

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



Weekly newsletter 16 July 2021



From Hilary:

Commiserations to those who hoped for the triumph of the England football team this last Sunday! Due to distractions at home, I was a little later than 6pm for Evening service on Zoom. I rather think there were no takers at 6pm, but my apologies if you missed the service which wasn't available until 6.10pm. I suspect there were a few sore heads in the morning and certainly those who watched through will have been, like me, tired!. This was definitely a case of needing to look at and enjoy what we had rather than only what we didn't have.

As we are told that the promised 'opening up' is definitely happening from the 19th July (Monday next week) when Covid legislation is relaxed, we are also told that we need to take responsibility ourselves rather than following external rules. At the same time, the numbers of Covid infections are rising again and there is some lack of clarity on what is safe/advisable.

My plea is for tolerance and generosity to one another. Some are ready to drop all precautions, others remain extremely vulnerable and need to take great care, and still others are simply naturally more cautious.

In church we will be erring on the side of caution, as we recognise that the infection has not gone away and it is still possible, even if double vaccinated, to become seriously ill. Also, many of our younger people are not yet fully protected.

The big difference this time is the availability of free testing kits. I will be testing myself on Tuesday and Saturday evenings before church services the following day, to avoid (or at least greatly reduce the risk of) spreading the infection myself to church congregations .

In the absence of any formal central guidance to churches, our local church leaders in this Diocese have agreed the following - yet to be translated into risk assessments in our own churches:

- * Wearing of face coverings for congregational singing in church
- * Continued keeping of safe distancing
- * Wearing of face coverings in confined spaces
- * Continued distribution of the sacrament in one kind (wafers/bread only to be shared)
- * Use of testing (many of us are already doing this)

It was very moving to be sharing a full communion at Everton for the first time since Easter this last Sunday. The next one will be the following week, but the evening service will have the opportunity to take communion by extension from the morning Eucharist as the agreed service pattern continues as planned through July.

Hilary.

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

This Week

Saturday 17th July

1pm Everton Wedding Katy Enefer and Richard Infield + Baptism of Mary
1-4pm Refreshments, photo exhibition and scarecrows at Gamlingay, St Mary

Sunday 18th July Trinity 7

9.30am Eucharist at Gamlingay
4.00pm Evensong with Holy Communion at Everton

Tuesday 20th July

10am Bible Study on Zoom:

Wednesday 21st July

9.30 am Midweek Communion at Gamlingay

Thursday 22nd July

10.30am Everton PCC
7.30pm Dementia Awareness session on Zoom (email Hilary for link)

Next week

Sunday 25th July Trinity 8 or Saint James the Great

9.30am Eucharist at Gamlingay
11.15am Holy Communion at Everton
6pm Evening worship from Hatley St George church (St James the Great)

Tuesday 27th July

10am Bible Study on Zoom:

Wednesday 28th July

9.30 am Midweek Communion at Gamlingay

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## Flower fund-raiser at Everton

Barbara Hannant, supported by regular customers, grew on plants for Summer pots and bedding. She writes 'I have now passed the final monies to Dick for banking. I can confirm that I have raised £218 this year for church funds.' THANK YOU Barbara for this sum, and for helping brighten some of our gardens. Here are one or two of the results....



## From Jane Brown

You may remember, from an article I submitted last year, that Jodie had been ordained as a deacon in Birmingham. Well, after her first year as a curate at St Peter's Church in Hall Green, she was ordained as a priest on 27th June this year. It was a lovely Covid-secure ceremony in Birmingham cathedral. Although the congregation size was limited and there was no in-person singing it was still a very uplifting service. The following week Jodie presided at her first communion service at St Peters where, appropriately, the church was also celebrating its patronal festival.

I also made her another stole as a gift to mark the occasion, this time for Ordinary times. As her first word was 'Baa' the sheep seemed appropriate, and I was quite pleased with how it turned out.

Reverend Jodie Brown



*What a wonderful occasion and how lovely to see Jodie looking so happy. Congratulations to her and to her Mum for the spectacular sewing - on both stoles!*

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## Scarecrows and Refreshments in Gamlingay

A scarecrow congregation has gone into place at St Mary's in Gamlingay, as part of the Scarecrow Festival all around the village. There are also photographs on display of past church events, and Covid-safe refreshments on offer, drinks and cakes on Saturday and Sunday with burgers and sausages from the BBQ on Sunday.

From Sarah Titmus and family.....

Thank you to everyone that came to our Aching Arms 'Forget me Not' tea party. So far we have made an amazing £405 with donations still to come. Your support is a huge comfort and very much appreciated.



**Forget Me Not Tea Party 2021**

**A reminder of some key contact details:**

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