

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



Weekly newsletter 25 June 2021



From Hilary:

Following on from last week's news on husband Norman, by Sunday (following the Tuesday write up) Norman had been home and then back in to Addenbrooke's. He is now home again and making progress both with mobilising after knee surgery and with regaining health after other problems were uncovered following the operation. THANK YOU again for kindness of family and friends (church and beyond) during this challenging time. We are so grateful, too, to the statutory services for the support that is available now Norman is home and needing help.

With all the to-and-fro activity with hospital and care providers, as well as keeping family involved and informed, I have not been available for some of the planned discussions, however we very much hope for PCCs meeting on Monday 28th to move things forward. We will definitely be continuing with our current pattern of Benefice service this Sunday, and probably also on July 4th - not actually much different from the new plan. The decision to be made this week is whether there will be a BCP Communion at Hatley - if you would like this service, please be in touch.

During what is a tough time for us, there are several thoughts that I hope are helpful to share, as I know others are also living with their own difficult times.

1. Each person's experience of God and trouble is individual. Since we do have much in common as human beings, it is possible to have a sense of what others are going through but we should never assume or judge. Sharing, however, helps a lot if you can.
2. As Winston Churchill once apparently said 'When going through hell, keep going!' - the song 'one more step' keeps playing in my head, among many other hymns and tunes. We can only take a step at a time, and worry does not help anything - Jesus teaches us that God cares for all creation, and it is our relationship with the Creator that matters above all.
3. Tough times bring out the best in many and the worst in some. In all of this, the question 'where is God?' - asked in faith - always brings encouragement and comfort, even when the overall picture is not good.
4. It is OK to mourn, but even more important to love and accept love.

See below again for proposed Sunday pattern being reviewed by PCCs - we shall also be discussing services in September/October/November, to include Harvest, All Saints/All Souls and Remembrance.

Proposed Pattern

While further local consultation takes place on future worship patterns in 'normal' times, and if government guidelines permit, the following interim pattern is suggested. All being well, new plans to be implemented in the Autumn. These will of course, again, have to depend on national guidelines and Covid safety.

First Sunday (4th July, 1st August and possibly 5th Sept)
8am Holy Communion BCP Hatley (TBC for July 4th)
9.30 am Family-Friendly [Eucharistic] service, Gamlingay
4.00pm Evensong at Everton with optional Holy Communion

2nd Sunday (11th July and 8th August)
9.30am Eucharist at Gamlingay
11.15am Holy Communion at Everton
[possible Evening service in Hatley or Gamlingay as announced]

3rd Sunday (18th July 15th August)
9.30am Eucharist at Gamlingay
4.00pm Evening service in Everton

4th Sundays (25th July, 22nd August)
9.30am Eucharist at Gamlingay
11.15am Holy Communion at Everton
[possible Evening service in Hatley or Gamlingay as announced]

5th Sunday (29th August)
To be decided

This Week

Sunday 27th June Trinity 4

9.30am Benefice Eucharist/Communion
4.00pm Benefice Evening service with optional communion afterwards

Monday 28th June

7.00pm PCCs meet on Zoom

Wednesday 30th June

9.30am Midweek Communion at Gamlingay

Next Week Services

Sunday 4th July Trinity 5

8am ?Holy Communion BCP Hatley (TBC for July 4th)
9.30 am Family-Friendly [Eucharistic] service, Gamlingay
4.00pm Evensong at Everton with optional Holy Communion

Our thoughts and prayers are with families planning Baptism/Christenings and Weddings in this time. There will be weddings at Everton and Hatley, and Baptisms at Gamlingay and Everton through July and August.

GAMLINGAY AND HATLEY FUND-RAISING EVENTS

PHOTOS, FOOD AND SCARECROWS!

The Gamlingay Fete planned for 17th July would (probably) have been affected by the extension of Covid restrictions so instead of a Fete there will be two days that weekend, coinciding with the Gamlingay Scarecrow Festival, when there will be a photographic display of past church events and refreshments available at St. Mary's Church.

Make a scarecrow!



There is a plan afoot to have a scarecrow congregation! If you are willing and able to assist in its creation, please speak to Sandra or Sarah as soon as possible. The more the merrier!

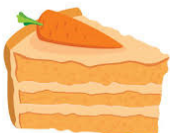


A REMINDER THAT WE NEED CAKES!

There will be a BBQ on the Sunday but we will also be serving tea and cakes on both days.

Can you help to provide the cakes?

If so, please let me know as soon as possible and also specify what type of cake it will be.



Looking forward to hearing from you!
Brenda Elcome (650489 brenda.elcome@ymail.com)



Sermon question

The answer to the question I posed at the end of my sermon on Sunday was, of course, the **SEA**. This can be found in the readings from Job, Psalm 107 and the Gospel as well as the four congregational hymns.



Chris.



A reminder of Churches Opening times

Everton church Friday-Sunday, 9am-around 5pm, or after last service on Sunday if later.

Hatley church can be opened on request.

Gamlingay church daily 10am-5pm

A reminder of some key contact details:

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