

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



Weekly newsletter 5 July 2024



From Hilary:

'Thank You Sunday' (there is no such liturgical calendar day, but we designated this last Sunday so in the Benefice here) saw services in all three churches which were all appreciated by those who attended. The congregation for Benefice communion at Hatley was 'small but perfectly formed' and it was really good that those who attended from elsewhere could encourage the one or two from Hatley who look for services there.

Gamlingay and Everton services were well received, both welcoming non-regulars as well as showing appreciation for people who couldn't attend but were glad to be recognised for what they do. Sandra, our second Benefice LLM, was given a good send-off at Gamlingay, as her ministry focus moves to the Paxtons. Sandra continues in our prayers and with our love. She has not moved house and will continue to be present from time to time at worship in Gamlingay.

The appreciation of the services this last Sunday suggests that this is something to include again, maybe at a similar time next year, though not necessarily as a 5th Sunday service arrangement.

Services will follow the usual pattern through the Summer. This Sunday will be an All-Age service at Gamlingay which is intended especially for families with younger members.

Public opinion on our churchyards continues to be mixed, with some vociferous disapproval from some quarters of the long grass. The volunteers helping are so much appreciated, and we look forward to more as plans are publicized. There are those out there in favour of our wildlife-friendly approach and it is so good to hear from them in support of 'doing the right thing'. Considerable time has been spent in trying to help those who are opposed to understand what is happening. This is particularly difficult at Everton, where the plans have not been put into action for lack of help to do what is intended. St Denis churchyard has historically been the best served by volunteers - thank you Nicola for organising us and Peter Mann for the mowing work. Watch out for dates for 'hay making' in all three places in the next few weeks.

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.

NEWS FROM EVERTON

A Churchyard working party is being planned for some time in the next two weeks – to be confirmed with local volunteers. We are hoping for help from among those who have signed up to volunteer for the Parish Council - a message has gone out via the Council.

Soup and Social organised by Everton Community Volunteers takes place again this coming week (9th July).

A **Coffee Morning** is planned for the first Saturday in July (6th)

NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY

Simple Lunch was attended and enjoyed by 14 people this week. Donations (thank you people) amounted to £40. Special thanks to volunteers Sue (who brought a football cake which was much enjoyed) and Vivienne for invaluable help when we were missing one or two other helpers on this occasion.

The Churchyard scything group is being gathered to tackle the areas left for hay. Hay makers welcome! Work will be required in the next few weeks for this and will take place in St Denis' churchyard also.

GAMLINGAY OPEN GARDENS

Viv Farrell will be hosting an Open Garden on Sunday, 21st July, 2-5pm. More details to follow.



Why not follow her example and offer your own? It really does not have to be a show garden - people are just interested to see what lies behind the house façade presented to the street!

You can offer refreshments or not – your choice entirely. We just ask that you display a bowl for donations to St. Mary's Church, Gamlingay.

If you are willing to participate, please contact one of the Fundraising Task Group

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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.

July

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

Sunday 7th July: Trinity 6

9.30am All Age 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

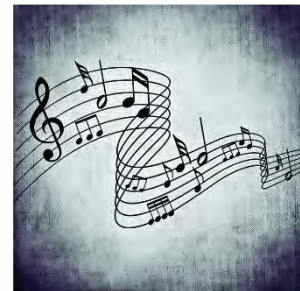


MUSIC MINI MARATHON

EARLY WARNING!

Saturday, 5th October 10am to 4pm

Sunday, 6th October 12 noon to 4pm



St Mary's Church, Gamlingay

Come and share your musical talents, young or old, amateur or professional, beginner or skilled.

Vocalists, groups, instrumentalists – All welcome.

Choose a 15-minute time slot, or longer, by contacting stmarysgamevents@outlook.com.

It is planned that the public will come and go to form an audience throughout the two days and will make financial donations to St. Mary's and the Diocese of Niassa in Mozambique.

This is an opportunity to support your local church and community.

Refreshments will be served. Everyone is invited to come and listen!

Please let Brenda Elcome have any articles or pictures for the newsletter by Tuesday evening to Brenda.elcome@ymail.com