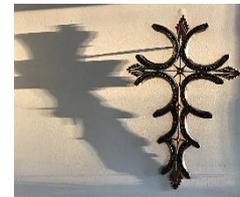


ST MARY'S GAMLINGAY, HATLEY ST GEORGE & ST MARY'S EVERTON



Weekly newsletter 4 August 2023



From Hilary:

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration after thinking for a few weeks about the Kingdom of which Jesus is the King. That mountain-top experience is also celebrated when we approach the beginning of Lent in preparation for Holy Week. This occasion, when a select group of Jesus' disciples witness Jesus in a way different from their ordinary experience, is one that can both puzzle and encourage. Eternity seems to have intersected with time, as Jesus is seen in communication with others not alive on earth at the time, and in a transformed appearance.

Wholeness and Healing

Services with an overt healing ministry content are to commence in the Autumn. In one way this should be unnecessary as healing is part of every communion service and our intercessions always contain prayers for healing. However these can become a bit mechanical, and it is clear that many people find it helpful, from time to time, to have something more intentional and active. To that end we will be offering prayer after communion, with anointing for those who wish, for anyone who would like special prayer for themselves or others. There will be a group of people who, in pairs, will be prepared to pray in this way. It is important that those who do this have a sense of calling to this ministry, and that this is discerned by others as well as themselves. The group will meet regularly to pray together and work out a rota which Valerie Miller will be organising. If you feel there is someone you might like to nominate, or you would like to be part of the group yourself, please talk to others in the congregation and make yourself known to Hilary in the first instance.

Vacancy in See Process (*i.e. finding a new Bishop of Ely*)

There is a long process by which new Diocesan bishops are identified and appointed, details of which can be found online - it takes many months. Part of the process is preparing a 'Statement of Needs' - a sort of 'person specification' to which we are all invited to contribute. The PCC will be considering whether to put in a shared submission from the parishes. If you would like your views to be included, please email Hilary. Otherwise, you can send directly as below.

Submit your views

- The Statement of Needs will also be informed by invaluable input sought from all who wish to provide it through an [online submission form](#).
- **This email invites you submit your views via this online form** which is your opportunity to have your say to help the Vacancy in See Committee as they work to produce the final Statement of Needs.
- The online form may be used by individuals and/or groups (PCC, Deanery etc).
- Please visit the Diocesan website and follow the link to the online form from this page - <https://www.elydiocese.org/statement-of-needs.php>
- Further information is also available on the process of appointing a new Bishop on the [Diocesan website here](#).

Closing date to submit your views

- The deadline for your feedback is **9am Monday 18 September 2023**.
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NEWS FROM EVERTON

The Everton Community Group coffee morning takes place this Saturday.
NB: This is not a church coffee morning but is supported by people from the church in Everton.



Coffee morning

**Saturday 5 August
10am to 12 noon**



**Everton village
hall**

Organised by Everton Community Group

NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY

Simple Lunch takes place next week on Tuesday 8th at the Church Hall. Do come along and encourage others, including and especially those with memory loss and their companions.

The Parish Council Climate Action Group, to which Hilary belongs, meets on Wednesday 9th on Zoom. If you have anything you want to say about this, do get in touch by email or phone.

From Peter Mann at Hatley

St Denis', with the churchyard looking very neat after a 'tidy up' mow, greeted 18 members of Wrestlingworth & District History Society on the evening of 20th July – this was a follow up to the talk on St Denis' I gave at their meeting in March. It was, as one visitor remarked, nice to see what I was talking about!

Following the restoration work last year by the Friends of Friendless Churches, St Denis' is open every day from about 8.30 am to dusk to look round or for quiet contemplation. The FoFC took ownership of St Denis' in 2016 and, through grants, has invested heavily in its restoration – see www.hatley.info/news_events/news/st-denis-re-skinned. They only own the building, not the churchyard, which is still consecrated – Ishbel Beatty's ashes were laid to rest here last month (see St Mary's newsletter, 30th June).



Service information and dates

NB : Midweek Eucharist at Gamlingay will continue throughout the summer months)

August Services *(no Hatley services this month)*

Sunday 6th August - The Feast of the Transfiguration

9.30am Gamlingay Parish Eucharist
11.15am Everton Parish Eucharist

Sunday 13th August, Trinity 10

9.30am Gamlingay Parish Eucharist
11.15am Everton Parish Eucharist

Sunday 20th August, Trinity 11

9.30am Gamlingay Parish Eucharist
11.15am Everton Parish Eucharist

Sunday 27th August, Trinity 12

9.30am Gamlingay Parish Eucharist
11.15am Everton Parish Eucharist

September Services *(as far as is planned at this time and submitted to the Gazette)*

At this time it is not possible to say what services will take place in Hatley, but it is hoped there will be at least one during September.

Sunday 3rd September, Trinity 13

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

Sunday 10th September, Trinity 14

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

Sunday 17th September, Trinity 15

9.30am Parish Eucharist at Gamlingay
4.00pm Evensong at Everton

Sunday 24th September, Trinity 16

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

FUNDRAISING

It might not be a very sunny summer, but it can still be a sociable one!

I know of a few events in the planning but would love to hear from anyone else who is intending to contribute to Gamlingay's 'Sociable Summer' fundraising activity.

Brenda



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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.

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

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.