

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



Weekly newsletter 21 April 2023



From Hilary...

Blessings for this second week of Easter (Sunday confusingly being the second Sunday after Easter but the beginning of the third week of Easter).

Welcome again to Rev Lucy who now has 'Permission to Officiate' (PTO) in the Diocese. Although Lucy lives in Gamlingay she will be sharing ministry across the Benefice as well as offering occasional Day Chaplaincies at Ely Cathedral. We will let you know when those are.

Finances

Nick has been busy getting the Gamlingay 2022 financial statement signed off. Special thanks to him and to Colin Airey, our external examiner, for all their extra work. Donations are still coming in for the Easter Appeal, so a Gamlingay total is not available this time, but THANK YOU to those who have taken note of our needs and have made special donations.

I am sure Richard Astell at Everton would also be pleased to hear from anyone who can help in this way. Hatley Church is looked after by Gamlingay PCC.

Coronation

Sunday services on 7th May will have special input for the Coronation of King Charles III.

NB: Don't forget the bring-and-share 'Big Lunch' at Gamlingay, 12 noon – 3pm, for which we now have a special cake commissioned - thank you Dawn!

Services for the rest of April

Sunday April 23rd - Easter 3

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| 9.30am | Parish Eucharist at Gamlingay St Mary the Virgin, followed by APCM in the Church Hall |
| 2.30pm | St George's Day parade service at Gamlingay |
| 4.00pm | Evensong at Everton with Communion from reserved sacrament by request. |

Wednesday 26th April

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| 9.30am | Midweek communion at Gamlingay. |
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Sunday 30th Easter 4

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| 9.30am | Parish Eucharist at Gamlingay St Mary the Virgin |
| 11.15am | Parish Eucharist at Everton St Mary |

Wednesday 3rd May

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| 9.30am | Midweek communion at Gamlingay. |
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May and June service information will follow next week.



St. Mary's Churchyard, Gamlingay - Re-wilding Project

Following a request from the Parochial Church Council (PCC) that proposed a change to the regular grass cutting routine, this was discussed by the Parish Council Meeting on 28th March. I am pleased to report that the requested changes were approved. Currently this will be an informal arrangement with the grass cutting contractors. The project will be reviewed by the PC in the autumn of 2023 and, if deemed successful, the cutting programme will be formalised for 2024/5.

It is proposed that the north and west grassed areas will be left uncut until the end of May. The area to the south of the church will not be cut again until the end of August. The informal (non-gravelled) paths between the four entrance gates will continue to be cut as usual, as will an area to the east of the church where our summer fete will be held.

It is hoped that these changes will help to encourage nature to thrive in the churchyard. It is important to note that these are **managed** changes and that we are not abandoning the areas that will not be mowed regularly.

The management required will be:

- Raking up the grass after the May cut (north and west areas)
- Raking up the grass after the August cut (south area)
- Regular inspection of the area around the old beech tree and clearing any invasive vegetation, e.g., brambles etc.
- Clear the area under the yew tree.

Volunteers to help with these tasks will be welcome, watch this space for details.

Alec Hissett

NEWS FROM EVERTON

Everton's PCC consultation: A reminder that this will take place on the afternoon of **Sunday 14th May**, consisting of guided discussion and planning with an interval for tea. Details of the programme will be available nearer the time.

Soup and Social Lunch: This went well last week. The next one is on April 25th, 12 - 2pm at the Village Hall. Well done to the Community group running these – your work is much appreciated.

Mini Hunter Trials take place on Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th April at Tetworth Hall. Help on the gate has been requested - speak to Hilary if you would like to support the church's contribution to this.

NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY

'Simple Lunch' will continue on alternate Tuesdays at the Church Hall. The intention is to raise funds for Gamlingay and Hatley Churches as well as provide hospitality and a social event. Hilary will be available for those who can make that time and want to have a chat (with or without lunch).

The **APCM this Sunday** will, hopefully, elect PCC and Wardens for the coming year. If this proves as difficult as it seems at the time of writing (nomination forms are available in church and will be on Sunday) the meeting may have to be adjourned. However, we shall be receiving the Annual Report for 2022 whatever transpires, with some informal updates for the current year 2023. Huge thanks to Nick and to Colin Airey, our external examiner, for the work that's gone in this year to working out where everything has come and gone financially, taking into account a large building project and other financial complications.

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 Elcome have any articles or pictures for the newsletter by Tuesday evening 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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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.