

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



Weekly newsletter 26 May 2023



From Hilary...

Ascension - Pentecost season is almost over, as we celebrate the Birthday of the Church on Sunday this week. We started the time with worship in two places on Ascension Day itself - three of us prayed Morning Prayer with ten joining the Eucharist at Gamlingay. Thank you to everyone who joined worship that day and special thanks to Andrew Smith for playing in the evening, helping to make a small service feel very special.

Benefice Flower Festival plans are progressing in all three locations of the Benefice. Please encourage people you know to keep the date and come and visit, it should be a good weekend. Offers of sponsorship, flowers or help making displays are welcome. For Hatley - contact Hilary; for Gamlingay contact Jane O; for Everton contact Sue Alexander via Jane B or Doreen G.

Scythe skills -Scythe skill training has been arranged for July 11th in our parishes, but the precise venue is not yet fixed. The trainer from Norfolk (Richard Brown) will be delivering a course at Colmworth the previous day, so the course cost to us is less than it would have been otherwise. An added benefit is the possibility of joining the Colmworth course. Let Hilary or Alec know if you are interested.

Christian Aid count took place on Thursday evening, however any late donations can still be added. Special thanks to Sandra for organising everything, and to others who delivered envelopes.

Diocesan Announcement has been published of +Stephen's appointment as Bishop of Lincoln. + Dagmar (currently Bishop of Huntingdon) has been appointed acting Bishop of Ely while the process of discerning and appointing +Stephen's permanent successor progresses. +Stephen's incumbency ends on July 16th.

Terry Read

I am very sad to have to inform you that Terry Read, a regular member of our congregation for many years has died in Hospital. Until a few years ago Terry lived in Clare Court Gamlingay but latterly has been a resident at Park House Care Home in Sandy. Further details regarding funeral etc as they come to light. We believe that he was around 96 years old. May he rest in peace and rise in glory!

Chris Miller

A reminder that 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.

NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY

'Simple Lunches' will take a pause next week, and in a fortnight's time, due to Hilary's unavailability - unless there are more offers of help?

Church Weathervane

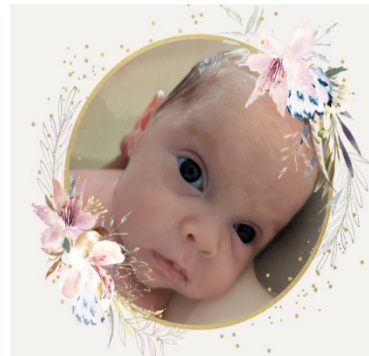
Tony Hurst has shared this amazing picture of the church weathervane - a cockerel, as you see. The story of who donated it and why is to be found in church on the wall at the back and may be known to someone the village. We wonder if anyone will think that's a story to tell in the Gamlingay part of the Flower festival. We can't wait to see what everyone has to offer.



Beautiful hanging baskets made by those who attended Tuesday's **Memory Lane** meeting.



Welcome to Fleur Poxson baptised on Sunday and thank you to the team who helped with the service.



Midsummer Fete, Saturday, 24th June and **Flower Festival on Saturday, 24th and Sunday 25th June.**

Please encourage those you know to create a display (Theme is "Tell Me a Story"). Displays by individuals would be very welcome.

If you know anyone who would like a craft stall, ask them to contact- janeorch@hotmail.com.

Contributions needed for raffle, filled jars for tombola, cakes.

Help needed on the Friday afternoon to set up gazebos etc. Family members welcome to help.

Stewards for the Flower Festival also needed if you can spare an hour to help.

St. Mary's 'Sociable Summer'!
Watch out for information to be circulated shortly.....

NEWS FROM EVERTON

The **Everton Community Group 'Coffee and Chat'** took place on Tuesday with 22 participants.

Church coffee morning on 3rd June in the village hall from 10am – 12noon. Contributions welcome for Cakes & Sweets, Jams, Preserves, Plants and Produce, Books, Childrens items and Tombola, Raffle, Refreshments. **(See flier attached)**

Flower Festival – 24th/25th June, 12 noon – 4pm. The theme is 'Tell Me a Story', entry is free and there will be a raffle and refreshments. **(See poster accompanying this newsletter.)**

The Parish Council welcomed Hilary's report and pledged support for the Church, particularly with publicising events.

DATES FOR MAY AND JUNE

Sunday 28th May - Pentecost (Whit Sunday)

8.00am BCP Communion at Hatley St George - do let Hilary know if you will be attending.
9.30am Festival Eucharist at Gamlingay
11.15am Festival Eucharist at Everton

Wednesday 31st May

9.30am Midweek Eucharist at Gamlingay

June - Services at Hatley St George are under discussion - views or requests please be in touch with Hilary or Sandra.

Sunday 4th June - Trinity Sunday

9.30am Family-friendly Eucharist (baptisms previously planned postponed)
11.15am Eucharist at Everton

Wednesday 7th May

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 18th June - Trinity 2

9.30am Eucharist at Gamlingay
11.15am Eucharist at Everton

Wednesday 21st June

9.30am Midweek Eucharist at Gamlingay

Saturday/Sunday 24th/25th June - Benefice Flower Festival Weekend

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

Sunday 25th June - Trinity 3

9.30am Eucharist at Gamlingay
11.15am Eucharist at Everton

Wednesday 28th June

9.30am Midweek Eucharist at Gamlingay

JULY services, to be published next week, will follow the existing pattern, except for Sunday 16th.

Reminder to 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.



Local Singing Events 2023

There are two Evensongs locally in which singers are invited to participate. They are both of the “Bring and Sing” style which involves a rehearsal prior to the event and singing at Evensong itself.

1. Sunday 11 June at 6.00pm at St Neots Parish Church. There is a rehearsal at 4.00pm. Music includes:
 - Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis by Grayston Ives
 - Ayleward responses
 - Anthem, Let all Mortal Flesh by Edward Bairstow

The conductor is Ralph Woodward (who, as well as being organist of St Ben’e’ts, directs the Fairhaven Singers, and is in his second year of being Acting Assistant Director at Kings College).

The music is an RSCM publication “King of Glory, King of Peace”. These are available for purchase from the Royal School of Church Music or, alternatively, Gamlingay Church has copies which are available for loan.

There is a fee of £5 (£6 for non RSCM members – the Benefice is affiliated to the RSCM with a group membership). This information is not only for existing choir members but for anybody else who feels that they might like to sing.

2. Sunday 16 July at 6.00pm at St Andrew’s Church Biggleswade. There is a rehearsal on Friday 14 July at St Andrew’s at 7.30pm. There will also be a run through on the day at 5.00pm. Music includes:
 - Locus Iste by Bruckner
 - Smith 5-part responses
 - Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in B flat by Stanford
 - Anthem, Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ by SS Wesley

The conductor is Tim Croot, the choirmaster of St George’s Letchworth and the organist is Justin Waters FRCO.

The invitation to attend this Evensong is for members of the Benefice Choir. The Benefice Choir will be holding rehearsals for both these events during June and anybody interested in singing is welcome to attend these rehearsals.

Further information for both of these events is available from Chris Miller.

Please let Brenda Elcome have any articles or pictures for the newsletter by Tuesday evening to Brenda.elcome@ymail.com

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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.