

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



Weekly newsletter 10 May 2024



From Hilary:

Ascension Day, Thursday 9th May this week, brings the Easter Season to an end, and has been marked with a special service at Gamlingay which took the place of the Christian Basics course at the Rectory (apologies for mistaken notice last time - fortunately all those attending knew what was going on!). Thank you to Chris and Andrew and those who have joined with them to provide the music for that service.

We are now into the 10-day TKC (Thy Kingdom Come) season leading to Pentecost (Whitsun). We shall, from Thursday to Pentecost, be praying as prepared in church last Sunday, using the Lord's Prayer. This season has been **Rogation** from well before TKC. Our Wednesday communion service at Gamlingay was a Rogation Day, alongside being the day for remembering Julian of Norwich. We prayed very specifically for the well-being of the Church, the wider world and especially all that provides for life and the people we rely on for our food, shelter, and meaningful work.

This Sunday, being the nearest Sunday to the three days leading to Ascension, will be celebrated as **Rogation Sunday** in many places.

There is a walk in Hatley on Saturday, and a shorter Church walk for the Deanery in Staughton on Sunday afternoon (see note below and attached flier). Hilary has a prayer leaflet to use on a Rogation walk for anyone interested - it will be available in churches on Sunday or by request from Thursday,

This Sunday is also chosen as **Bell Sunday** this year. The traditional day for such celebrations is the Sunday nearest to 19th May - the feast day for St. Dunstan, patron saint of bell ringers (so chosen apparently because of his experimentation with forging of bells in the 900s CE). As this year 19th May is Pentecost, Bell Sunday has been designated for Rogation Sunday. Rumour has it that there will be bell-shaped biscuits for refreshments in Gamlingay church after the morning service which will remember our bell ringers, and we shall pray for more people to join the group.

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

There will have been phrases from the Lord's prayer printed out and placed in churches at Ascension, with post-it notes for anyone who wishes to add during the week their personal reflections/intercessions related to each phrase. These will be on display during the days leading to Pentecost and we may use them in the service prayers at Pentecost. Personal prayers based on the Lord's Prayer are welcome. Either give to Hilary or leave in church.

Next week Bible studies

Monday: No Bible study at the Rectory this week as Hilary and Norman are away.

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

NB: No midweek Communion service this week as Hilary will be away at a conference.

NEWS FROM EVERTON

Churchyard work happened again this Sunday, with further progress on the path. The weather could not have been more different from last week - dry and even a bit too warm instead of cold and wet. Thank you, Jane B, for catering, and to Beverley and Doreen for working on the path with Hilary. There's still plenty to do so please get in touch if you can help or know someone else who can. The Meadow Saxifrage is still in flower and well worth a look.

Everton Primary School: Y1& Y2 came to church on Tuesday to look at what makes a Church building special for worship. The children really enjoyed exploring the building after listening to a brief talk. Counting how many crosses could be found was a fun exercise - ?33.

Community Coffee Morning was better attended than the last one, and much appreciated by those who were there. Thank you to Helen and helpers for your hard work. There is a Soup and Social meeting on Tuesday 14th, Hilary can't be at this one.

Church Coffee Morning takes place on the first Saturday in June, all help welcome! Please contact Jane Butcher, Dorothy and Linda.



NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY

Simple Lunch this last Tuesday was well attended and much enjoyed. Thank you to helpers Stephen, Jane, Vivienne and Sue - many hands make light work! The next one is on Tuesday 21st May.

RIP Peter Thorpe whose funeral is being arranged.

NEWS FROM HATLEY

A group of Hatley folk will be 'beating the bounds' on Saturday 11th May, starting at the Village Hall, where there is a small exhibition. Hilary hopes to do the whole walk, which is 11.5 miles, but there are places to leave if it's too long. Ishbel Beatty (RIP) wrote an interesting piece about this custom as relevant to Hatley, which is available on the Hatley website <https://www.hatley.info/about-hatley/hatley-countryside-walks-and-rides/perambulation-walk/>

SERVICE INFORMATION

Sunday 12th May: Easter 7 Rogation and 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

Services for June

Sunday 2nd June: Trinity 1

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

Sunday 9th June: Trinity 2

9.30am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Gamlingay
11.15am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Everton
2.30pm Baptism at Hatley St George - George Robert Blandy

Sunday 16th June: Trinity 3

9.30am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Gamlingay with a focus on healing
4.00pm Evensong at Everton

Sunday 23rd June: Trinity 4

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

Sunday 30th June: Trinity 5

9.00am Said Benefice Eucharist at Hatley St George
10.am Thanksgiving service Gamlingay
6.00pm Thanksgiving Service 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.

Future Gamlingay Events

Sunday, 19th May -Gamlingay Treasure Trail - Fun for all the family! Explore part of the village, starting and finishing in church where you will find stalls, refreshments and a chance to explore the bell ringing floor.

Saturday, 22nd June - Summer Fete - Olympic Celebration

Lots of helpers needed to set up and man stalls. Friday, 4pm, set up refreshment tent and gazebos. Also does anyone have a gas barbecue they would be willing to lend for Saturday, please? Sarah Titmus has agreed to do the cooking, but we need a barbecue! Items will also be needed for the Jar Tombola stall and the Raffle.

A chance to showcase your talents, whether as a group or an individual - create a display on the theme of the Olympics to be exhibited in church.

If you're interested or can help at any of the above events, please email stmarysgamevents@outlook.com or text 0753 500 5908.



CAKES!

It's that time of year when we keep asking for cakes!



We will be serving refreshments in church on Sunday 19th May following the Treasure Trail. We have a few items in the freezer following the recent Coffee Morning but not nearly enough. We have no idea how many cakes will be needed but any freezable leftovers can be kept for next month's Summer Fete when we will, as always, need a lot. If you are willing and able to get baking again we would be very grateful.

THANK YOU!

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