

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



Weekly newsletter 3 November 2023



From Hilary:

This Sunday is the one designated to celebrate All Saints, which we shall be doing and remembering that we are indeed all saints - as in 'the saved ones'. At the same time, we remember with thanksgiving those in whose debt we live, whose lives have shown their commitment to their Lord in Jesus Christ in visibly special ways.

Next week we will be remembering those who have died in two World Wars, in a year when two acts of international aggression have precipitated major conflicts in Eastern Europe and the Middle East. We shall be praying for peace as we honour those who lost their lives in those two previous major conflicts, as well as in others since.

The following Sunday we will give time to remembering those who have died in this last year. At Everton this will be during the Evensong service. The service at Gamlingay has not previously been advertised and will be in addition to the morning service which will have an emphasis on wholeness and healing.

NEWS FROM EVERTON

The Benefice Service this last Sunday was much appreciated, including recognition of the contribution Dick and his wife Anne have made, and are now reducing, to church life. The small presentation from the PCC had been in planning since the APCM, thank you to Jane B for helping make it happen.

'Soup and Social' Lunch run by the Community Group was much enjoyed and well attended on Halloween. The next one is on 14th November.

NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY

Organ Celebration: This was much appreciated by those who attended, and Rex was very appreciative of the presentation in recognition of his long service as organist at Gamlingay. This was another presentation taking place a while after the event as Rex had gone to play for his 'home church' in Potton. A huge "thank you" to Jane Orchiston and helpers for the organisation, and to Steph and Andrew for their music and explanation of the organ. See below for more about this.

Church Hall: The hall is being redecorated, thanks to a generous donation from VOLAC employees via Julie Green, through Sandra Macrow. We are hugely grateful to many contributors who will be thanked more fully when the work is done but Richard's woodwork, completed during this week, deserves a mention now as the kitchen ceiling looks so much better (and will be better insulated) now it is boarded. There is still more to do, contact Hilary or Sandra to offer help.

Simple Lunch for anyone, but particularly supporting the Memory Lane people, will take place at the Church Hall on this coming Tuesday, 7th November. Do come and share food and fellowship and bring a friend! It is helpful if you let Hilary know to help with catering numbers, but there is always extra for additional people.

Halloween Light Party: This was cancelled due to staff illness, but a few of us gathered in church to light candles and remember those baptised there, and in every place. We acknowledged our membership of the 'company of saints' as we remembered and repeated the baptism call to 'shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father' in the atmospheric surroundings of our church by candlelight. On this evening, when darkness and fear are so much to the fore, it was good to celebrate Jesus, the light of the world and the one who saves us from darkness.

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Organ Celebration

Many thanks to Steff Laugharne for playing a varied programme of music last Sunday on the organ. Also, to Andrew Smith for providing information about how the organ works and inviting audience members to have a go at hand pumping! The total raised for church funds was £471.87.

Chris Miller started the afternoon by thanking Rex Whitfield for his 27/28 years of service playing the organ for St Mary's. He presented Rex with a blue trophy inscribed with our thanks. Rex's thanks are expressed separately below.

Other Events:

Friday, 10th November 7.30pm at the Church Hall - Stuffing Party for the Grand Draw

i.e., placing ticket books in envelopes along with a letter for distribution to all houses in the village. Please try and come along as the more of us there are the less time it takes. If you can help distribute the envelopes, please contact Alec Hissett.

Quiz Night – Friday, 17th November - 7.30pm, Church Hall – Quizmaster – Ian Parker

Teams of 4 to 6, £5.00 a head. If you haven't got a team, come along and we'll make up teams on the night. Bring your own drink, nibbles provided.

Service information and dates

Sunday 5th November, All Saints celebrations

9.30am Gamlingay All Age Eucharist -
11.15am Everton Eucharist

Tuesday 7th November

12.30pm Simple Lunch in the Church Hall

Wednesday 8th November

9.30am Midweek Eucharist at Gamlingay

Sunday 12th November, Remembrance Sunday

9.30am Said Eucharist at Gamlingay
10.45am Gamlingay Village Remembrance Ceremony at the War Memorial
Service at St Mary's following at around 11.15am
10.45am Everton Remembrance Service
10.45am Hatley St George Remembrance Service

Wednesday 15th November

9.30am Midweek Eucharist at Gamlingay

Sunday 19th November, 2 Before Advent

9.30am Gamlingay Eucharist/Healing service at Gamlingay.
4.00pm Everton Evensong
6.00pm Memorial Service at Gamlingay **(not previously advertised)**

Tuesday 21st November

12.30pm Simple Lunch in the Church Hall

Wednesday 22nd November

9.30am Midweek Eucharist at Gamlingay

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

9.30am Parish Eucharist at Gamlingay
11.15am Parish Eucharist Everton

Wednesday 29th November

9.30am Midweek Eucharist at Gamlingay

'Thank You' from Rex Whitfield

Dear Jane,

Thank you for the organ concert programme. Please also accept my thanks and also convey them to Chris, Andrew, Hilary, Steff and other members of the congregation who contributed in any way to yesterday's special organ concert and presentation of the award and card. I am very grateful for the recognition of my 27 years of service to St Mary's Church, Gamlingay. Where have those years gone? The time has passed so quickly...

I apologise again for not being able to stay for the rest of the concert, but, as you know, I had to play for an All Souls' Service at Potton, which, as I suspected, was very well attended.

I am happy to help with organ playing at Gamlingay in the future if the need should arise and if I am not playing elsewhere.

With best wishes to you and to all at St Mary's Gamlingay,
Rex

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.