

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



## Weekly newsletter 14 June 2024



### *From Hilary:*

Well done everyone who contributed to the Music Sunday services, the augmented choir at Gamlingay did very well, maybe a few new recruits?

### **Thank You** in the Benefice

As previously advertised, there will be services in all three of our churches licensed for worship on the last Sunday in June (30th), offering opportunities to say 'thank you' to one another for all that people bring or have brought to serving the Kingdom through the churches in our parishes.

There are many people who contribute and support 'their' churches who do not attend on Sundays, or even at all, and this is an opportunity to honour those contributions and say 'thank you' to as many as we can. Invitations are in preparation, please take and give to people you know who have done or do things for the church (and let Hilary and Ann know who you have given them to) this applies to all sorts of people - volunteers for working parties, those who have staffed stalls, done work (paid and unpaid or at cost of materials) those who clean, arrange flowers and more. 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. Cathy Watts, Warden of LLMs will be with us for that service, and the hymns will reflect choices of some of those at the service.

### **Next week Bible studies**

**Monday** Bible study at the Rectory if there are any takers.

**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** takes place again this next week, it is always helpful to have numbers ahead of the day, but prior notice is not necessary. Lunch consists of a choice of soups, sandwiches/bread, salad and some sort of cake or other 'dessert' items. All are welcome but we especially encourage our memory Lane friends to join us.

**The Churchyard** - a working party is planned for Tuesday next week getting ready for the Summer Fete, the current state of things not being suitable. See elsewhere for details, all welcome! As for Everton, refreshment providers welcome.

**Summer Fete** help required, do please be in touch with Jane O with offers (see page 3), and MANY THANKS to those who are already signed up for various tasks.

# ***NEWS FROM EVERTON***

**Notice Board** that used to be part of the Parish Council responsibility (next to the Pub in Everton) is being renovated. We are hugely grateful to those helping to make this happen; work is begun, but there is plenty yet to do.

**Churchyard** please be in touch with Hilary or Jane Butcher if you can help with taming the wilderness. There is a churchyard plan which has not been widely circulated nor acted on for lack of personnel this year. We have had some complaints and need some matching offers of help. We are applying to the Council to see if any of their volunteers are willing to help in the churchyard, watch this space and Social Media for working party arrangements. The work will involve taking down and then keeping down areas designated for mowing - which includes all paths and path edges, the 'spring cut' area that has got away now due to wet and inclement weather and should have been cut at the end of May, and areas around the current graves to the north side of the church. NB Working parties will be offered refreshments - so offers of help with that are also welcome!

**Finance** - as expected, making ends meet is a challenge this year. Thank you to those who are supporting the church financially; the Treasurer and PCC are planning an information drive later in the year (towards Harvest and Gift Day) but any contributions to running costs now would be very welcome.

The final total for **Everton Christian Aid collection** was £105.

**Soup and Social** organised by Everton Community Volunteers at the Church Hall was again well attended and well-received this week, with some 26 guests who were service a choice of 4 soups with bread to accompany, cake to follow and tea and coffee as required.

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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.

### **This 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 chosen by PCCs for 'Thank You' services in all three churches.

**9.00am** Benefice Eucharist in Hatley St George church  
**10.00am** Gamlingay service of the Word followed by refreshments  
**4.00pm** Everton Service of the Word followed by refreshments

### **Grass cutting at Gamlingay....**

**Grass cutting volunteers on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> June 4.30pm - 6pm until 8.00pm to 8.30pm, weather permitting, before the Summer Fete. Please bring mower, grass rake and wheelbarrow if you can. No strimmers, please.**

# SUMMER FETE

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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:**

- 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!
- Stewards needed for church for the Olympic themed displays as some displays may include items precious to the exhibitors and donation bowls will be placed in church as well. Sign up sheet is in church.

## **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](mailto:stmarysgameevents@outlook.com) or speak to one of us at church.**

**THANK YOU!**

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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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