

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



## Weekly newsletter 29 September 2023



### *From Hilary:*

We will be celebrating Harvest this weekend, as we enter October. Our services this year will have an environmental theme alongside the more usual thanksgiving for all that we have from God, including the traditional food harvests but also much more. Please think about donating items to both decorate the churches and to provide for those we support with food provisions. Everton supports the Prebend Centre in Bedford; Gamlingay and the Hatleys support the Gamlingay Food Project (which also serves homes in Bedfordshire as it covers Potton and Everton). Donations intended to support others need to be non-perishable with, ideally, a long shelf life.

**Deanery planning**, which obviously includes our Benefice, has been ongoing for some time and initially was concerned with what the churches of the Deanery, individually and collectively, are doing and will do to maintain and grow their ministries. Full information and requests for help have been published in newsletters over the last 18 months with little interest being shown. The next Deanery Synod will be meeting shortly to debate a plan, with the archdeacons in attendance. The planning process has rather suddenly become more 'top down' and pressured for results, emphasizing what can be afforded in terms of paid staff. On the calculation shown this week, our parishes would need to find significantly more money to justify a full-time priest into the future. The Deanery Plan to be published shortly and before the Synod meets, has been drafted by a small planning group with the Area Dean, and is now being edited after consultation with Deanery clergy. It will be circulated to Deanery Synod representatives and contains an aspiration to involve whole PCCs in our Benefice, and possibly the neighbouring Bluebell Benefice, to work out what can be best done into the future with lower staffing levels or higher parish share. The Paxtons benefice is already in similar discussions.

This Saturday LLM ministry is being celebrated at the cathedral with a service at 2.30pm. Contact Hilary or Sandra for lifts if you would like to attend.

## ***NEWS FROM EVERTON***

**Gift Day** letters have been distributed and responses were already coming in this last Sunday. Huge gratitude goes to all who are contributing to this collection, which is a central element of the church's fundraising. Harvest Festival Sunday and a short period after will see the total being gathered in.

**Barnabas Oley** was a 17th Century cleric and academic in turbulent times, at one time vicar in Great Gransden as well as being a fellow of Clare College, Cambridge. The Trust he founded and that bears his name has a charitable purpose 'Making donations to religious and educational causes and for the relief of poverty'. Everton Church has benefitted in the past and hopes to do so again - application is being made this week.

**Churchyard Wildflower** areas need some hard work raking after the mulch cut which has rendered everything looking superficially better but risks preventing all but the tougher tussock grasses regenerating.

# NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY

**Harvest service on Sunday** will celebrate the bronze level achieved in the Cambridgeshire Churchyard Conservation Award Scheme.

Produce and sale income from the service will go to the Food Project this year.

The Niassa project, to which the church has an ongoing commitment, has been supported from our Harvest in the past, and will need a separate, special initiative to raise funds this year.



The church building remains closed until CCTV is installed; John Boocock is assisting the PCC with making appropriate arrangements.

**Zoom broadcast** is at last working again with direct sound through the church system. We hope those at home won't have given up entirely on the broadcast services after the time this has taken. Thanks to Nick and Matt for their help with sorting this out.

**Churchyard** mowing regime is to be discussed at next week's Parish Council meeting - the PC has responsibility for the churchyard upkeep. Native species bulbs (bluebells and narcissus) have been obtained to populate chosen areas.

**Harvest Supper on Friday 30th September** has been cancelled - those already signed up have been made aware. However.....

**Simple Lunch** on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 12.30 – 2pm in the Church Hall, will have a harvest theme. There will be no charge, but donations will be requested for Mozambique which has been suffering greatly from recent floods. Anyone thinking of attending is asked to please let Jane Orchiston know for catering purposes.

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**Memory Lane** group met on Tuesday for social time, games and refreshments. The opportunity to chat and relax together with refreshments is hugely appreciated by attendees and their companions. The game Jenga was enjoyed outdoors and ice-free curling indoors, as well as other activities. Apples from two attendees were shared, to everyone's satisfaction. Next month's activity is not yet planned, but Christmas and New Year ideas are being discussed and will be published when decided.

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**Guild of St. Mary**  
**Cream Tea - Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October**  
**3 - 5pm in Gamlingay Church Hall**



This is an extra Guild meeting to which all are welcome. We would love to see some of our previous members who no longer feel able to attend evening meetings as well as anyone else who would like to come along and see what we get up to!

The tea will consist of home-made scones with jam and cream together with, of course, tea or coffee. The cost, which also includes a raffle ticket, will be £3 for current members and £5 for visitors.

We do need to know numbers for catering purposes so.....

**PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE HOPING TO ATTEND**

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# NEWS FROM HATLEY

**TODAY!**



The banner features the Macmillan Cancer Support logo on the left, which includes the text 'In aid of MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT'. To the right of the logo is an illustration of two green coffee cups on saucers with steam rising from them. The main text reads 'Come on in Macmillan Coffee Morning at KMSS, Unit 10 St George's Tower'. On the far right, the date and time are listed: 'Friday 29th September 10.30 to 3.30'.

## Harvest Festival in Hatley

Sunday, 1st October / 11.15 am / Hatley St George church. Then the village hall from around 12.30.

This year's Hatley Harvest Festival is split into two segments – the traditional Christian service in Hatley St George church (starting at 11.15 am) followed by celebrations in the village hall (from 12.30 pm).

In the village hall, there will be...

- Tea, coffee, sandwiches, sausage rolls, cakes and desserts.
- Bring & Buy stall.
- Competition – build a scarecrow in the hall.
- Judging for best home-made baking, jams, chutneys + best home produce – eggs and flowers.
- Crafts.
- Raffle.
- Fun end-of-day auction.
- Please, can you donate... items for the raffle, auction, Bring & Buy stall (but please bring them on the day).

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### 'Thank you!' and Apples....

We would like to say thank you very much to everyone who sponsored us on our cycle ride.

We have a surplus of eating apples which we will bring on Sunday to Harvest Festival. If you would like some please bring a bag or container to collect them.

*Anne and John Smith.*

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](mailto:Brenda.elcome@ymail.com)

## Service information and dates

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October, Harvest Festivals (Trinity 17)

9.30am Gamlingay Parish Eucharist  
 11.15am Hatley St George Harvest Celebration  
 4pm Harvest Thanksgiving words and music at Everton

### Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

12.30 – 2pm 'Simple Lunch' with Harvest theme, Gamlingay Church Hall

### Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October

9.30am Midweek Eucharist at Gamlingay

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October, Trinity 18

9.30am Gamlingay Parish Eucharist  
 11.15am Everton Parish Eucharist

### Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October

9.30am Midweek Eucharist at Gamlingay

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October, Trinity 19

9.30am Gamlingay Eucharistic service of Wholeness and Healing  
 11am-3pm Harvest and Community Sustainable Food celebration at GBC  
 4pm Evensong at Everton

### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October

9.30am Midweek Eucharist at Gamlingay

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, Trinity 20

9.30am Gamlingay Parish Eucharist  
 11.15am Everton Parish Eucharist

### Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October

9.30am Midweek Eucharist at Gamlingay

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October, last after Trinity - Bible Sunday/Dedication festival (if not on Oct 1st)

10am Benefice Eucharist at Everton

### Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October, Light party and children's light service in Gamlingay

### Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November

9.30am Midweek Eucharist at Gamlingay

**NB** : All Saints is to be celebrated on Sunday 5th November.

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*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.*