

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



Weekly newsletter 6 May 2022



From Hilary...

Thank you to those who have been patient and supportive as I've been dealing with an infection which, at the time of writing, is not yet fully sorted. Things which I would normally have done easily have been taking me a very long time, so I am particularly grateful to those people who have made this newsletter work.

Events Planning

Thank you again and well done to the people who are leading and assisting with this process. Watch this space for more details next week for the opening of Gamlingay Church and the Jubilee celebrations.

The Deanery Planning Group has met this last week and is designing an enquiry document aimed at PCCs to help them reflect and feed back on key elements of church life, now and into the future. Returns are required by the end of the month.

A worship questionnaire for community consultation, and another on buildings, is under preparation to follow on from the overall enquiry document. The Benefice group that was planned some time ago to achieve much the same thing on worship within the Benefice, will benefit from this work as it approaches our wider community in the next couple of weeks. This will require everyone in the churches of the Benefice to help by approaching friends and neighbours, so that we listen to all, both within and beyond the immediate church family.

Opening of Gamlingay Church

There is still no clear information, at time of writing, on the re-opening of Gamlingay Church building. I have been communicating with the Architect and Builders and hope to have an answer later this coming week. From the best information available at the moment the planned celebration on 21st May can still take place, but the building work will not be all complete. We are waiting to learn when the builder's clean will have taken place to allow our follow-up which will make the building ready to use again.

Please Continue to Pray...

....for our PCCs as they share a meeting on Monday. The main items for discussion and action are the wider Deanery planning and our own compliance with safeguarding requirements - expanded considerably in recent times in response to past failures.

Midweek Communion in Gamlingay had to be cancelled this week due to illness. Please check with Hilary this coming week as to what is happening.

Farewell to Hugh McCurdy - 2 more photos from last Sunday's Choral Evensong at Great Paxton....



Services in May

Sunday 8th May 4th Sunday of Easter

- 9.30am Parish Eucharist at Hatley St George (Gamlingay church is not ready)
- 11.15am Parish Communion at Everton

Wednesday 11th May

- 9.30am Midweek Communion tbc

Sunday 15th May 5th Sunday of Easter (third Sunday of the month)

- 9.30am Eucharist - at Gamlingay church all being well, Hatley if not.
- 11.15am Eucharist at Everton

Saturday 21st May

Celebration of Completion of the work on Gamlingay Church -

2.30pm onwards (note changed time)

Refreshments, prayers and displays with opportunity to meet and thank one another.

Sunday 22nd May 6th Sunday of Easter (fourth Sunday of the month)

- 10am Benefice Communion service at Gamlingay
- 2.30pm Baptism at Gamlingay
- 4pm Evensong at Everton

Thursday 26th May Ascension Day

- 8.00am Morning prayer for Ascension at Hatley St George
- 7.30pm Benefice Ascension Eucharist Service at Everton

Saturday 28th May

- 1.30pm Marriage of Richard Astell and Camilla Regan at Everton St Mary

Sunday 29th May Sunday after Ascension

- 9.30am Gamlingay Parish Eucharist 'Thy Kingdom Come'
- 11.15am Everton Parish Communion 'Thy Kingdom Come'

Families - Outdoor Church is back!

Come and join us for 'Outdoor Church'. Every Sunday 9.30am -10.45am, May – July in the Church Hall Garden.

Some time to notice and be thankful for God's Creation, crafts for the children, drinks and snacks.

Hope to see you there!

Sandra

Kitchen update *From Sandra Macrow*

Keith Worboys has fitted the kitchen and plumbed in the sink. He has done an amazing job, for which we are extremely grateful.

Lawrence Doherty from 'Stop that Leak' has very kindly donated and installed an outside tap for us, which is fantastic as we can use it for watering the garden this year.

The electrician is soon to connect the hot water and electrical sockets.

We have tongue & groove wood for the ceiling, kindly donated by Alan Dew. This needs to be undercoated before Keith installs it.

Once the ceiling is installed, the floor can be laid, very generously donated and installed by Flooring Works, Jamie Rands.

When the above messy works are complete, volunteers are needed to help with cleaning the kitchen and the cupboards and stocking the kitchen. If you can help with painting, please let Sandra know on 07958710703 or email sandramacrow@btinternet.com to arrange.

Tasks left to do.....

Electrician	Kitchen window frames sanding and painting
Painting last coat in the kitchen	Doors, sanding and painting
Ceiling tongue and groove undercoat	
Clean cupboards inside and out and transfer stock from green cupboards	

I really appreciate any help you may be able to offer and I am so grateful to everyone who has given their time and skills to help us, you are amazing!

Another update from the Camino - Dawn Martin.....

Monday 2nd May

I now have 65k to go so taking it steady as my hotel in Santiago is booked from Friday.

Visited this wonderful monastery a few days ago. It is called Monasterio de Samos and is one of the oldest and largest in the Western world. I had a tour given by a young monk called Brother Elvido. When someone asked him why he decided to become a monk his response was this : "Some people want a good job with lots of money, some people want to own a house and some people want to have children and many people want all of them. I just want to spend my time with God". It was the most beautiful, peaceful place and I went to the Pilgrims Mass in the evening . It was well worth doing a detour of an extra 8.5k to visit - the only problem was my accommodation that evening was in an Albergue directly opposite called Tras de Convento. In my ignorance I thought it may be a convent connected to the monastery but sadly not, there was a Karaoke in the bar downstairs with all the local Spanish people performing which went on until 1am - not much sleep that night ! Such is life !

Dawn x



A reminder of church opening times:

Everton church open Friday- Sunday, and on Bank Holiday Mondays 10am-4pm.

Hatley church can be opened on request.

Gamlingay church closed to the public until May.

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