

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



Weekly newsletter 27 October 2023



From Hilary:

My public apologies that I've not managed everything I'd hoped this week - which includes getting my newsletter contribution to Brenda in timely fashion!

We look forward to the Benefice service at Everton this Sunday - **please note the 10am start time**. There will be lifts available from Gamlingay at 9.30am for anyone turning up by mistake. Do help one another to make this a positive time of worship together by helping those who do not have transport in Gamlingay to attend and relieving pressure on parking at Everton by car-sharing. There will be refreshments after the service.

Diocesan Synod on Saturday 15th November discussed and approved:

- the budget and share requests. Shares to increase by 4 percent.
- the work of the Diocese towards the 'net zero by 2030' carbon target already agreed by the National CofE. This entails the setting up of a group with the specific task of supporting churches in working towards what is challenging work. The work in our churchyards contributes in this regard, which is encouraging. Members of Synod were invited to contribute by identifying what their parishes would most need to enable them to work in this way.

The Deanery Plan, presented at the recent Deanery Synod, acknowledges the current situation with finances, new housing in the Deanery, and available clergy. The plan includes initiating discussions in two Deanery benefices with full time clergy - i.e. the Paxtons and our parishes - concerning future staffing levels.

Vacancy in See

A reminder of the Zoom webinar on 30th October at 7pm. For more information email Sheena Bridgman via sheena.bridgman@elydiocese.org To submit a question contact Shena before **10am on 30 October 2023**. 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).

NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY

The church building is still closed; this is largely due to my slow progress with what's required to install CCTV.

Memory Lane

The group met this week and enjoyed a Tai Chi session, some adult colouring and decorated a few jars for lights. Members have agreed that Memory Books would be a good item for the future, and we all look forward to the Christmas-themed tea dance at the November session on the 21st.

NEWS FROM EVERTON

Gift Day - a further £40 was added to the total reported to the PCC which now stands at £1,540.

Barnabas Oley charity awarded the grant at the Trustees meeting, this will be noticed formally in due course.

Churchyard plan is in preparation.

Remembrance: As well as the usual Sunday service, children from school will be at Church and at the memorial on the preceding Friday (10th November).

Linda Bycroft writes.....

I thought you would like to know in advance that we will be holding a Christmas themed coffee morning on Saturday 2nd December in Everton Village Hall from 10am – 12noon. This will be an opportunity for us to raise funds for our Church and, at the same time, bring our friends and neighbours together to catch up over coffee and cake, and to do a spot of Christmas shopping! We will have the following stalls:

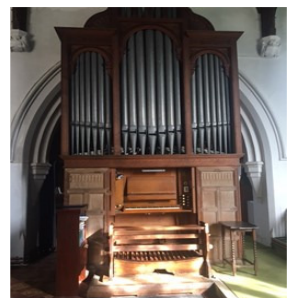
- Cakes & sweets
- Raffle
- Bottle tombola
- Books
- Christmas themed gifts
- Jams & preserves
- Refreshments

As always, we will be grateful for offers of help in setting up the stalls on the Friday afternoon between 3 & 5pm and help on the day, as well as offers of donations for the various stalls. Please don't hesitate to contact myself, Dorothy, Jane or Beverley if you feel that you can help in any way.

UPPCOMING EVENTS

Don't miss the **Organ Celebration**, this Sunday, 29th October at 3pm with Steff Laugharne playing. There will also be a presentation to Rex Whitfield for his 27 years of service playing the organ for us. Tickets: £10 available in advance or on the door.

Quiz with Ian Parker: Friday 17th November, 7.30pm. Teams of 4 to 6. If you know anyone who would like to join us, please let someone on the team know. Always a fun evening! Any donations for a raffle would be appreciated. Cost: £5 per head.



Service information and dates

Sunday 29th October last after Trinity - Celebrating Bible Sunday

10.00am Benefice Eucharist at Everton followed by refreshments.

Tuesday 31st October

4.30pm Light party in the Church Hall,
6pm Children's Light Service in Gamlingay

Wednesday 1st October

9.30am Midweek Eucharist in Gamlingay

Sunday 5th November (celebrating All Saints)

9.30am Gamlingay Eucharist - all age-friendly
11.15am Everton Eucharist

Wednesday 8th November

9.30am Midweek Eucharist in Gamlingay

Sunday 12th November (Remembrance Sunday)

Acts of Remembrance will take place at all the churches in the Benefice this year. Those in Gamlingay and Everton will follow the pattern of previous years.

Revd. Lucy will be at Hatley St George church, a ceremony there will be the first in at least the last 5 years. The names on the Hatley memorial will also be remembered at Gamlingay where the service will follow in St Mary's Church this year.

9.30am Said Eucharist at Gamlingay TBC
10.45am Gamlingay Village Remembrance Ceremony at the War Memorial
11.15am Remembrance Service at St. Mary's Gamlingay
10.45am Remembrance at Hatley St. George with Revd. Lucy McKeown
10.45am Remembrance at St. Mary's, Everton with Chris Miller.

Wednesday 15th November

9.30am Midweek Eucharist in Gamlingay.

Sunday 19th November (two before Advent)

9.30am Parish Eucharist at Gamlingay with a focus on healing.
4pm Evensong at Everton.

Wednesday 22nd November

9.30am Midweek Eucharist in Gamlingay.

Sunday 26th November – Christ the King (last before Advent)

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

Wednesday 29th November

9.30am Midweek Eucharist in Gamlingay.

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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