

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



Weekly newsletter 3 May 2024



From Hilary:

This Sunday is the last before Ascension, also the one near to Rogation Days. On Thursday we celebrate that final 'Goodbye' between the first disciples and their experience of the physical presence of the risen Jesus; then next Sunday is the last of the Easter season before we celebrate the birthday of the Church at Pentecost/Whitsun the following week. Between Ascension and Pentecost, we are joining with:

Thy Kingdom Come 2024: 9th May (Ascension Day) – 19th May (Pentecost)

This global ecumenical prayer movement invites Christians around the world to pray, from Ascension to Pentecost, for more people to come to know Jesus. Starting small in May 2016 TKC has grown into a movement which unites more than a million Christians in prayer, in nearly 90% of countries worldwide, across 85 different denominations and traditions - so that friends and family, neighbours and colleagues might come to faith in Jesus Christ. In the spirit of the movement, I invite any, and all, readers of this Newsletter to join, in whatever way works for them/you, to pray during the 11 days. This is an amazing movement to be part of and there are Internet resources at <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>.

Help Request repeat.

Both Gamlingay and Everton churchyards will be having compost heaps. This is 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 Bible studies

Monday: 10.30am Bible study at the Rectory - being a Bank Holiday, please let Hilary know if you are attending,

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



Christian Aid Week 12-18th May

Envelopes for the Christian Aid collection are being delivered again to every house in each of our villages. This is a delivery only, relying on people returning their envelopes to delivery points (these are stamped on the envelopes). If you can help deliver, please do take (and sign that you have taken!) envelopes for places you can deliver to. There is a box in Gamlingay Church already, with a list of the roads covered, and similar packets of envelopes for Everton will be in church on Sunday or can be collected from Doreen Gurney. Each road is labelled with counted-out envelopes.

NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY

Churchyard: Volunteers continue working on paths and the rough area where the beech tree came down.

Simple Lunch is this coming week on Tuesday 7th May in the church hall. It is useful to know if you are coming, but not essential, all welcome.

This Saturday: Tom and Lily-May are to be married at church at 2pm

Coffee Morning: 'Well done' and 'Thank You' to all who helped and/or attended to support the coffee morning at the Church Hall last Saturday. It was a damp and chilly morning which may have put some people off, but the hall was warm, friendly and quite full, and it was good to share fellowship with friends. AND there were some amazing cakes! The event was also a financial success – see report below.

Church roof alarm was serviced this week, replacing the bulbs and batteries for the cameras, keeping insurance requirements in place.

RIP Peter Thorpe who died peacefully at home with family around. Our love and prayers continue with Eileen and the rest of the family as they grieve for a beloved family man. Peter will also be missed by many in the village. Arrangements will follow on how we will share in remembering him. Eileen expresses her thanks for all the support they have received in prayers and other practical ways.

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From Jane Orchiston

Thanks to all who supported Gamlingay's **Coffee Morning** last Saturday and to all who contributed items. A total of £377.00 was raised towards church funds.

Going forward, the **Treasure Trail** is on Sunday, 19th May not Saturday as previously advertised (my error!) Starting and finishing in Church. Stalls as well. Tours of the bellringing floor.

Saturday, 22nd June – **Summer Fete**
This will be an 'Olympic Celebration'.

All individuals and groups are invited to celebrate the Olympics by creating a display based on the Olympics, using any medium, to be exhibited in church on the day of the Fete.



Please contact stmarygamevents@outlook.com if you have any questions.

NEWS FROM EVERTON

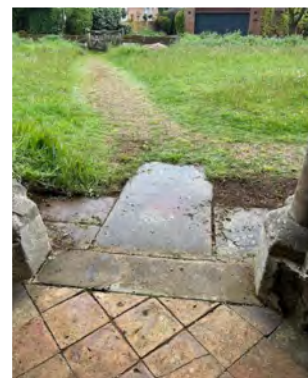
The new PCC met on Thursday when plans were put in place to deal with churchyard, church building work and, particularly, fund-raising to bridge the expected shortfall in the general budget. The PCC has considered and will be consulting on moving summer Evensongs to 6pm (reverting to 4pm in the Autumn when clocks change).

Community Soup Lunch was this last week - Tuesday 30th April in the Village Hall from 12-2pm. Four delicious soups plus bread and cakes with fellowship were shared - well done all.

Community Coffee Morning takes place this weekend at the Village Hall on Saturday morning.

Churchyard work last Sunday April 28th was rather washed out - thank you to Jonathan for coffee and Jane for company - Hilary did do some work to start things off. Hopefully there will be better to come this week, the date we kept as backup.

The Meadow Saxifrage is in flower, one of our special flowers in this nature area, worth a look if you have time.



SERVICE INFORMATION

Saturday 4th May

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

Sunday 5th May: Easter 6 (Fifth Sunday after Easter) – Sunday before Rogation Days 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) Bell Sunday

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 including focus on healing.

Treasure Hunt in the afternoon - Gamlingay

11.15am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Everton or Evensong TBC

Sunday 26th May: Trinity Sunday

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

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

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.

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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.*

Please let Brenda Elcome have any articles or pictures for the newsletter by Tuesday evening to
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