

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



Weekly newsletter 28 October 2022



From Hilary...

A further 'heads up' for the Halloween Light celebrations and Commemoration services next week, as we celebrate All Saints on Sunday. Do be in touch if the Hatley service is of interest, it will take place if there are any worshippers to share it.

There will be a very short reminder of baptism vows and celebration of the light that shines in the darkness, in St Mary's church in Gamlingay at 5pm on Monday. Do get creative with your light themed pumpkin carving. Any pumpkins left in church will be recycled as soup.

Don't forget that the clocks go back this weekend making everything seem an hour 'later'!



BENEFACTIVE SERVICES AND EVENTS

This week:

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

?8.30am BCP Said Communion at Hatley St George (TBC)
10.00am All Saints Benefice Eucharist at Gamlingay
4.00pm All Saints Benefice Evensong at Everton

Monday 31st October

From 4pm Refreshments and children's 'Light Celebration' activities at the Church Hall, Gamlingay
5pm Service of Light at Gamlingay. Bring Baptism/Confirmation candles and light symbolic carved pumpkins, or just bring yourself!

Wednesday 2nd November

7pm Commemoration of the faithful departed (All Souls) evening Eucharist, Gamlingay
(replaces midweek communion in the morning)

Next Week

Saturday 5th November

10am onwards GBC outdoor tidy-up. *(See last week's newsletter)*

Sunday 6th November

9.30am Parish Eucharist at Gamlingay
11.15am Parish Communion and commemoration of the faithful departed at Everton

Monday 7th November : PCCs meet on Zoom

NEWS FROM EVERTON

NB : Correction of the figure for Gift Day - the actual sum is slightly less than the one published, which was last year's figure, nevertheless a valuable contribution to the church finances.

Clock up-date - report awaited on details, but the restorers have visited, and the clock should now be set up to chime the hours.

Thank you for the donations to the Food Project.

Trustees of the Barnabas Oley charity meet this week to consider recipients of charitable funds from the Trust. The church has benefitted from this Trust.

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# ***NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY***

**A big 'Thank You'** to Alec and John for sorting out the plaster fall at the chancel arch, and for completing the silencing of the radiator gratings. SO good not to have them clanking as they are walked on!

**Also, thanks again to Chris Smith** and helpers for splitting and moving the wood in the churchyard at St Mary's. A reminder for access to the wood to contact Chris either directly by email [chris@smith39.com](mailto:chris@smith39.com) or via Hilary.

Thanks to Carol for the pictures, with apologies for the delay in publishing.



## **Memory Lane**

Apologies for failing to mention this in advance last week. The Memory Lane group met this last week, as has become customary, on the 4th Tuesday of the month for their October session - Ball and Board games. One of the 'ball' games that proved popular was a version of the sport of curling that doesn't need ice (the 'stones' run on ball bearings). I wonder if there might be interest in borrowing a set to play the game at the church hall?

Thanks to Kate, Anne and Gerry and other helpers for the work that goes into these sessions, and to Craig for Physio help. The group (clients and helpers alike) much appreciates the Hub venue and the friendship offered in these sessions. Next month's meeting is on November 22<sup>nd</sup> - activities TBC, but Craig will be there on hand to help with physio advice for any who would like it.

## **Greensands Country**

Our village, including St Mary's Church, features in the Greensands Country promotional video. This is a group aiming to raise the profile of the area around the Greensands Ridge. The video can be found on Youtube: <https://youtu.be/RmTkAwuYQig> the website is <https://www.greensandcountry.com/>

## Hatley St George Church

The church is due for a Quinquennial inspection, however the way the Diocese supports this process has changed. Whereas in the past the Diocese paid the architects directly and specified who might do the inspection, now a fixed sum is paid to the parish when the inspection takes place and the PCC chooses and pays the architect. As the fixed sum does not cover the full cost of an inspection, this will need to be looked into. Thank you to Micky Astor for supporting discussions to take this forward.

The work planned for the trees in the churchyard at Hatley has been resurrected after falling foul of Covid. The plan is to trim the yew trees to allow more light through. Plans were submitted but seem to have got lost and we now await a response from the DAC advisers.

## QUIZ NIGHT REMINDER

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30pm, St. Mary's Church Hall, Gamlingay

Answers to last week's quiz questions.....

Which American artist whose surname begins with P, born in 1912 had by 1947 developed an abstract style, but shortly before his death in a car crash in 1956, had taken to painting in black and white?

**JACKSON POLLOCK**

What is the official term for minus 273.15 degrees Celsius?

**ABSOLUTE ZERO**

At what location would you find the temple of Karnak in Egypt?

**LUXOR**

### 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 – 4pm.

*A reminder that 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@gmail.com](mailto:Brenda.elcome@gmail.com)

Here is the poem to which Hilary referred last Sunday. As she did not have the words to read out at the time, she has asked that it be included in the newsletter.



## LOVE

by George Herbert



LOVE bade me welcome; yet my soul drew back,  
 Guilty of dust and sin.  
 But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack  
 From my first entrance in,  
 Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning  
 If I lack'd anything.

'A guest,' I answer'd, 'worthy to be here:'  
 Love said, 'You shall be he.'  
 'I, the unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear,  
 I cannot look on Thee.'  
 Love took my hand and smiling did reply,  
 'Who made the eyes but I?'

'Truth, Lord; but I have marr'd them: let my shame  
 Go where it doth deserve.'  
 'And know you not,' says Love, 'Who bore the blame?'  
 My dear, then I will serve.'  
 'You must sit down,' says Love, 'and taste my meat.'  
 So I did sit and eat.

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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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