

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



Weekly newsletter 22 October 2021



From Hilary

As Covid numbers are rising and are already quite high in our area, including a rise in hospital admissions, it is clear we are by no means 'over' the pandemic crisis. My prayers are with all of us as we seek to keep our balance amid the 'changes and chances of this fleeting life'. Let us help one another to 'rest in God's eternal changelessness'.

Please will everyone bring face coverings to church and pay special attention to hand hygiene - this is following general advice about keeping one another safe.

In the light of the current situation, I am now considering offering an 8am service in Gamlingay for All Saints in addition to the Benefice service at Everton. The time of the Benefice service will be published next week. Please let me know if you would attend either of these services - there will be sign-up lists in church. Especially let us know if you need or can give a lift to Everton from Gamlingay.

Thank you, Goodbye and God Bless

Our love and prayers go with Jan and Rod from Gamlingay as they move this week to be nearer their family. My personal thanks are with Jan, one of the appointing Wardens at Gamlingay, for her work and service to Gamlingay and the Benefice during her time as Warden during and after the Vacancy.

This week, Sunday 24th October, is the last after Trinity as we celebrate All Saints next week.

We are taking up the option of celebrating this as Bible Sunday and Chris Miller will be preaching at both our morning Communion services. The time of the Benefice service for All Saints remains open at the moment.

All Saints and Memorial

The afternoon/evening service will be 6pm at Gamlingay. This will be a short family service to which everyone is invited to bring a candle or other light-giving object. This would most appropriately be a confirmation or baptism candle. 'Shine as a light in the world, to the glory of God the Father'.

The memorial service this year will be on Monday November 1st.

Remembrance Sunday 14th November

In Gamlingay there will be a gathering at the War Memorial at 10.45am with names read by Hilary, after which the service will be at St Mary's this year. The congregation will be asked to wear face coverings throughout the service. At Everton the service will be led by Chris Miller, as in previous years, gathering at 10.30am in church and moving to the War Memorial.

Advent Sunday 28th November, (the start of the new Church Year) sees an authorising service for our ALMs, celebrating the service of our lay leaders.

This Week

Sunday 24th October last after Trinity - Bible Sunday

9.30am Eucharist at Gamlingay and on Zoom
11.15am Holy Communion at Everton and on same Zoom link
2.30pm Baptisms of Nola Lorraine and Adya Audrey Wooding

Wednesday 27th October

9.30am Midweek Communion at Gamlingay and on Zoom
Meeting ID: 857 7959 5724. Passcode: 958554

Next Week

Sunday 31st October All Saints

TBC 8.00am Eucharist at Gamlingay and on Zoom
10am or 11.15am Benefice All Saints Eucharist at Everton and on the same Zoom link
6.00pm Family Service of Light

Tuesday Bible Study continues on Zoom.

A reminder of Churches Opening times

Everton church open Friday – Sunday & Bank Holiday Mondays 10am-4pm.

Hatley church can be opened on request.

Gamlingay church daily 10am-5pm

'Good bye'.... A message from Jan Cooper

After 40 very happy years of living in Gamlingay, we are heading off to live in Lichfield to be near to our daughter and her family. We have very mixed emotions at the moment as it's hard to leave so many friends and a place where we have been so happy. However, we feel it is right for us, especially after such an awful time over the past 18 months.

We take with us so many happy memories: - the many walks we've enjoyed in the beautiful countryside; - the many village activities and groups with which I've been involved; - the great sense of community and support. We are especially grateful for the love and support we received when Rod was so ill three years ago.

My involvement with St. Mary's, Gamlingay has been one of the highlights of the past 40 years and I hope I've made a small contribution to church life. It was a particular pleasure to work alongside Chris, Dick and Jane as we prepared the Parish Profile during the vacancy and we were proud of working as a united Benefice during that time.

I've loved being involved with the many fundraising events we've held over the years - Christmas Fayres and Summer Fetes, Teddy Bear Picnics and Scarecrow Festivals, the plays, the concerts, the joint activities with Gamlingay Players and the Community Choir - all so much hard work but also such fun.

It's so sad that it's been difficult to say a proper goodbye because of the current situation but we wish you all health and happiness and richest blessings in all that you do. Please stay safe and look after yourselves and each other. We will be coming back for visits as we have family still in Royston and, if any of you are ever in the Lichfield area, do get in touch - Chris has our new address.

Take care, God bless and much love

Jan and Rod Cooper

(We will all miss you both but we wish you good luck and every happiness in your new home.)



BEECH TREE

As many of you will be aware, one of the beech trees in the churchyard has lost one of its branches. The Parish Council (responsible for the upkeep of the closed churchyard) and the Diocese have been consulted and the latest news is that Chris Smith has very kindly offered to remove the fallen branch which will be done tomorrow (Saturday). This extremely generous offer (which is free of charge) has been accepted by the Parish Council. As you will see from the photographs, this branch is of a significant size. The Parish Council has had the tree surveyed and the prognosis is not good. Sadly, the tree has Beech Bark Disease which will eventually kill the tree. It was a combination of this disease, a failed cable and a compression union at the point of attachment that caused the branch to come down. The Parish Council will decide what is to be done at its next meeting. If the tree were to be retained possible courses of action include a climbing inspection, replacement of cables which are already in place, removal of major deadwood and reduction of branches escaping the shape of the crown spread. Also, there would be no further public access to below the crown spread of the tree.

Chris Miller



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