

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



Weekly newsletter 6 October 2023



From Hilary:

Thank you to everyone who made the Harvest celebrations in our churches so lovely, all different but each special in its own way. Produce has been distributed from the services for the benefit of connected charitable organisations as appropriate.

In Hatley a lovely harvest lunch was enjoyed by Hatley families after a delightful all-age service led by Sandra in St James church in Hatley St George. Well done and thank you to Lynda and Sarah who produced a wonderful spread and organised a small competition and sale of produce. More help is urgently sought to make that work another year.

In Everton the church had gifts brought from school on the previous Friday, which were distributed on the Monday by Les and Dick - many thanks to all involved.

At Gamlingay the Food Project was celebrated along with everything else. Sale of produce and the Harvest Lunch incomes were set aside for the Niassa Diocese in Mozambique - total raised to be advertised next time.

LLM ministry was celebrated at the cathedral at a lovely service last Saturday. Sandra received her award on the 3rd anniversary of her first licensing, and Chris joined the service from home on YouTube - somehow his 25-year anniversary has been missed, but we are hoping to ensure it is included next year. They were both given a round of applause in church at Gamlingay the following morning as part of our 'Thank You' for the harvest of people, celebrated alongside the harvest of produce. We thank God for them and all the lay ministry that enables our churches to function in our calling to being the embodiment of the Gospel.

Deanery Planning: The plan is now published and will be with PCCs by the time you read this. It will be debated and approved at Deanery Synod next week.

NEWS FROM EVERTON

Gift Day total has not yet been added up but will be published here. Many thanks indeed to distributors and collectors.

Barnabas Oley charity meeting has been postponed from Tuesday 11th. No future date is yet fixed, but an application from Everton is with the administrator of the charity.

Churchyard Wildflower areas still 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. Volunteers have come forward so watch this space. The churchyard plan will be on display to try and ensure the correct mowing schedule is followed.

NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY

The church building remains closed for the time being. Please be patient, it will re-open when we can make it more secure.

Churchyard mowing regime is to be discussed at this week's Parish Council meeting - the PC has responsibility for the churchyard upkeep. A donation of green meadow hay (providing seeds) will be delivered - this and the native bulbs will need to be worked on in the next week or two. Do ask around and encourage volunteers if you can't help in person.

Harvest Lunch was enjoyed in the church hall by a dozen of us. Donations on the day will be added to those previously received and will support Niassa Diocese.

Memory Lane November Meeting will be a Christmas themed tea dance led by our friends from Band of Ukes.

RIP Sue Mortlock whose funeral took place on Tuesday this week. Sue's long family history in the church was celebrated with thanksgiving for all that was good in her life. Her ashes will be interred within sight of her home at a date to be confirmed.

Funeral for Tony D'Alton will take place on Monday 16th October. The funeral in church is expected to take place at around 1.45pm, following a gathering at the EcoHub at 12.30pm. **Funeral** for Barry Price is in preparation, to be confirmed but may be next week, possibly Thursday morning.

Gamlingay Village Primary School children will be in church on Monday and Wednesday afternoons next week - 1.45pm onwards. Year 2 will be coming on Monday and Year 1 on Tuesday. I have offered fruit snacks for around 60 children in each group. I will provide the fruit but would be pleased if anyone feels like helping to prepare it.



Pumpkin Festival/Gamlingay Food Festival



To be held on Sunday 15th October between 11am & 3pm at Gamlingay Baptist Church.

Come along for Disco Soup, Recipes, Stalls.

Find out how to cut food waste & shopping bills.

Brought to you for **FREE** by Cambridge Sustainable Food.

From Gamlingay Food Project

'You 2can make a difference'

This is the title of our new campaign – to encourage regular giving by lots of families (if they're able) to bring '2cans' to the food Hub every week.

Each of our current 20 families gets an average of 13 tins each week. That's 260 per week, 1,040 per month!! Plus, we have another 20 families we help either monthly or bi-weekly which is now easily 2,080. So, you can see how quickly we run very low of long-life items. We won't stop you bringing more than 2cans but if 150 families donate 2cans regularly you can make a HUGE difference.



We look forward to receiving your 2cans

Upcoming Events – Save the Date!

Sunday, 29th October: Organ Recital with Steff Laugharne at 3pm.

Friday 10th November: The “Stuffing Party”, where we place the Grand Draw tickets and letter from Hilary into envelopes which will then be delivered to the entire village, is at 7pm in the Church Hall. The more of us there are the less time it takes! If you can help out, that would be great!

Friday, 17th November: Quiz with Ian Parker at 7.30pm

Saturday, 9th December: Christmas Fair at Gamlingay 12 noon to 5pm

For the Christmas Fair, if you are willing and able to help set up on Friday afternoon and/or Saturday morning and take everything down at 5pm on the Saturday, please let Jane know. We need help from those who have the power to move trestles, chairs and other items into church so that we are ready to open at 12 noon and to clear the church at 5pm so it is ready for the morning service. If you could help by staffing a stall, which will raise funds directly for St Mary’s, we would love to hear from you. Please let me know if you can do anything to help. – janeorch@hotmail.com or 0753 500 5908.

Simple Lunch with a harvest theme was enjoyed by all! My husband was disappointed that no apple pie came home! Thanks to Ann Davis for helping out as well.

There may be additional events which are still under discussion. That’s all for now, folks!
Jane Orchiston

Service information and dates

Sunday 8th October, Trinity 18

9.30am Gamlingay Parish Eucharist
11.15am Everton Parish Eucharist

Wednesday 11th October

9.30am Midweek Eucharist at Gamlingay

Sunday 15th 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 18th October

9.30am Midweek Eucharist at Gamlingay

Sunday 22nd October, Trinity 20

9.30am Gamlingay Parish Eucharist
11.15am Everton Parish Eucharist

Wednesday 25th October

9.30am Midweek Eucharist at Gamlingay

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

10am Benefice Eucharist at Everton

Tuesday 31st October

4.30pm Light party in the Church Hall
6pm Children’s light service in Gamlingay

Wednesday 1st November

9.30am Midweek Eucharist at Gamlingay

NB : All Saints is to be celebrated on Sunday 5 th November.
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Guild of St. Mary
Cream Tea – Monday 9th 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 if you would like to be included, please let me know by **Saturday 7th October**.

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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
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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.*