

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



Weekly newsletter 12 May 2023



From Hilary...

This weekend sees the last Sunday of the Easter season before Ascension Day next Thursday. Although Ascension used to be one of the 'essentials' for Anglican Christians to attend, the festival itself gets a bit lost now coming, as it does, midweek. It nevertheless marks an important part of the Christian faith - the risen Jesus does not stay with those first disciples in bodily form. For our celebrations on Thursday, the location of the evening service depends on the availability of support personnel. Morning Prayer for Ascension will be in whichever parish church (Everton or Gamlingay) that does not have the evening service. It will be wonderful to share this so do try to join in with one of the services - locations will be advertised this Sunday. If that doesn't work out, the Sunday services after Ascension will continue the theme. Even if you can't be in church on the day itself, do take the opportunity to take part in a worldwide prayer season between Ascension and Pentecost (Whitsun) - I have one or two booklets designed to support this which I will leave in the churches on Sunday as we pray 'Thy Kingdom Come'. This is very appropriate as we have just celebrated an earthly King's Coronation with reminders of the Kingdom to which Jesus Christ offers entry and to which the King of England pledges service and is anointed into. Even without the booklets, you can join in by naming 5 people you will specifically pray for daily during this season. The prayer is for each of these people to come to know the love and peace of God in Jesus Christ.

NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY

The new PCC meets on Monday 15th May.

The next '**Simple Lunch**' this coming Tuesday will be for **Christian Aid**, using the themed material for this year's appeal which highlights the importance of peas to the people of Malawi in combating poverty and hunger - so no prizes for guessing what one of the soups will contain! Please let Hilary or Jane O know if you are able to help and do come along. Donations for Christian Aid will of course be welcome whether or not you are able to attend.

CORONATION: Congratulations to Gamlingay ringers and guests on the quarter peal of Grandsire Triples rung on the afternoon of the Coronation, as well as thanks to John for organising both this and the session preceding the coronation. (*See photo and message further below*)

THANK YOU and **WELL DONE** to those who put work into the 'Big Lunch' at Gamlingay church, as well as all the other celebrations round the parishes. A special 'Thank You' to Dawn for the wonderful Coronation Cake which she provided to be shared by all. Sunday afternoon was blessedly dry, with some really hot sunshine and a good time was had by all. Everyone enjoyed the company and the music at Gamlingay (thank you to Chris and the Singers). (*See separate picture page*). The raffle, together with donations, raised £228.76 for church funds.

DATES FOR MAY AND JUNE

Sunday 14th May Easter 6

9.30am Eucharist at Gamlingay
11.15am Eucharist at Everton

Wednesday 17th May

9.30am Midweek Eucharist at Gamlingay

Thursday 18th May, Ascension

8.15am Morning Prayer (Venue TBC)
7.30pm Benefice Eucharist for the Ascension (Venue TBC)

Sunday 21st May, Easter 7 Sunday After Ascension

9.30am Eucharist at Gamlingay
11.15am Eucharist at Everton
2.30pm Baptism Fleur Poxson, Gamlingay (come and welcome Fleur to the church family if you can)

Wednesday 24th May

9.30am Midweek Eucharist at Gamlingay

Sunday 28th May, Pentecost (Whit Sunday)

8.00am BCP Communion at Hatley St George
9.30am Festival Eucharist at Gamlingay
11.15am Festival Eucharist at Everton

Wednesday 31st May

9.30am Midweek Eucharist at Gamlingay

June - Service at Hatley St George is under discussion - any views or requests please contact Hilary or Sandra.

Sunday 4th June, Trinity Sunday

9.30am Family friendly Eucharist with Baptisms at Gamlingay
11.15am Eucharist at Everton

Wednesday 7th June

9.30am Midweek Eucharist at Gamlingay

Sunday 11th June, Trinity 1

9.30am Eucharist at Gamlingay
11.15am Eucharist at Everton

Wednesday 14th June

9.30am Midweek Eucharist at Gamlingay

Sunday 19th June, Trinity 2

9.30am Eucharist at Gamlingay
11.15am Eucharist at Everton

Wednesday 21st June

9.30am Midweek Eucharist at Gamlingay

Saturday 24th June Gamlingay Summer Fete and Flower Festival - Church and Church Hall

Sunday 25th June, Trinity 3 Flower Festival Weekend

9.30am Eucharist at Gamlingay
11.15am Eucharist at Everton

Wednesday 28th June

9.30am Midweek Eucharist at Gamlingay

Keep the date.....

July 16th morning service at Gamlingay will include a celebration of marriage, as Hilary and Norman were married 40 years ago on that day. An invitation is extended to all our friends to a buffet lunch afterwards. NO PRESENTS PLEASE, although donations to the churches would be very welcome.

NEWS FROM EVERTON

The first of the fortnightly Everton Community Group Tuesday 'Coffee and Chat' sessions (10.30am – 12noon at the Village Hall), replacing 'Soup and Social' for this coming season, took place at Everton this Tuesday. A delicious variety of sweet treats was on offer, including a Coronation celebration with Prosecco. Well done everyone!



From Linda Bycroft

An event you won't want to miss is our Church coffee morning on 3rd June which will be held in the village hall from 10am – 12noon. (See attached poster). This will be an opportunity to raise much needed funds for St Mary's as well as to meet up with friends and neighbours and have a cup of coffee and cake. We plan to have the following stalls:

- * Cakes & Sweets
- * Jams, preserves, plants and produce
- * Books
- * Children's tombola
- * Raffle
- * Refreshments – Susie and Jonathan Kirkham have kindly offered to do these for us.

We would be extremely grateful for donations to our stalls as well as help to 'man' them, especially the raffle stall which needs two people - one to sell tickets and take money, and one to fold the tickets. It would be good if we had a rota of willing helpers for this. We will be setting up the tables in the village hall on Friday 2nd June between 3 and 5pm. Help with this would be very much appreciated. Donations for the various stalls can be taken to the village hall during this time too. We hope very much that you will be able to join us. It would help to know if you can help on the day or with setting up on the Friday afternoon.



The Meadow Saxifrage is in flower at Everton, along with other wildflowers in this conservation churchyard, do have a look! (Photo from Doreen Gurney)

St Denis in East Hatley is also worth a visit for the Cowslips and Oxlips which are particularly abundant this year.

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GUILD OF ST MARY

Open Meeting



The next meeting of the Guild of St. Mary will take place in the Church Hall on Monday 15th May starting at 7.30pm. As our speakers, we will be welcoming Vicky and Martin Smalls (Philippa's son and daughter-in-law) who will be telling us about their extremely interesting work with the Environment Agency, in particular relating to managing flooding in the Ely Ouse catchment area.

We feel this is likely to be of interest to many people within and beyond the Guild membership and it will, therefore, be an **Open Meeting** to which all are welcome. Our fee for visitors is £5 which includes tea/coffee, a biscuit and a raffle ticket.

The Duty Rota in Gamlingay

If you come to church in Gamlingay you will know that a number of duties are undertaken by members of the congregation including some of which you may be unaware.....

- **Cleaning church** – At the moment we have so few volunteers that we can only clean the church once a fortnight.
- **Sidesperson** – Welcoming people as they come into church and giving out the service books.
- **Sacristan** – Setting up the altar etc. and clearing up afterwards – training will be given.
- **Supporting the priest during the service as Deacon/Acolyte** – This new role is still in the planning stage. Full instruction will be given.
- **Reading a lesson**
- **Leading the Intercessions**
- **Serving Coffee after the service** – bringing the milk, setting up before the service and clearing up afterwards

If you are willing to offer your services for any of these duties or would like further information before committing, please speak to Ros Hissett or Valerie Miller as soon as possible because Ros will be preparing the new rota before next month.

GAMLINGAY CORONATION BELLS

The bells at Gamlingay rang in the morning and afternoon on Saturday to mark the Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla. We hope you enjoyed the ringing. Please contact any one of us if you would like to find out what bell ringing involves and would like to have a go. *John Boocock.*



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Coronation 'Big Lunch' - Picture Gallery

