

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



## Weekly newsletter 14 July 2023



### *From Hilary:*

This week hasn't gone according to usual expectations, so the weekend celebrations have been adjusted accordingly (see below). Thank you to Chris and Lucy for sorting out last Wednesday's morning service.

This was all because Norman is in hospital having medications balanced (the admissions process via A&E at Addenbrookes, through GP referral, took pretty well 24 hours Tuesday evening through to Wednesday, so a night without proper sleep hasn't added to the efficiency of things since for me either). The stay is predicted to include the weekend though, at the time of writing, how much of the weekend is not clear. This has meant that the family party planned for Saturday will be postponed, though some of those coming for that may be around. Sunday, however, is still 'on'.

### **PCC notes**

These will follow as could not be prepared for the reasons stated above.

## ***BENEFACTIVE EVENTS***

### **July 11th - Scything and Meadow Management Course**

This took place and was hugely enjoyed by 5 participants. Significant patches of the long grass in both Gamlingay and Hatley St Denis churchyards were cut, and there are now 5 people who are scythe users - novices as yet but keen to practice. A good deal of the course was about the management of wild flowers, and that will be put into practice in all our churchyards.

### **Sunday 16th July**

**The Benefice service** has been transposed to this day influenced by the fact of Norman and Hilary's Ruby Wedding which falls then - 40 years since making promises to one another 'in the sight of God and before this congregation here present' at All Saints, Polebrook. The service will take place as planned, as it is not just about Hilary and Norman, but intended as a celebration of family and relationships celebrating all forms of family and bearing in mind that sometimes people are missing, or things didn't work out as we'd hoped. This is particularly apt as Norman may not be there after all, though it is hoped to include him by Zoom, and there may still be some family visitors. SO - **Do join us for lunch at the Church Hall afterwards**, for a very informal buffet from 12 - 2pm. Thank you to everyone who has given notice of attendance. Some help setting up will be welcome and, most importantly, help clearing away afterwards will be useful.

**Bishop Stephen's last service** also takes place on this day at the Cathedral (apologies that this has been omitted from the Newsletter previously!). Unfortunately Hilary can't be there, but others could manage both the buffet at Gamlingay and the service in Ely - all are welcome as the Bishop lays his Staff on the cathedral altar and we all say God Bless and give thanks for his ministry among us. At Deanery Synod it was agreed to make a donation from the PCCs. Parishes can then ask people to give to their PCCs or direct to the Cathedral appeal.

## ***NEWS FROM EVERTON***

The members of Everton PCC are planning to have a Churchyard Tidy up on Saturday the 22nd of July, from 10am onwards. If you could spare a couple of hours to come along and join us, your help would be very much appreciated.

If you can bring useful tools along with you to help tidy up the Churchyard, this will be of great help.

Refreshments will be provided.

Any queries: Ring Jane Butcher on 07710 570098 OR Hilary on 07980 468479.

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### **Service information and dates**

#### **Sunday 16th July Trinity 6 - Benefice Service swapped with 31st July.**

10.30am                      **Benefice Service** at Gamlingay celebrating Family and Marriage  
12.00noon - 2pm          Buffet Lunch at the Church Hall - all welcome, please let Hilary know for rough numbers

#### **Sunday 23rd July Trinity 7**

9.30am                      Parish Eucharist at Gamlingay, Cream Teas in the afternoon  
11.15am                     Parish Eucharist at Everton

#### **Sunday 30th July Trinity 8 (Benefice Service swapped to July 16th)**

9.30am                      Parish Eucharist at Gamlingay  
11.15am                     Parish Eucharist and Baptism at Everton

9.30am Midweek Eucharist at Gamlingay will continue throughout the summer months
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### **August Services (no Hatley services this month)**

#### **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August - The Feast of the Transfiguration**

9.30am                      Gamlingay parish Eucharist  
11.15am                     Everton Parish Eucharist

#### **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August - Trinity 10**

9.30am                      Gamlingay parish Eucharist  
11.15am                     Everton Parish Eucharist

#### **Sunday 20th August - Trinity 11**

9.30am                      Gamlingay parish Eucharist  
11.15am                     Everton Parish Eucharist

#### **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August - Trinity 12**

9.30am                      Gamlingay parish Eucharist  
11.15am                     Everton Parish Eucharist

# ***NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY***

## **Cream Teas Sunday 23rd July and 'Sociable Summer'**

See information below on these events yet-to-come – **do please publicise and join in where you can.**

### **Cream Teas!**

**Gamlingay Church Hall/Garden, Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 3pm – 5pm.**

### **BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW!**

Advance booking is essential so that we can better manage what we need to provide.

Tickets are obtainable from The Hub or from Church. £5 per person. If you are having difficulty purchasing tickets, then, please contact Jane on 0753 500 5908.



*It's begun.....*

## ***St. Mary's, Gamlingay 'Sociable Summer!'***



### **An opportunity for everyone to do their bit and contribute to our much-needed fundraising activities.**

During the summer months we are asking as many of you as possible to offer hospitality to a few (or a lot!) of your friends in your own home. It can be as simple as morning coffee or afternoon tea with a couple of neighbours, or you may wish to do something on a grander scale. It is entirely up to you - nothing is too small or too big!

Below is a copy of the official church invitation which was circulated for your use a few weeks ago. This explains what it is all about and why we are requesting donations. If you need this to be re-sent or are unable to access/print the invitations yourself, let me know and I will supply you with some.

When you have planned your activity and issued invitations, please let me know so that I can keep a record of all that has taken place and pass it on to the Fundraising Task Group.

Afterwards, please place the donations in an envelope with your name and 'Sociable Summer' on the front. This may be taken to church, delivered to me at 2 Charnocks Close or I can come and collect if you give me a ring on 650489.

**Thank you so much!**

***Brenda (on behalf of the Fundraising Group)***

## St. Mary's Church, Gamlingay

Invites you to take part in a...

### 'SOCIABLE SUMMER!'

During the summer months of July and August members of our congregation will, generously, be hosting a variety of events in their own homes as a contribution to the church's much needed fundraising programme. This year we are faced with trying to remedy an enormous financial shortfall and, as a group dedicated to addressing the problem, we are working as hard as we can to find different ways of raising the necessary funds. If you accept the invitation below, we hope you will thoroughly enjoy 'socializing' with others and, in return, we would ask you to make an appropriate donation which your host will pass on to the church.

*Thank You and Have Fun!*

*St. Mary's, Gamlingay – Fundraising Task Group*

I/We would like to invite you to join me/us for:

DATE:

TIME:

PLACE:

HOST'S NAME(S):

*RSVP*

Contact details below show who to contact in each parish:

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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.

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