

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



Weekly newsletter 26 April 2024



From Hilary:

Thank you to everyone who helped to make last Sunday work, as Norman and I enabled our youngest son to be away while we babysat our grandson - lovely to do but quite tiring!

Easter Season is nearing its end and next Sunday will be the last before Ascension. As we head into May, there are some 'heads up' for things already planned for the month, as well as Gamlingay's Coffee Morning at the Church Hall this coming Saturday. We are offering free cake and drinks to our churchyard volunteers at that, as a token of thanks.

The Sunday of Pentecost (Whitsunday) will see a Treasure Hunt at Gamlingay, thank you to Amanda for arranging the clues. Anyone who has ideas and talents to offer for fundraising for our churches, please make contact (see the list at the end of this letter for who and where).

As the weather continues to be cold again, despite trees coming into leaf it doesn't feel very spring-like. Apologies to those who feel the cold as churches prove hard to keep warm.

In this Benefice we are joining with churches across the Diocese and the country in looking at ways of keeping warm while seeking to meet net Zero (Carbon) targets in the next few years. It will mean significant changes for all of us, not least in our attitudes and expectations. How serious are we about looking after the world we have been given to inhabit and for which we have responsibility?

Help Request

Both Gamlingay and Everton churchyards will be having compost heaps, both for wildlife habitat and other environmental benefits. Is there anyone out there who would be able themselves, or knows someone who has the skills, to build a containing fence to keep tidy the vegetation removed during clearing and mowing work? This is for either or both Everton and Gamlingay? It would need to be at low (or even better no!) cost please - do contact Hilary in the first place with details of what you can offer.

Next week's Bible Studies:

Monday - 10.30am, Bible Study at the Rectory

Thursday evening - Christian Basics group meets at the Rectory, food from 7pm.

(NB: There is a wedding rehearsal in Gamlingay church at this time so Hilary will be dividing her time.)

This newsletter is circulated by mail 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.

NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY

Churchyard: The first grass cut has taken place, showing up the messy path edges - it is a while since the path was installed. Apparently, there is a budget for maintenance every 10 years and discussions are being initiated with the Parish Council who have responsibility for upkeep of the churchyard.

Simple Lunch: The next one is not this coming Tuesday (fifth Tuesday of the month) but the following week on Tuesday 7th May, keeping to the pattern of 1st and 3rd Tuesdays.

Thank you to the singers who came to help increase the singing at **Joan Wisson's funeral** on Monday.

The New PCC met on Monday.

Memory Lane met at the Hub this last Tuesday (23rd) planting up some spring pots and putting seeds in. We look forward to progress reports on the pots! The next meeting, on 28th May, falls in Bank Holiday week when we will be getting a taste of Walking Football!

Saturday 4th May: Tom and Lily May are to be married at church at 2pm
And, omitted from last week's May service information, Maggie and Ollie are to be married on 18th May, Steven is conducting that ceremony.

NEWS FROM EVERTON

The new PCC meets this coming Tuesday at the Rectory.

Churchyard work takes place on Sunday April 28th, with possible follow-up on the first Sunday in May. All volunteers welcome, drinks will be provided. Bring a picnic lunch as we gather after the morning service, from 12.30pm, for a couple of hours clearing and some mowing.

Community Soup Lunch will be on Tuesday 30th April in the Village Hall from 12-2pm.

Contact details below show who to contact in each parish:

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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.*

SERVICE INFORMATION

Sunday 28th April: Easter 5 (Fourth Sunday after Easter)

9.30am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Gamlingay
11.15am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Everton followed by picnic lunch and churchyard working party.

Saturday 4th May

2pm Wedding - Thomas Bailey + Lily-Rose Hickman at Gamlingay

Sunday 5th May: Easter 6 (Fifth Sunday after Easter) – Sunday before Rogation Day and Ascension

9.30am All Age Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Gamlingay
11.15am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Everton with possible churchyard working party following.

Wednesday 8th May

9.30am Midweek Communion at Gamlingay – Rogation Day

Thursday 9th May: Ascension Day

7.30pm Eucharist at Gamlingay

Sunday 12th May: Easter 7 (Sixth Sunday after Easter, Sunday after Ascension, Rogation)

9.30am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Gamlingay
4pm Evensong at St. Mary's, Everton

Saturday 18th May

2pm Wedding - Maggie Hunt and Oliver Norman at Gamlingay.

Sunday 19th May: Feast of Pentecost (Whit Sunday)

9.30am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Gamlingay with a focus on healing.
Treasure Hunt in the afternoon - Gamlingay
11.15am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Everton

Sunday 26th May: Trinity Sunday

9.30am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Gamlingay
11.15am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Everton

Upcoming Events....



As well as the exciting Treasure Trail, on offer will be tours of the bellringing floor, a variety of stalls and refreshments in the church as well as prizes to be won.

£3.00 per team entry for the Treasure Trail. Donations for tours of the bellringing floor.

GAMLINGAY SUMMER FETE

Our Summer Fete is booked for 22nd June - helpers will be needed with setting up and clearing away. Please indicate your availability and willingness by emailing: stmarygamevents@outlook.com or let one of the team know. Any help in manning stalls on the day would also be much appreciated.

The theme for the Summer Fete is an "Olympic Celebration". Individuals and organisations are invited to display an Olympic related item in any medium in church. Show the village your talents and imagination!

**Also - Don't miss the Coffee Morning this Saturday!!
10.30 - 12.30 in the Church Hall.**



Please let Brenda Elcome have any articles or pictures for the newsletter by Tuesday evening to Brenda.elcome@ymail.com