

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



Weekly newsletter 16 September 2022



May Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II
rest in peace and rise in glory.

From Hilary...

The news of the death of Queen Elizabeth II in her Jubilee year came too late for last week's newsletter preparation. The services on Sunday morning were, however, framed around it.

At Gamlingay flowers left in tribute outside church were placed at the altar, some incorporated into the altar arrangements themselves, both of the Parish churches will be remaining open for private prayer and display pictures of the Queen until after the funeral, the visitors books are being used as condolence records for those who wish.

Ivy made this picture for the queen, it shows Ivy curtseying and offering a marmalade sandwich to the Queen.

So we continue to mourn the only Supreme Governor of the Church of England that many of us remember, as we pray for and offer allegiance to her successor, King Charles III.



Service for the Queen

There is opportunity to attend a local service of remembrance on the eve of the Queen's funeral this coming Sunday at Gamlingay at which the nation's one minute silence at 8pm will be observed.

Afterwards anyone who wishes may stay in church for a vigil.

It is planned to broadcast on Zoom, see below for details.

Bells in all the parishes will be tolled before the funeral at 11am.

In Gamlingay the funeral service itself is to be broadcast at the Baptist Church, any who wish to watch the service in company with other Christians are welcome, Hilary will be in attendance.

BENEFACTIVE MATTERS

Open Churches Cambridge Historic Churches Trust

THANK YOU to the people who minded the churches on these days. We had a few visitors, although the event doesn't seem to attract the interest and participation it once did.

PCCs

The PCCs met together on Monday on Zoom, followed that day by Gamlingay individual meeting and by Everton's individual meeting on Wednesday. The Monday shared discussions centred around Sunday services from October to New Year. It had been agreed with Chris Miller that he should until New Year continue his recovery without Reader duties, which affects ministry arrangements. There is a desire to find out from the wider community what style and time of worship might work for people who are currently not attending and might like to, however services until and including Christmas will need to be fixed before some of the discernment process is completed. It was agreed that Benefice services should be 10am start wherever they take place.

Finance

The PCCs looked at the financial positions of the two parish churches with three quarters of the year passed. While Everton (with a Parish Share of £9,663) is on target to complete payment this year, Gamlingay (with a Parish Share of £38,651) is well behind schedule, despite having paid over £14,600. The share payment is used to pay for clergy, so failure to pay share reflects on a parish's capacity to support its clergy. Hilary is to write to all church members and ask them to share more widely the situation in which we find ourselves in each parish.

September services

Saturday 17th September

Wedding 1.30pm Jamie Woodbridge and Melissa Scuse at Everton
1pm – 5pm Gamlingay Village Show - Gamlingay Church providing refreshments

Sunday 18th September

9.30am Parish Eucharist at Gamlingay
4.00pm Evensong at Everton (communion by extension by request)
7.30pm Service of Remembrance for QE II at Gamlingay
 (same Sunday link as for morning services)

Sunday 25th September

9.30am Parish Eucharist at Gamlingay
11.15am Parish Communion at Everton

Tuesday 27th September

2-4pm Memory Lane at the EcoHub

ST MARY'S GUILD

The Guild of St. Mary will still be meeting next Monday, 19 September at 7.30pm in the church hall.

The speaker is Kate Armstrong who will talk on the subject 'An unexpected journey. Life in the colonies at Empire's end. A woman's role'

All ladies welcome. Members £3, Visitors £4.

NEWS FROM EVERTON

PCC

Meets to consider plans for Harvest, work in the churchyard, the church organ, church finances and the keeping of church records.

Lockdown Banner

Last week's session saw good progress in ensuring all the pieces are in place. This week saw completion of stitching and stringing of all letters together, the finished banner will be in use at Harvest.



NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY

GAMLINGAY VILLAGE SHOW – THIS SATURDAY



St Mary's is manning the tea 'tent' so offers of cakes gratefully received.

They can be brought to me on Friday or delivered directly to the refreshment area on the day.

And please come and support us.

Valerie



PCC discussed finance and fundraising, church fabric, churches insurance, received a report on the jubilee churchyard project and discussed worship style and outreach to a wider constituency.

Work Party taking advantage of the Bank Holiday, in the afternoon of the Queen's funeral, there will be work done to clean the under-floor spaces in the heating system at Gamlingay Church. Please let John Boocock know if you can help, meeting at 2pm.

Green Week and Harvest Weekend

See posters for full Green Week activities, and invitation below for the special Thanksgiving event on 2nd October with presentation from CEL and music by Vox Cantab.

The Harvest Supper is to be combined with a concert for '2 Lads and a Laptop' on 8th October

History Society Hilary spoke this week to the History Society about the history of Gamlingay Church in the light of the recent works. There was a collection of photographs of the recent work to windows, stonework and roof, and Philip Gorton's book on the church was publicised. Many thanks to the Society for generous donation to church funds, and for taking the books to sell at the upcoming Gamlingay Show.



Invitation

Thanksgiving and Celebration

The Rector and PCC
invite you to this special event
On

Sunday 2nd October at 6.30pm

At

The Church of St Mary the Virgin, Gamlingay

Music by Vox Cantab

Presentation and refreshments

Church opening times:

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

Hatley church can be opened on request.

Gamlingay church open daily 10am – 5pm.

If you are temporarily or permanently unable to attend church services and would like to receive communion in your own home please let us know.

For Gamlingay and Hatley contact Hilary or Valerie.

For Everton contact Hilary.

This Newsletter is circulated by email each week to all on the Church Electoral Roll plus anyone else who gives their email details and requests it. It contains any news we have been given to share in our villages (Everton, Gamlingay and the Hatleys) plus news of what's going on in all three churches in the two parishes of the Benefice. Gamlingay with the Hatleys is one parish while Everton and Tetworth is the second linked parish in the current Benefice - both looked after by one parish priest.

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