

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



Weekly newsletter 1 September 2023



From Hilary:

I expected the bank holiday weekend to slide by pretty much unnoticed by me, opening the Food Project on the Monday, but it has still felt like a holiday and the gratitude of visitors to the Almshouse Chapel, open for the Food Project, was so encouraging. Also, taking some family time on Tuesday/Wednesday has been a treat. Schools return this week, so love and prayers with parents, staff (both teaching and ancillary) and especially with all our young people starting a new academic year, as well as those who have now completed education and are finding their way in sometimes difficult times.

Climate Action and sustainability continue on our church agenda, with the management of our churchyards continuing to be cause for debate. There is a talk at Ely Cathedral which may be of interest to some (see details below).

Ely Cathedral Environment Memorial Lecture in memory of Dr Jenny Gage given by Julia King of the Carbon Trust who will speak on **'Net Zero, Critical but not enough'**

Tuesday 12th September in the north transept of the cathedral.

Julia King is Baroness Brown of Cambridge and chairs the Carbon Trust.

More details at <https://www.elycathedral.org/events/environment-lecture>

The lecture starts at 6.30pm. I will be leaving Gamlingay around 5.15 and can offer lifts for up to three people. Let me know if you can attend and would like to travel with me.

NEWS FROM EVERTON

Apologies for muddling things - I did know when we were planning to say 'Goodbye' to Sally Page but managed to make it seem a week earlier in last week's newsletter. We did, last Sunday, still acknowledge Sally's imminent departure and pray for her preparations, but there will be the 'real thing', with some refreshments provided by Sally, after this week's service, which really is her last before the move.

The Community Coffee Morning at the Village Hall in Everton this Saturday will also include a farewell to Sally, as well as the usual opportunity to meet socially over refreshments.

NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY

The **Memory Lane Simple Lunch** in the Church Hall on Tuesday was enjoyed by those who attended. It was lovely to see some Memory Lane friends and a huge 'Thank You' goes to Jane O and Anne D for their help on what was a fairly busy day. Although this isn't particularly a fund-raiser, donations amounting to £25 were received for St Mary's Church.

Gamlingay Churchyard was inspected for the bronze wildlife- friendly award on the same day as the lunch. We expect the feedback by the weekend but whether we have made the award or still have things to work on, it was really good to be encouraged with comments on how far we had already come. If we have achieved the bronze award, there are silver and gold awards to work towards!

Special mention to Alec, Lindy and Nicola who came to meet judge Anne, who was there with our adviser Diana Cook. Thanks too to all our volunteers, Aron and son-in law Ant who provided much of the "grunt" for dealing with the sycamore tree, and Peter Condon who, with Nicola, put in a huge shift of time for grass clearing.

'**Sociable Summer**' **Update** will follow next week but thank you to those who have already contributed – the most recent was a lovely tea party hosted by Philippa, thank you to her for that.

Service information and dates

Village Show September 16th - help wanted - see below.

September Services (as far as is planned at this time and submitted to the Gazette)

At this time, it is not possible to say what services will take place in Hatley, but it is hoped at least one during September.

Sunday 3rd September, Trinity 13

9.30am Parish Eucharist at Gamlingay
11.15am Parish Eucharist at Everton with farewell to Sally Page

Sunday 10th September, Trinity 14

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

Sunday 17th September, Trinity 15

9.30am Parish Eucharist at Gamlingay
4.00pm. Evensong at Everton

Sunday 24th September, Trinity 16

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

Harvest Festivals will take place on Sunday 1st October in all three churches. Plans are afoot for Harvest Suppers on the previous Friday and Saturday – watch out for details.

GAMLINGAY FUNDRAISING

Gamlingay Village Show

As mentioned last week, this year's Village Show will take place on Saturday 16th September at the Primary School.



There is now a sign-up sheet in church for donations of cakes – please add your name if you are willing to help in this way. If you are not going to be at church, please send me an email or give me a ring and I will put you on the list.

(Tel: 650489 email: brenda.elcome@ymail.com)

Remember – we are also going to need help with serving the refreshments on the day and, most particularly, with setting up, transporting all the necessary gear from the church hall, and doing everything in reverse afterwards. If you are able to help in this way, please let Jane know....

(Tel: 07535005908 email : janeorch@hotmail.com)



Thank you!

Pennine Way Sponsored Cycle Trip.

John and Anne Smith are about to embark on a 350-mile cycle trip on their tandem along the Pennine Way. If you would like to sponsor them, all the proceeds will go to St Mary's, Gamlingay church funds.

The route is along back roads, canal towpaths etc and each stage is approximately 50 miles so the whole trip will take 7 days.

They hope to be in church on Sunday and would be very grateful for your support.

Here is a link to the route: https://cycle.travel/route/pennine_cycleway

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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@ymail.com

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.