

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



## Weekly newsletter 20 October 2023



### *From Hilary:*

It has been a particularly busy week with two more Gamlingay church funerals absorbing much of my attention and energy. I am hugely grateful to those who are both able and willing to work with me to enable the running of the churches in this Benefice, including those who help in thanking you! There has been quite a bit going on, as well as the funerals, since the last Newsletter was produced - see the parishes' individual news for that. Both parishes will have memorial-style services in early November, but arrangements are not finalised at this time.

### **Vacancy in See**

I know this may not interest many, but I share here the process by which anyone can still be involved in finding the next Bishop of Ely. Bishop Dagmar, our Acting Bishop (appointed Bishop of Huntingdon soon after I arrived) is not eligible for this post according to the long-standing practice of not appointing the Acting Bishop. It is no reflection on the excellent job she is doing. Canon Paul Evans writes:

**What:** You are invited to a Zoom webinar

**Topic:** Public Meeting regarding the next Bishop of Ely

**When:** Oct 30th 2023, 07:00 PM London

**How:** Zoom Webinar

You will, I hope, already be aware that there will be a public meeting regarding the process of appointing our next Bishop of Ely taking place on **Monday 30 October 2023 starting at 7pm**. This will take the form of a Zoom Webinar and we anticipate it will last roughly an hour – this timing will, as I am sure you will understand, depend on the number of questions raised either on the night or submitted in writing beforehand.

The Very Revd Mark Bonney, Dean of Ely and Chair of the [Vacancy in See Committee](#), will be chairing the meeting, supported by members of the Vacancy in See Committee and Diocese of Ely staff. The webinar will start with an introduction from Stephen Knott, the Archbishops' Appointments Secretary, who will be joining us from Lambeth, before the 'floor' will be opened-up for questions and for attendees to make their representations, should they wish. You would be most welcome to submit a question regarding the appointment of the new Bishop, or any observation, in advance of the webinar by sending an email to Sheena Bridgman via [sheena.bridgman@elydiocese.org](mailto:sheena.bridgman@elydiocese.org) before **10am on 30 October 2023**. This will assist in ensuring the questions can be collated, considered, and answered by the relevant officers on the night. If you submit a question, please include your name and that of the church where you worship (plus the name of your Deanery if you know it).

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## ***NEWS FROM EVERTON***

**Gift Day** - the final total reported to PCC is £1,500, a sum for which we are hugely grateful. The lower figure than on previous occasions reflects the loss of two or three significant contributors, as well as times in which people are having to think carefully about charitable donations as their disposable income reduces.

**Barnabas Oley** – the charity's postponed meeting will now take place next Tuesday morning.

**Churchyard Plan** – this is being updated with advice being sought from Beds, Cambs and Northants Wildlife Trust. When finalised it will be widely publicised.

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## ***NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY***

The church building is still closed.

**Churchyard** – this needs some attention to prepare for the winter. Alec and others were present at last week's Council meeting where support for the rewiring project was given. Church reps will be part of the discussion in November with the contractors, and plans for collaborative volunteer work are being prepared with the Meadow management team.

**Harvest Donations** for Niassa Diocese amounted to £60, making a total for Niassa from January 2023 of £290.

**Memory Lane** meets next week (24th) with either a Tai Chi session or Halloween/All Saints theme (or possibly a combination of these!). A Christmas-themed tea dance will follow in November on the 21st led by our friends from Band of Ukes.

**RIP Anthony (Tony) D'Alton** whose funeral took place on Monday  
**RIP Barry (Nee Chacey) Price** whose funeral took place on Tuesday.  
Huge thanks to all those who supported both these contrasting farewells, your help was very much appreciated.

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## ***NEWS FROM HATLEY***

The Parish Council met this week. The open churchyard at St Denis church is being looked after by a group of local people to whom the PCC is very grateful. A meeting is being planned to discuss management of the mowing in this churchyard nature reserve.

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# GAMLINGAY FUNDRAISING NEWS

*From Jane Orchiston:*

## **Organ Celebration**

Come and listen to Steff Laugharne make the organ sing! Sunday, 29th October at 3pm. Tickets £10.00 available from the Hub or from church on Sunday morning or at the door. Accompanied children under 16 free.

## **Quiz Night**

Friday, 17th November at 7.30pm. £5.00 per head - teams of 4 to 6. Quizmaster-Ian Parker.

## **Christmas Fair**

Saturday, 9th December, 12 noon to 5pm.

## **The Ensemble of Friends Christmas Concert**

Sunday, 10th December at 3pm. More details to follow.

*From Alec Hissett:*

Thank you to everyone for raising donations for St Mary's Gamlingay with #easyfundraising! If you haven't signed up yet, it's easy and completely FREE. 8,100 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to do your everyday online shopping - at no extra cost to you! Every donation you raise makes a difference to us so please sign up & share today. <https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/gsmv/3JW7S6/at/TSX8RX7z/RTND2/facebook/>

## **Service information and dates**

### **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 -celebrating Bible Sunday**

10am Benefice Eucharist at Everton followed by refreshments

3pm 'Organ Celebration' with Steff Laugharne, Gamlingay

### **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October,**

4.30pm Light party in the Church Hall

6pm Children's light service in Gamlingay

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

9.30am Midweek Eucharist at Gamlingay

### **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November**

9.30am Gamlingay Eucharist - all age-friendly service.

11.15am Everton Eucharist

### **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November**

9.30am Midweek Eucharist at Gamlingay

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## *From Sheila George, The Gransdens Church Choir*

Just to remind you of this event in a fortnight's time. Numbers of singers are slowly coming in, but we are very short of men. Lloyd Barnet (St Neots) will be our organist on this occasion, and I shall be conducting. I can supply all the music in advance if needed. We are using music from the new RSCM Come & Sing Evensong Book, but don't worry if you have not got the book - yet! All music will be supplied.

**Date:** 29th October  
Church

**Venue:** Great Gransden

**Rehearsal:** 4pm

**Break for tea:** 5.15pm

**Service:** 6pm

Drinks after service

No robes

We extend a warm invitation to you and your choirs. Please spread the word - all welcome.

It would help greatly to know possible numbers so that enough music and cake is available.



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.*