a good response to last week's request. The boxes will remain in the churches and be passed on to the project on Sundays.

This Week

Sunday 28th August, Trinity 11

9.30am Parish Eucharist at Gamlingay

11.15am Parish Communion at Everton

NB : No Wednesday Communion

Next Week

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 Bryan Page** at Everton church, followed by burial at Gamlingay cemetery.

NEWS FROM EVERTON

The Church Organ developed another extra sound on Sunday. The Norwich based organ-builders are due to visit this week - more news to follow. We are acutely aware that this is a one-of-a-kind instrument with ageing electronic parts - some were second hand when first used, so we may be reaching a big decision stage in the near future.

NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY

Memory Lane - August Session

This was another lovely session. We missed one of the couples who have been visiting from outside the village due to an unexpected clashing commitment, but those who came made name badges, produced sunflower images (Thank you Stephen!) and we were entertained by David sharing his wonderful musical talent. Thank you, Food Project, for the delicious chocolate cake and Kate for the ice cream!



The next session on September 27th will include more musical accompaniment, sharing of exercises for strengthening limb function, and a contribution to Green Week involving planting bulbs for Spring. Participants are encouraged to bring a container to plant up if they have one, but something simple will be provided for those who don't.

Gamlingay Churchyard Jubilee Project

Permission has, reluctantly, had to be sought and granted for felling the huge beech tree in the churchyard on grounds of public safety. Two separate tree professionals have confirmed that the tree is a danger to the public as it is suffering from two diseases - beech bark disease and a fungus affecting the roots. Both are known causes for instability of affected trees. The tree is due to be felled in the third week of September. The work is the responsibility of the Parish Council, through the church authorities.

In October

Green Week and Harvest Weekend

See attached poster about Green Week.

There will be more details on the Church events in due course.

Open Churches Cambridge Historic Churches Trust

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

Churches throughout Cambridgeshire will be taking part in the Ride and Stride event on September 10th. This year's Ride and Stride is being launched from Great Paxton Church, participants and supporters welcome at 9.30am.

We are looking for people to help 'staff' churches in Hatley and Gamlingay for that weekend. Please be in touch if you can help in this way - there may not be many visitors, but the buildings are lovely places to spend a bit of time.

NEWS FROM HATLEY

from Peter Mann



St Denis' open for HOD

A quick reminder that St Denis' church in East Hatley will be open – with guided tours – for the first weekend of this year's Heritage Open Days festival, from 11.00 am to 4.00 pm on Friday 9th, Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th September.

HOD, as it's known, offers visitors the opportunity to see hidden places – and although St Denis' is now open every day, for its HOD weekend a small team of knowledgeable enthusiasts will be giving guided tours to talk about the history of St Denis' and some of the famous people associated with the church (notably Sir George Downing, after whom Downing Street is named, and William Butterfield, a highly influential church architect in Victorian times).

No need to pre-book, just come along when it suits you – and, if it's a nice day bring a picnic and enjoy the quiet serenity of the churchyard, which doubles as a Local Nature Reserve. Full details on the HOD website: www.heritageopendays.org.uk/visiting/event/a-handsome-medieval-church-st-denis-east-hatley-cambs1.

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