

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

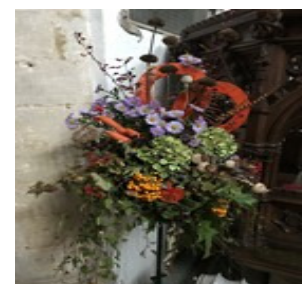
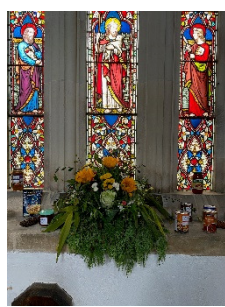


Weekly newsletter 16 October 2020



From Hilary:

Our Harvest week ended last Sunday. Well done everyone for the decorations in the churches -Everton Church photos included below. Hatley has a lovely Autumn flower arrangement, but there weren't the personnel to do more this year. Love and prayers for people who would otherwise have been involved.



Thank you to Chris who covered the Everton service as well as the school and everyone who helped with the service while I was away which, having planned it, I was sorry to have missed. A huge 'Thank You' to Everton Heath School for their gifts. I was glad it went well and also to have been able to take Communion to my sister while she could respond. Thank you all for your prayers and good wishes and thank you to those who have covered duties and tasks which I would normally have undertaken myself. Proceeds from our Harvest Gifts in Everton could not go to the Prebend Centre as intended as it is closed, but non-perishables have gone to the Food Bank, and the produce is being sold with proceeds going to the same good causes. Thank you to Dick and Les for sorting all the items out and to Jane for seeing to the produce sale. Midweek services and meetings are subject to change at short notice so do check if you are planning to attend. Sunday services should not be affected. Watch out for All Saints and All Souls/Memorial service details next time.



Halloween

We are recognising All Saints Eve with a distanced Light Party, see social media for the Baptist Church's more jazzy version of the advert below. Do let local families know - there's lots of fun for younger family members and we will be using the church for lighting candles, which could be baptism or confirmation candles. Anyone is welcome to join in this activity from home and there will be a broadcast as part of the end of the party.

We are SUPER excited for our 'Build-A-Light Party' "event" coming up.

While, normally, we would be hosting an awesome light party alongside our friends at St Mary the Virgin Church, Gamlingay... this year is a little different...

Register for FREE, to get your 'Build-A-Light Party Kit' 'delivered to your door, [or available for collection], equipped with crafts, games, treats, and links to our specially made Light Party videos, for you to join in with all the light party fun. It may seem like it's a darker year than normal, so why not let the light shine in!

Book in today: gbchurch.org.uk/lightparty-register

#lightparty #buildalightparty #takehome #letyourlightshine #JesusIsTheLight #covidcantstopus #letshavesomefun
#lightoftheworld

Weekly Diary

Sunday 18th October celebrating St Luke the Evangelist

9.30am Benefice Eucharist at Gamlingay,
Sparks meet in the Church Hall, and join the service at the Peace

4.00pm Benefice second service at Everton

Monday 4pm Wardens meeting (Zoom)

Tuesday 10.30am Bible Study 4.30pm Families meeting (Zoom meetings)

Wednesday 9.30 midweek Communion in Gamlingay

Thursday 8pm Zoom Discussion Time leading to 9pm Compline

Sunday 25th October Last after Trinity (Dedication Festival)

NB British Summer time ends! Clocks go back 1 hour.

9.30am Gamlingay Remembering service followed by Eucharist
Sparks meet in the Church Hall, and join the service at the Peace

4.00pm Everton Remembering service and Dedication Festival

Monday 4pm Wardens meeting (Zoom)

Tuesday 10.30am Bible Study 4.30pm Families meeting (Zoom meetings)

Wednesday 9.30 midweek Communion in Gamlingay

Thursday 8pm Zoom Discussion Time leading to 9pm Compline

Saturday October 31st 'Build a Light Party' families event with GBC

Sunday November 1st

9.30am Benefice All Age All Saints Eucharist at Gamlingay with Sparks families

4.00pm Everton All Saints/All Souls memorial service

Monday 4pm Wardens meeting (Zoom) 7pm Gamlingay All Souls memorial service

Tuesday 10.30am Bible Study 4.30pm Families meeting (Zoom meetings)

Wednesday 9.30 midweek Communion in Gamlingay

Thursday 8pm Zoom Discussion Time leading to 9pm Compline

Hilary

Christmas Carols (*Chris Miller*)

It may seem incredibly early to be thinking about Christmas Carols, but Christmas could well be quite different this year. Our virtual choir is about to start recording Christmas carols in order to have a supply ready for the Christmas season. These recordings might be needed for a rather different form of Carol Service or other services over the festive period. At this stage, in the middle of October, nobody knows what the next two and a half months have in store for us, but we need to be prepared. So, would you like to sponsor a Christmas Carol? This could be your favourite carol to be sung at one of our Carol Services (whatever form they may take) or any other Christmas service for that matter. Or perhaps you would like to send somebody a Christmas wish in the form of a Christmas card with music attached. We can supply you with a music file containing your chosen carol. Or you may have other ideas yourself. We do have to be aware of copyright restrictions, so we need to stick to well established



traditional music. It is not too early to think about this. Please do let me know and I will do my best to get your music recorded. Any appropriate donation will be thankfully received, and this will be put to good use within our churches (perhaps £5 per carol but at the end of the day it is entirely up to you). Please indicate which church your donation should go to and, if appropriate, which fund.



**Great news about St Denis' church in East Hatley :
A £58,200 grant means more restoration work can be done**

(Words and photos by East Hatley resident Peter Mann)

The Friends of Friendless Churches, which owns St Denis', has been given a government grant of £58,200 to help with the restoration of the church's interior. It's part of £1m which the FoFC has been awarded by the Culture Recovery Fund for repairs to 17 of its 50+ churches. The Fund likes us to use the [#HereForCulture](#) tag (it goes to Facebook).



The announcement was made on 9th October – St Denis's day! Had he survived having his head chopped off and just lived and lived, he would be 1,775 years old (give or take a year or two!).

(St Denis is usually depicted carrying his head – he was beheaded sometime between 250 and 270 AD)

The grant is for repairs to the chancel: plain-glazing the windows in the north and south walls (to match those in the nave) and repairs to the chancel walls – consolidating tiles and plasterwork. The money needs to be spent by 31st March 2021 though, as planning permission is required, hopefully South Cambs District Council's planning department won't hold things up unnecessarily.

Once complete, it will essentially bring back the chancel to how William Butterfield, the eminent Victorian architect, left it – he rebuilt the church in 1874. He was famous for reinventing gothic church architecture, particularly through the use of bright polychromatic tiling. Early criticism meant he toned things down considerably with commissions for country churches; even so, St Denis' can now be viewed as a classic example of Miss Medieval living quietly with Mrs Victoria.

But it won't be the end of the restoration work – still to come are fixing the walls in the nave to prevent the surface from crumbling and a new east window (it's just a big hole at the moment). As Rachel Morley, the FoFC's director commented, 'We can't do everything, but this is a start; it will help ease the backlog and free up cash for the nave walls and the east window.'

At which point St Denis' can be open every day instead of just for the annual Heritage Open Day festival in September or 'by appointment' – if you'd like to look, please drop me an e-mail: peter@buzzassociates.co.uk.



St Denis' church, East Hatley – looking into the chancel. By April next year the walls in the chancel will have been repaired and new windows installed on the north and south sides.



St. Denis' church, East Hatley. Built around 1215 it now belongs to the Friends of Friendless Churches. A grant from #HereForCulture will enable the chancel to be repaired.

A Change of Scene *(Brenda and David Elcome)*

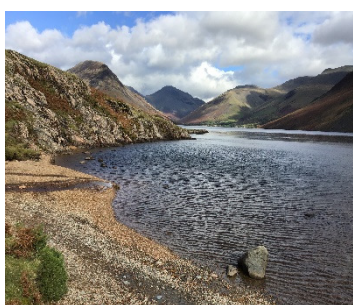
We have just spent a wonderful week area which seems to have more sheep and escape from the narrow confines that weather, though not perfect, was a lot sunshine and only got wet once!



staying on the western side of the Lake District, an than people! It was so good to broaden our horizons have made up our world for the last six months. The better than here. It was cold but we had plenty of

There was, of course, no escaping from Covid and everywhere we went the precautions being taken were stringent. On the last day we popped into a supermarket for a couple of things and were met with airport-style security guards telling us where to stand and when to move. However, we had no problem with finding meals in very well organised pubs and restaurants and people were helpful and friendly.

The scenery was spectacular with sheep everywhere and we thoroughly enjoyed our day trip up into the hills on 'The Ratty' (a little train reminiscent of Thomas the Tank Engine) and a day at Muncaster Castle with amazing displays of free-flying owls and birds of prey. We were staying close to the coast and were able to explore local beaches as well as visiting a couple of the lakes (*sheep everywhere!*). Wast Water was stunningly beautiful and so unspoiled. When we arrived the water was absolutely still, like a mirror, reflecting all the surrounding scenery so that you could turn it all upside down and it would look the same! (*sheep everywhere!*)



A view of Wast Water



A Herdwick sheep



The Ratty's engine

Coming home we stopped a couple of times at service stations on the M6. Again, all the precautions against the virus were in place and with masks, distancing, hand washing and sanitizer it didn't feel too risky.

So, do we feel better for our break? **Yes we do!**

PS: Did we mention that we saw a lot of sheep?



Sunflowers *(Lindy Gorton)*

There has been no news lately of Sunflowers. I planted some seeds when we were told to do so and a seedling duly appeared. It grew to 18ins and produced a pathetic flower, then stopped. Since then it has shrunk! I would be intrigued to know how other people fared? And who has grown the tallest?

(Let's have a Sunflower Report. How did yours do – good, bad or indifferent? We had three that did well and grew to about 4 ft. Each produced a good-sized flower and one even attempted a second bloom but it was a bit feeble! BE)

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