

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



Weekly newsletter 7 June 2024



From Hilary:

With no agreement on combining services for **Music Sunday**, there are two slightly different morning communion services this week, one in each of our parish churches at the usual times for each. The readings will be departing from the Lectionary, Chris Miller and I having chosen from options which the Royal School of Church Music has recommended to celebrate the day. Chris will be leading a rehearsal at 8.45am in Gamlingay for anyone wishing to join the choir in singing that morning. The Bible is full of music - for a start the Psalms were all songs, and it is most fitting that we have a Sunday to celebrate this most precious gift and aspect of who we are as human beings. Not everyone is 'musical' but music shapes all our lives in ways we don't always even recognise.

Thank You in the Benefice -The next variation from our regular service pattern is the last Sunday in June, which we are celebrating as a special 'Thank You' time. There will be services in all three of our churches licensed for worship. The Benefice Eucharist will be at **Hatley St George**; the services at the other two churches will not be Communion services and will offer social time and hospitality. We are compiling lists of people to thank, which of course includes all regular in-house people, but goes well beyond that to the many organisations and individuals with which the churches interact or are part of. Since planning the idea there has arisen at least one special 'Thank You and God Speed' at Gamlingay for which we have a visiting speaker. To check if we are forgetting anyone and to suggest inclusions, please do get in touch with Ann or Hilary. We know we won't have everyone physically present, but the services will mention as many as possible, and we will invite contributions.

Next week's Bible studies

Monday: Bible study at the Rectory. Please let Hilary or Chris know if you are coming.

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 GAMLINGAY

Simple Lunch on Tuesday was attended by thirteen people who enjoyed one another's company and simple food (choice of soups, sandwiches, simple salad and fruit on the side, and cake!) Thanks as ever to the helpers and for donations of £25 to church funds. The next one is on June 18th.

Plans for Summer events are well advanced, all offers of help very welcome (see below for details).

The expected school visit did not take place. The open invitation remains in place - watch this space.

The Churchyard, along with much of the village, has got out of hand this year, due to a combination of weather and personnel problems. A working party will be convened in the near future, let Hilary or Alec know if you would like to know more about that.

NEWS FROM EVERTON

Church Coffee Morning on Saturday last was a great success. Well done and thank you to the organisers and all who attended - much more than a fund-raiser. Linda writes:

We are delighted to be able to let you know that we made a total of £592.58 at our coffee morning on Saturday. It is an amazing amount of money to raise and would not have been possible without the help and support of so many people before, during and after the event. Individual stalls made the following amounts of money:

- Cakes - £90.10
- Raffle - £97.95
- Tombola - £56.00
- Plants - £107.50
- Jams - £73.25
- Books - £10.50
- Refreshments £78.40
- Guess number of sweets - £21.00

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the morning both in terms of the money we raised and in helping to bring the community of Everton and beyond, together over coffee, cake and chat. We were very aware of there being several new faces and passers by, as well as familiar regular supporters of our events.

See you next time!

With all good wishes, Linda, Dorothy, Jane and Beverley

A Notice Board that used to be part of the Parish Council responsibility (next to the Pub in Everton) had been taken over by the church but was in a very dilapidated state and rather beyond the capacity of the PCC to renovate properly. We are hugely grateful to Les and those he is calling on for help in enabling the board to be put back into tidy and usable condition. More details as the work progresses, due for possible completion towards the end of the month or early July.



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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PLEASE NOTE:

NEXT WEEK - for one week only - please send all contributions for the next newsletter to Ian Parker
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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.

June

Sunday 9th June: Trinity 2, celebrating Music Sunday

9.30am Eucharist/Holy Communion at Gamlingay (8.45am - music rehearsal, all welcome)
11.15am Eucharist/Holy Communion at Everton
2.30pm Hatley St George, Baptism of George Robert Blandy
Afternoon service at Gransden to which additional singers are invited - see poster attached

Sunday 16th June: Trinity 3

9.30am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Gamlingay with a focus on healing
4pm 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 - chosen by PCCs for 'Thank You' services in all three churches.

9am Benefice Eucharist in Hatley St George church
10.00am Gamlingay Service of the Word followed by refreshments
4pm Everton Service of the Word followed by refreshments

July

Sunday 7th July: Trinity 6

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

Sunday 14th July: Trinity 7

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

Sunday 21st July: Trinity 8

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

Sunday 28th July: Trinity 9

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

August

Sunday 4th August: Trinity 10

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

Sunday 11th August: Trinity 11

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

Sunday 18th August: Trinity 12

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

Sunday 25th August: Trinity 13

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

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.

SUMMER FETE

Saturday 22nd June, 12 noon – 4pm

Please consider if you can help in one of the following ways.....

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.....

For the more physically active on Friday, 21st June:

- 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.
- At 4pm on the Saturday, 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.

For the less physically active:

- 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.

For All:

- There will be the usual **Jar/Bottle Tombola Stall**. 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!

For the cake makers!

- **Of course we need cakes!** Please let us have your contributions, if possible, on either the Friday afternoon or early on the Saturday.

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

THANK YOU!

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.