

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



Weekly newsletter 31 May 2024



From Hilary:

Last week Trinity Sunday celebrated the central mystery of our faith, and we are now in 'Ordered' (Ordinary) time, which provides us with a lectionary but gives a bit more freedom.

Next week's arrangements for the Sunday designated as Music Sunday have not, at the time of writing, been finalized, but will include a special service at Gamlingay at least. More details on Sunday - but if the congregations agree to combine, do double check the church service time which may be different from usual.

Christian Aid

Collections were counted last week - one or two additions to the count at Gamlingay are not included here.

A big 'Thank You' to those who undertook the distribution of envelopes and helped with the count.

For Gamlingay and the Hatleys, before this last Sunday, the total stood at £551.82, of which £352 was gift-aided enabling a further approximately £70 to be collected by CA.

The Everton Collection totalled £104, of which £75 was gift-aided, which will add another £15 in tax reclaimable by CA. Well done all - this money goes to fund Christian Aid work across the world giving relief to those in need. This year's appeal was particularly focused on Barundi and helping communities out of extreme poverty through training and support. The example project shows a village setting up loan cooperatives enabling lending within the community towards lifting individuals out of subsistence into growth.

Next week's Bible studies

Monday: 10.30am Bible study at the Rectory - if there is interest.

Thursday evening: Christian Basics group meets at church for learner bell practice at 7pm, followed by time at the Rectory around 7.30pm.

NEWS FROM EVERTON

Community Soup Lunch took place on Tuesday in the Village Hall from 12-2pm, and was, as usual, well received by those who managed to get there despite the damp weather. Thanks to all who contributed (no Hilary again this time as there was a funeral).

Church Coffee Morning takes place this Saturday, 1st June, in the Village Hall. All welcome to enjoy stalls, refreshments and sociable time.



NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY

Memory Lane at the Ecohub included a visit from our area's Alzheimer's Society rep Kate, who told us a bit about what she does and answered questions. We reminded ourselves that Dementia is a condition with other consequences and that there is life to be had beyond a diagnosis.

Walking Football was a great success and there are plans to repeat the exercise - all mobilities and capabilities were included, and we had a lot of fun - thank you Phil for facilitating us so well.

Funerals

Thank you to everyone involved in the funerals over the past 10 days and for the generous donation, in memory of Ken, supporting the Gamlingay Food Project.

RIP Peter Thorpe, Nicole Giddings and Rita Hutchinson

SUMMER FETE

Saturday 22nd June, 12 noon – 4pm

HELP!

It's not long now and we have been making all sorts of plans for what we hope will be an enjoyable and profitable afternoon, but we do need more help and various contributions.....

- Could you, or someone you know with a bit of muscle, help to set up on the Friday afternoon from 4pm? This would involve assisting in the erection of the large marquee and helping to move tables, chairs, etc., from the Church Hall.
- There will be Olympic themed displays in church for people to see. Would you be willing to take a turn at Stewarding – i.e. welcoming visitors and keeping an eye on things? This could be a largely sedentary task so maybe one for the less physically able. The plan is to have a Rota so that no one is stuck inside for too long.
- We need a few more people to look after stalls. Again, this could be something for those who prefer to be seated.
- At 4pm we will again need help from the 'muscle army' to dismantle everything and clear away. **PLEASE** if you know of anyone who might be persuaded to lend a hand with this it would be very much appreciated.
- There will be the usual **Jar/Bottle Tombola**. Jars can be filled with anything you like and will be gratefully received. They may be brought to church on a Sunday or from 4pm on the Friday. We have plenty of empty jars which can be collected from the church for filling if required.
- Contributions are requested for the **Raffle** and quality items for the **Bric-a-Brac Stall**, but please no junk!
- **Cakes – of course!** Please let us have your contributions, if possible, on either the Friday afternoon or early on the Saturday.
- Finally – does anyone have a free-standing Basketball/Netball hoop which we could borrow? There is a plan to have a few 'Olympic' activities on offer and it would be good if this could be one.

If you can offer to help with any of the above, please email: stmarysgamevents@outlook.com or speak to one of us at church.

THANK YOU!

From the Fundraising Task Group

OPEN GARDENS:

We have had a few offers of gardens to be made available for visits on specified days during July and August. Watch out for further information about when and where.

It's not too late to register an interest yourself. To do so and for further information please email as above. You don't have to have a 'Show Garden' – just be willing to welcome people to your outdoor space and maybe offer some sort of refreshment, although this is by no means necessary. We would simply ask that you display a bowl for donations to the church.

SERVICE INFORMATION

NB: there will normally be a midweek Eucharist at Gamlingay at 9.30am on Wednesdays, unless previous notice of cancellation is given - barring the unforeseen of course.

Sunday 2nd June: Trinity 1

9.30am Eucharist at St. Mary's, Gamlingay – All Age if there are families to join in.
11.15am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Everton

Sunday 9th June: Trinity 2, celebrating Music Sunday – NB: Service times may change.

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 - 'Thank You' services in all three churches.

9am Benefice Eucharist in Hatley St. George church.
10am Gamlingay – Service of the Word.
4pm Service at 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.

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