

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



Weekly newsletter 21 June 2024



From Hilary:

This Sunday is more 'ordinary' in 'Ordered Time' than last week or the week before, although it follows the Summer Fete in Gamlingay and precedes the Thank You service which the PCCs have planned, with me, for the 5th Sunday of June this year.

Thank You in the Benefice next Sunday.

There are invitations being printed, a form of which can be seen below. This is addressed to EVERYONE who has a connection, however much or little and in whatever way, with their parish church. The PCCs are relying on the support of others to help them make sure invitations reach those who do not read the Newsletter. It is of course invidious and asking for trouble to name lots of people and inevitably miss some out. However, we will be trying to name categories (and hope to be reminded by anyone who knows) of ways in which people support their parish church and who we might otherwise forget. Thank you to those who have already contributed. Means of contact are also necessary as well as names though!



We do also have a special 'thank you' added to the services as Sandra Macrow puts down her responsibilities in these parishes to explore further and elsewhere where her calling to ministry is leading her. Sandra is, of course, not disappearing. We are all working together with Diocesan staff to support both her and the parishes she has given so much to so that Sandra is able to truly put things down as well as living well here.

THANK YOU and INVITATION

Thank you for being you!
and for what you do/have done/will do
supporting the work of your parish church

Sunday 30th of June at 10am Gamlingay /4pm Everton

Do please join us if you can
for a short service
of celebration and thanksgiving
followed by refreshments

We will be celebrating all that is done by and in our communities in support of our ancient Parish Church as a centre of worship and ministry for the community to which it belongs.

Although Hatley St George Church is no longer a parish church, it is nevertheless cherished as a place of worship in the parish of Gamlingay and the Hatleys, and will host the

Benefice Communion Service for both parishes, at 9am on that day.

Next week Bible studies

Monday: There have been no takers for the last couple of Mondays, so I suggest we only convene if a group of people agree to meet. The vicarage is available for meetings on Mondays, but I'm suggesting we take a break during July and August.

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 was enjoyed, although missing one or two regulars. Thank you to attendees and helpers alike, and for £25 donations.

The Churchyard has been mown by new contractors. There seems to have been some confusion about the cut area, but huge thanks for it taking place before Saturday's Fete - it certainly looks much better. Also, thank you SO much to volunteers who helped sort things beforehand. We shall be managing the paths, where there is still work to be done, but well done indeed for such a great effort.

Summer Fete - now imminent! Watch out for a report next time.

RIP Michael Finnigan whose funeral was June 20th.

From the Events Task Group:

THIS SATURDAY 12 noon – 4pm

Thanks to all who are contributing to our **Summer Fete** this Saturday either through cakes, donations for tombola and raffle prizes, displays, muscle power, stall staffing and stewarding, providing equipment, trimming hedges, purchasing supplies, spreading the word and anyone else I've forgotten to mention.

Praying for sunny weather and a wonderful turnout! (The weather man can't make his mind up at this point in time!)

Jane Orchiston

NEWS FROM EVERTON

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.

Soup and Social, organised by Everton Community Volunteers at the Church Hall, happens again this coming week

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.

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 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 and August

(As ever, do watch out for additional details or adjustments week by week)

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

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