

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



## Weekly newsletter 7 October 2022



### *From Hilary...*

Well done', and 'thank you' to everyone (you know who you are!) involved in the services and celebrations last weekend at all the churches in the Benefice. Among the many special elements of the weekend, it was a particular pleasure to be part of Hatley community's Harvest celebrations this year, with a great turn-out at church and a delightful community event afterwards - the smallest community had the largest proportional turn-out this time.

### **BENEFICE SERVICES AND EVENTS**

#### **Saturday 8th October**

7.30pm 'Two Lads and a Laptop' Harvest Concert and meal, Gamlingay (*See attached poster*)

#### **Sunday 9th October Trinity 17**

9.30am Parish Eucharist at Gamlingay

11.15am Parish Eucharist at Everton

#### **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October**

1.30pm Funeral at Cambridge Crematorium, David Douglas Newman

#### **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 19<sup>th</sup> 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**

7pm Commemoration of the faithful departed (All Souls) evening Eucharist, Gamlingay

**Sunday 6th November**

9.30am Parish Eucharist at Gamlingay

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



# ***NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY***

Huge thanks to Jane Orchiston for organising us and to everyone who helped to make the events of Harvest Sunday so good this year.

At our 9.30am service it was a joy to welcome baby Adeline Whish, to be baptised next year in Royston, as we celebrated harvest in all its forms - physical and spiritual.



Our special event in the evening was very well received and it was so good to be able to thank some of our hugely generous donors. Special thanks go to Louisa Denby and Vox Cantab for giving their services; to Sandra for feeding them; and to everyone who made refreshments, serviced, decorated and staffed the building. Well done indeed.

Thank you also to donors of produce and to Ros and Alec for taking what was left in church to the Food Project.

The wood from the felled beech tree is being stored to season for use next year. Please contact Hilary, Philip Gorton or Chris Smith if you, or someone you know, can't afford wood and needs some this year. There is some seasoned wood that can be given out now, swapping for the unseasoned wood to be stored.



Thank you to Gamlingay Village Primary School for their donations to the Food Project following their Harvest celebration on Tuesday which Hilary attended.

<b>Church opening times:</b>
<b>Everton church</b> open Friday – Sunday, and on Bank Holiday Mondays, 10am-4pm.
<b>Hatley church</b> can be opened on request.
<b>Gamlingay church</b> open daily 10am – 5pm.

### *From Jane Orchiston...*

To all who helped with and contributed to the Coffee Morning and Exhibition in church last weekend -

## **THANK YOU.....**

- .... to the flower arrangers (the church looked beautiful!)
- .... to the stewards who guarded the exhibits and welcomed visitors.
- .... to those who baked cakes and served drinks

It was a great team effort and raised just over £300 towards church funds.

Thanks also to those who brought harvest gifts - some of the produce was sold and the rest was gratefully received by the Gamlingay Food Project.

A very busy weekend for all was concluded with a Thanksgiving service where Vox Cantab performed beautifully followed by a lovely buffet provided by many hands!



Now, on to **'Two Lads and a Laptop'** for a harvest celebration concert on Saturday, 8th October at 7.30pm with jacket potatoes at the interval and a free glass of wine!

*(See poster accompanying this newsletter)*

## ***NEWS FROM EVERTON***

RIP Shirley Watson who died last Saturday. Funeral arrangements TBA

Well done to those involved with the Autumn Fair, which raised in excess of £150 and (as importantly) gave opportunity to share fellowship with people who do not regularly attend church.

Thank you to Everton Primary School and to the two lads who came and helped put out, and sort for taking away, the harvest gifts to Bedford Prebend Centre and to those who took the gifts to their destination.

Gift Day result is not yet known, but thank you to those who delivered envelopes and, in advance of the count, thank you to those who have supported financially.

### **From Jane Butcher:**

Thanks to all who helped at Everton's Autumn Fayre on Saturday. A good day was had by all. Final total raised to follow. A special thank you to Jeremy Endersby for all his help.

Thanks to all who decorated the Church ready for our Harvest Festival and Gift Day Service on Sunday and for the Harvest Produce from The School Children.

Thanks to Dick Edwards for taking the produce over on Monday, to "Our Smart" the Centre for the Homeless people in Bedford. They were very grateful to receive it.

The Yellow Gift Day envelopes are still being collected around the village - once we know the total amount raised we will let you know. Final thanks to all the people who distributed and collected in the yellow envelopes. We couldn't have done without your help.

## Just another Sunday ? *by Norma Hood*

**No!** My good friend, who is also my sommelier and chauffeur, arrived and got me to the church on time. It is a pretty little church hiding modestly among trees on a bend in the road at Hatley St. George. I showed my friend where members of my family are buried there before attending the service of thanksgiving for this year's harvest. My friend remained outside. Although an atheist, he behaves like a Christian. He chose to wander for a while in open country and commune with nature. He returned to find the church now empty except for one other lady, me and Hilary, our Rector. She was about to give me holy communion and invited my friend to join in. He declined but remained. Afterwards, we enjoyed a relaxed conversation with Hilary during which, to my friend's surprise, he learned that Hilary had been a scientist. I think and hope that the godly and ungodly are now good friends.

We then drove the short distance to Hatley village hall where the splendid new toilets are worthy of a grand hotel. The hall was filled with happy young families enjoying the delights of bring and buy. We didn't bring (shame) but we did buy and were treated to many of the tasty delights.

On the way home we slowed down to admire a tiny 1930's Austin Seven parked outside The Wheatsheaf. "Stop. Let's go inside and meet the owner" I suggested. The result was a most enjoyable half hour with the proud owner, an elderly man accompanied by three friends. Then came an invitation we could not refuse, a ride in his ancient vehicle. It was a revelation, a flimsy structure where I had to bend low to ease myself into the back seat, hardly big enough for a carrycot. Starting the car involved dealing with knobs, switches and pedals. When the engine finally burst into life, the vehicle shook, shuddered and vibrated. We were not expecting to be massaged as well. Then we were driven on a brief tour of Gamlingay, chitty-chitty-bang-bang style, and almost reached 30mph. Other drivers were very polite and gave way to us.

That evening I prepared well-buttered baked potatoes and a tuna mash for our evening meal, followed by ripe figs from my son's garden and when you get to our age, nearly 200 years between us, only the finest wine is a must.

Quite a day.

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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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Please let Brenda have any articles or pictures for the newsletter by Tuesday evening each week to [Brenda.elcome@ymail.com](mailto:Brenda.elcome@ymail.com)

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