

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



Weekly newsletter 30 September 2022



From Hilary...

This week has been all about preparing for Harvest weekend in our churches, with Gift Days in both parishes. As October begins, and it really does feel as though Autumn is here, we celebrate 'all good gifts around us' before we start seriously looking ahead to Christmas at the end of the year (not that we haven't already begun with that behind the scenes). We will not however be doing as M & S seem to be and bringing Christmas into Autumn!

Our Harvest weekend, celebrated in all three churches, coincides with the Sunday designated for celebrating the dedication of our church buildings (though the actual date is not known) so it is particularly appropriate to be thanking God, and the many human contributors, for the completion of repairs to Gamlingay church. I hope many people from both parishes will want to attend this special celebration and enjoy the music provided for us by Vox Cantab. Please see the invitation attached with this newsletter.

BENEFICE Services and Church Events for October

Saturday 1st October

- 10am – 4pm Exhibition, Gamlingay church. *(See accompanying poster)*
- 10.30am – 12.30pm Coffee Morning, Gamlingay church. *(See accompanying poster)*
- 12 noon - 4pm Everton Autumn Fair in church

Sunday 2nd October (Trinity 16) Harvest and Dedication Festivals

- 9.30am Parish Eucharist for Harvest at Gamlingay with welcome of Adeline Whish
- 11.15am Harvest Celebration at Hatley St George followed by Harvest events at the Village Hall.
- 11am - 4pm Exhibition, Gamlingay church
- 4pm Harvest and Gift Day Celebration, Everton church.

Wednesday 5th October

- 9.30am Midweek Eucharist at Gamlingay

Saturday 8th October

- 7.30pm 'Two Lads and a Laptop' Harvest Concert and meal *(See accompanying poster)*

Sunday 9th October Trinity 17

- 9.30am Parish Eucharist at Gamlingay
- 11.15am Parish Eucharist at Everton

Wednesday 12th October

9.30am Midweek Eucharist at Gamlingay

Sunday 16th October Trinity 18

9.30am Parish Eucharist at Gamlingay

11.15am Parish Eucharist at Everton

Wednesday 19th October

9.30am Midweek Eucharist at Gamlingay

Sunday 23rd October Trinity 19

9.30am Parish Eucharist at Gamlingay

11.15am Parish Eucharist at Everton

Wednesday 26th October

9.30am Midweek Eucharist at Gamlingay

Sunday 30th October Celebrating All Saints (Last Sunday after Trinity)

9.30am All Saints Benefice Eucharist at Gamlingay

4.00pm All Saints Benefice Evensong at Everton

Wednesday 2nd November

7.00pm Commemoration of the faithful departed (All Souls) evening Eucharist at Gamlingay

Sunday 6th November

9.30am Parish Eucharist at Gamlingay

11.15am Parish Communion and commemoration of the faithful departed at Everton

Memory Lane

The established group of Memory Lane people marked Green Week on Tuesday with planting bulbs and pansies - thanks to Kate and the Hub for the planting materials and various donors for extra pots. We also had the benefit of professional physiotherapist Craig to supervise and lead some chair exercises.

Next session is 25th October when Craig will join us again to advise on keeping fit and mobile and we will be playing board and soft ball games.



NEWS FROM EVERTON

Please note the Everton Harvest Supper planned for today, Friday 30th, has been cancelled due to shortage of personnel. Watch this space, there may be a celebratory meal before the end of the year to share in instead.

Harvest Celebrations

Today, Friday 30th September, we will be decorating our church, ready for our Harvest Celebrations.

And we are still going ahead with.....



Autumn Fayre

Saturday 1st October, 12 noon – 4pm in church

Please come along and enjoy yourselves. Everyone welcome.

Harvest Festival and Gift Day Celebration Service

Sunday 2nd of October at 4pm

Following this service, the Harvest Produce, will be taken to the Prebend Centre in Bedford, on Monday morning 3rd October. (The Prebend Centre is a centre for the homeless people of Bedford.)

Jane Butcher

RIP Hazel Smith whose funeral took place on Tuesday this last week.

NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY

- The beech tree in the churchyard has been felled, as was necessary due to safety concerns. An unexpected benefit is that the view of the church that has opened up when approached from the north side. There are plans for work on the remaining Sycamore to make that safe and give it the best chance for a long life.
- The Churchyard Jubilee Project is progressing, with plans for bulb planting and wildflower sowing. Advice is being sought on management of the hedges.
- Do spread the word about the 'Two Lads and a Laptop' concert and food next Saturday 8th October and book your tickets for catering numbers. Tickets available as detailed on the poster (attached) and at church events this coming weekend.

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.

If you are temporarily or permanently unable to attend church services and would like to receive communion in your own home please let us know.

For Gamlingay and Hatley contact Hilary or Valerie.

For Everton contact Hilary.

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

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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