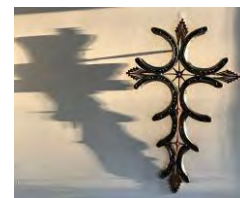


ST MARY'S GAMLINGAY, HATLEY ST GEORGE & ST MARY'S EVERTON



Weekly newsletter 30 May 2025



From Hilary:

This newsletter has been prepared as Norman and I have just returned from our week away, with thanks to everyone who has been doing things in my absence.

Special thanks to Paul Hutchinson for leading the Rogation walk as well as the two Sunday services.



The count took place on Wednesday in Gamlingay, thank you to Jane, Ann and Eileen. Final figures will be published in due course.

ROGATION

Rogation began this last week on Saturday 24th with the walk between Gamlingay and Everton churches, lunch at the Thornton and prayers in both churches, led by Paul Hutchinson.

Ann Davis says:

Nine of us gathered at Gamlingay church for a short act of worship led by Paul with a reading read by Lindy. The walk to Everton was flat and easy, and very convivial, with prayers led by Paul on a couple of occasions on the way. Eileen caught us up and Chris M joined us part way having cycled round. We finished at Everton with pretty spot-on timing where we were welcomed by Jane, Dorothy and Les. We sang a few lines from 'We plough the fields and scatter' with more prayers and another reading. Paul didn't join us for lunch, but 13 of us gathered and ate at the Pub which was very pleasant. Those of us who had walked from Gamlingay got lifts back - an enjoyable time with kind weather, thanks, as Paul assured us, to the fact that he had brought his umbrella along as insurance!

Special thanks to Chris at the Thornton, Beverley for helping organise that, and especially to Paul for leading this Benefice Rogationtide activity.



Photos taken by Eileen and Brenda

The Wednesday midweek service this week also followed a Rogation theme, as it fell on one of the two actual designated days.

The week will be rounded off in the Hatleys on **Saturday 31st May** with a community led 'Beating the Bounds' walk which will include a picnic and short Rogation prayers at lunch time at Haley Wood.

Ascension: This will have been marked on the day by services outside the Benefice. Ann and Hilary were the only ones signed up for a trip to Ely. This marks the beginning of 'Thy Kingdom Come' season prayers from Thursday to Pentecost Sunday. Online material can be found at <https://www.thykingdomcome.global> which has downloadable resources to support prayer during this season.

This coming Sunday, the one after Ascension (Easter 7), will remember the festival in our parish churches as we prepare for the celebration of Pentecost next Sunday, which completes the church festival season and leads into a summer of Ordinary (ordered) time before Thanksgiving and Remembrance season begins in the Autumn to round off the year.

Pentecost/Whitsun 8th June, marking the gifting of the Holy Spirit, will be celebrated in all our churches in some way. The Parish churches will have their usual Parish Eucharists, possibly with birthday cake afterwards; a reflective time at Hatley St George church is in the calendar but what form that takes will depend on personnel - more news next time.

Trinity Sunday 15th June, also **RSCM Music Sunday**, will both be marked in Gamlingay at the morning service. The usual Everton congregation is otherwise occupied on this day, so there will be no service there. At Great Gransden there is a 'Come and Sing' evensong - [click here to see the poster](#), to which all are invited and to which Hilary can offer lifts.

NEWS FROM HATLEY

Watch out for a report next time on Saturday's walk, and for further information about the Pentecost celebrations in Hatley St George church.



Beating the Bounds Village Walk **Saturday 31st May 2025**

Meet at either.....

9.30 am at Hatley Village Hall for the 12-mile walk, OR

1pm at the corner of Hayley Wood for the 5-mile walk

Much more information on the [Hatley website – click here!](#)



Registration required, contact Hilary or Nichola if you are thinking of joining.

NEWS FROM EVERTON

Coffee Morning takes place next Saturday 7th June (thanks to Peter Mann for the poster – click on the graphic for an A4 copy). Help is welcome, contact Jane or Beverley.



NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY

Simple Lunch took place on Tuesday 20th with special thanks to Jane and Ann who made this happen in Hilary's absence. There were not many 'customers' this time, but those who were there enjoyed what was on offer.

HELP US TO MAKE IT A GOOD ONE!

Please look at the list below, there is something there for everyone!



Our next event is the **Midsummer Fair** on Saturday, 21st June from 12 noon to 4pm.
Can you help in any of the following ways...?

- **Setting up on the Friday evening/Saturday morning.**
- **Dismantling and clearing away on the Saturday afternoon/evening.**
 - **Do you have a barbeque we could borrow for the afternoon?**
 - We will also need to borrow several gazebos.
 - Could you offer to look after one of the stalls?
 - Please start filling jars for the Tombola.
 - Could you donate a prize for the Raffle?
- **And, of course, we will be asking our wonderful bakers for lots of cakes!**

Exhibition

St Mary's would like to invite individuals, groups, societies and businesses to submit an exhibit on the theme of 'Summer Celebration' to be displayed at our Midsummer Fair in church. Please let us know by using Messenger on St Mary's Facebook page or by email: stmarysgamevents@outlook.com.

If you would like to make a donation to St Mary's, please use the following link <https://givealittle.co/c/4lecXUImpeCHL8IXzKWVcf>.

Thank you for your support!

Benefice Services

Midweek said Eucharist services take place at St Mary's in Gamlingay every Wednesday at 9.30am but watch for late cancellations.

Sunday 1st June: Easter 7, -Sunday after Ascension

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

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

Sunday 8th June: Day of Pentecost/Whit Sunday

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

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

6pm Reflective Evening service at Hatley still TBC

Sunday 15th June: Trinity Sunday and RSCM Music Sunday

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

NO evensong at St. Mary's, Everton - invitation to Great Gransden to join Deanery for 'Come and Sing'

Evensong

Sunday 22nd June: Trinity 1

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

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

Sunday 29th June: Trinity 2, Peter and Paul Apostles

10am Benefice service of Holy Communion at Everton

Time TBC if a Reflective afternoon/evening service at Gamlingay.

Sunday 6th July Trinity 3

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

11.15am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Everton, followed by Garden Party at Woodbury Hall

*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.*

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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 Wednesday afternoon to Brenda.elcome@ymail.com