

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



Weekly newsletter 17 May 2024



From Hilary:

Thank you to Cass for delicious bell-shaped biscuits following the Gamlingay service on Bell Sunday. The Benefice is blessed to have the eight bells at Gamlingay which can be used for change ringing (not the same as chiming on the single bells at Everton and Hatley St George). John Boocock, Tower Captain at Gamlingay, will be delighted to hear from anyone interested in learning to ring the church bells. There are several people giving ringing a try for the first time on Thursday this week at 7pm in Gamlingay - you don't have to be a church attender, nor live locally, to ring for church services but it's a wonderful way to contribute to church life. You don't need to be particularly strong either, it is about coordination which comes with practice - exhilarating when you get the hang of it.

Thank you and well done to Sandra and all who helped her with the Christian Aid collections in the parishes. The week ends this Sunday, but the count will not be until the end of next week as the collections continue to come in.

As we reach the feast of Pentecost this Sunday, 'Thy Kingdom Come' prayers culminate in the last-but-one of the great festivals of the Church year as we remember what is, in effect, the birthday of the Church. There will be cake after the Sunday services!

We have been celebrating and commemorating the life and ministry of Jesus from Christmas through Easter, Ascension and now Pentecost. Next week, Trinity Sunday, brings all of that together in the first Sunday of Ordinary Time which we start by spending time once again with the central mystery of our faith - even more mysterious than the Resurrection.

The Sunday after that has been designated as Music Sunday, watch out for special arrangements for that day. Chris Miller would be pleased to hear from anyone interested in singing (or even playing an instrument!) in either, or both, of the services.

Next week Bible studies

Monday: 10.30am Bible study at the Rectory

Thursday evening: Christian Basics group meets, at the Rectory or in church TBC

Don't forget the **Gamlingay Treasure Trail** on Sunday.

Explore part of the village on a voyage of discovery!

Refreshments in church and a chance to tour the bellringing floor.

£3.00 a team and donations for refreshments.

NEWS FROM EVERTON

Community Soup Lunch took place this week Tuesday 14th May in the Village Hall from 12-2pm, with delicious soups plus bread and cakes with fellowship shared. Thanks to all who contributed (no Hilary this week) - a smaller but still very appreciative gathering this time.



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 is this coming week on Tuesday 21st May in the church hall. It is useful to know if you are coming, but not essential - all welcome. Last time (see picture) was a good turnout, thank you to all the helpers.

This Saturday Ollie and Maggie are to be married at church at 2.30pm

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



REST IN PEACE:

Our thoughts and prayers continue with those who are mourning their loss.
Peter Thorpe's funeral is to take place in Gamlingay church on Friday 24th May.
Our thoughts and prayers continue with his family.
Rita Hutchinson whose funeral is the following Wednesday 29th May.



NEWS FROM HATLEY

Well done to Margot and Nicola for a great Rogation Walk around Hatley parish on Saturday - with special thanks for access to private land for this occasion. Around 30 people of all ages and abilities took part, with the opportunity to walk the full distance (just under 12 miles) or leave at different points. Hilary did about 5 miles of it.



SERVICE INFORMATION

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.

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, celebrating Music Sunday

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.

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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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