

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



Weekly newsletter 12 July 2024



From Hilary:

We are entering the holiday season with schools breaking up this coming week. Holidays may affect some of the August services, but more information will be available on that if it applies and when details are known. As schools close, I am involved with transition preparations at Gamlingay on Tuesday when we would normally offer Simple Lunch in the Church Hall. Given the circumstances of other helpers as well, it has been decided to cancel for Tuesday 16th, with sincere apologies to our regulars.

As you will see below, your views are being canvassed concerning this newsletter. We would love to hear from you, please do let us know what you think.

I add my huge appreciation to what Brenda says below, to Ian Parker for being part of publishing news and information when we were locked down, and afterwards, as part of the Covid outbreak. It is down to Ian that we have the layout as it is, many thanks indeed to him for his work over the last four years.

NEWS FROM EVERTON

Churchyard working party: Confirmation of a date is awaiting responses from those contacted through the Council, but work will progress in the next weeks.

Church Building: The PCC meets with Holly Robinson from the Diocesan Buildings Support team this coming Tuesday to look at the recent Quinquennial Inspection Report and look at options for a repairs project.

Soup and Social was a success as usual and will probably continue through the Summer (last year it became a coffee morning).

Community Coffee Morning last Saturday (July 6th) went well after initial concern about a low turnout. Well done to Helen for all her efforts alongside other ECG volunteers.

This newsletter is circulated by mail 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.

NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY

Simple Lunch will not take place this coming week (16th July).

Hay Making: Scything is being planned for three churchyards, ie: Gamlingay, St Denis in East Hatley, and including helping out at Everton. Dates are being discussed this week, hoping to plan in some flexibility for weather!

Families and Services: During school holidays there will be no formal provision for children at services, but arrangements are being made for activities to be available in the children's space and someone to help supervise. The first Sunday in August will now not be an All-Age Eucharist service, these will restart in September. The All-Age Eucharist at Gamlingay in July was well received by the families and has established a pattern which will be used in future.

Easyfundraising

Thank you to our 33 supporters who are signed up to support us on easyfundraising. The free donations you raise from all your online shopping makes a real difference to our fundraising! If you're not supporting us on easyfundraising yet, join today and you can increase our chances of winning a £50 donation prize:

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/gsmv/3JW7S6/c2s/hSjRMfiK/CE910/facebook/>

Alec Hissett

SERVICE INFORMATION

NB: There will normally be a midweek Eucharist at Gamlingay at 9.30am on Wednesdays, unless previous notice of cancellation is given - barring the unforeseen of course.

July

(As ever, do watch out for additional details or adjustments week by week)

Sunday 14th July: Trinity 7

9.30am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Gamlingay

11.15am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Everton

Sunday 21st July: Trinity 8

9.30am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Gamlingay with a focus on healing

4.00pm Evensong at Everton

Sunday 28th July: Trinity 9

9.30am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Gamlingay

11.15am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Everton

Tell us what you think...

If you are a reader of this newsletter, we would very much appreciate some feedback from you about its content and layout.

PLEASE spare a few minutes to consider and send in your responses to the following questions:

- How do you receive the newsletter – email, printed copy or online/Facebook?
- What do you value about the current Newsletter?
- Is there anything you do not find helpful and how would you like to see that changed?
- Any other comments?

If possible, please email your responses to stmarysgamevents@outlook.com

Alternatively give to Brenda, Hilary or leave in the designated box at the back of church.

THANK YOU!

THANK YOU TO IAN...

When I agreed, four years ago, to edit and collate items sent in for inclusion in this newsletter I had minimal knowledge about using the computer for presentation purposes. Ian Parker very kindly offered to take on this task and each week I have sent him the edited material for him to facilitate the layout and add the finishing touches. I have learned a lot over the years and as I am now able to produce a finished article which hopefully will be presentable if not equal to Ian's, he has said that he would like to stand down as from this week. He has forwarded to me his template with all the established headings and regular inserts so it should not appear hugely different.

On behalf of all our readers and those who have contributed over the years, thank you Ian for all that you have done and for your offer to help me out if I have an IT issue! It has been a pleasure working with you.

Brenda.

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GAMLINGAY OPEN GARDENS

**Viv Farrell will be hosting an Open Garden on Sunday, 21st July, 2-5pm
6 School Close, Gamlingay – refreshments, too**



Why not follow her example and offer your own? It really does not have to be a show garden - people are just interested to see what lies behind the house façade presented to the street!

You can offer refreshments or not – your choice entirely. We just ask that you display a bowl for donations to St. Mary's Church, Gamlingay.

If you are willing to participate, please contact one of the Fundraising Task Group

OR email [.stmarysgamevents@outlook.com](mailto:stmarysgamevents@outlook.com)



MUSIC MINI MARATHON

EARLY WARNING!

Saturday, 5th October 10am to 4pm

Sunday, 6th October 12 noon to 4pm

St Mary's Church, Gamlingay



Come and share your musical talents, young or old, amateur or professional, beginner or skilled.

Vocalists, groups, instrumentalists – All welcome.

Choose a 15-minute time slot, or longer, by contacting stmarysgamevents@outlook.com.

It is planned that the public will come and go to form an audience throughout the two days and will make financial donations to **St. Mary's** and the **Diocese of Niassa in Mozambique**.

This is an opportunity to support your local church and community.

Refreshments will be served. Everyone is invited to come and listen!

See these leaflets for information on Niassa:

MANNA in Mozambique and Angola and the work it does supporting communities through the Anglican churches.

MANNA – information on its health and wellbeing activities in Mozambique and Angola.

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