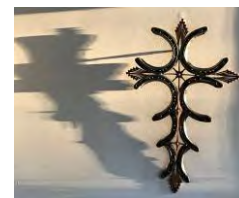


ST MARY'S GAMLINGAY, HATLEY ST GEORGE & ST MARY'S EVERTON



Weekly newsletter 19 July 2024



From Hilary:

Thank you for the (as yet rather few) responses to our canvassing of opinion on the Newsletter as requested in last week's edition. At the time of writing there have been no responses in the boxes in the churches and only one or two emails. Do please let us know either what you would like to see changed, or some encouragement that what we are doing 'hits the spot'. I repeat my huge appreciation to Brenda as well as to Ian for what has been done to launch and sustain this means of communication. *(See separate item on page 4 for details of how to respond.)*

Working parties for three churchyards are underway, with special thanks to **Nicola Jenkins** from East Hatley for her work in coordinating sessions. Scything work began in Gamlingay this last week, continues this weekend at **St Denis in East Hatley** and will move on to Everton the following week. **The planned sessions in St. Denis churchyard** this coming week are as follows but they are weather-dependent so do check with Hilary or Nicola that any session is actually going ahead:

Saturday 20th July between 10.00am and 5pm

Monday 22nd July – afternoon/evening

Thursday 25th July – afternoon/evening

Any help or encouragement is much appreciated - moving a bit of grass around and/or providing refreshments is really worthwhile, helpers don't need to use a scythe to join in.

As Summer holidays begin for schools, a 'heads up' for church **Harvest Festivals** which will be on Sunday 6th October. More details later, but schools may be in churches during the preceding week. Plans will be firmed up in September.

*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.*

NEWS FROM EVERTON

Churchyard working party meets Friday 26th - Sunday 28th July.

Church Building: The PCC met with Holly Robinson from the Diocesan Buildings Support team and will now meet with the church architect

School: Everton School breaks for the summer holiday this Friday, with thoughts already turning to the new term in September. We look forward to working with the school in the churchyard

NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY

Simple Lunch: There will be no lunch this coming week (16th July).

'It's your move': This transition session for Year 6 children at the school was led, last Tuesday, by West Cambridge Christian youth providers joined by Hilary.

Hay Making: Scything is underway for three churchyards and work began this last week in Gamlingay. The meadow area is proving hard going, with a wet under-thatch and much of the grass somewhat flattened. Work will take place this back end of the year to seed the area with local wildflowers. Advice is being sought on better management of the area that was below the beech tree canopy.



Families and Services: A reminder that during school holidays there will be no formal provision for children at services, but arrangements are being made for activities to be available in the children's space and someone to help supervise. The first Sunday in August will now not be an All-Age Eucharist service, these will restart in September.

An important message issued by the Archbishop of Canterbury's office regarding the appointment of the next Bishop of Ely:

Very sadly, at the conclusion of a lengthy process of discernment, culminating in two days of interviews on 11 and 12 July, the Crown Nominations Commission considering the nomination of the next Bishop of Ely has not been able to reach the level of consensus required to nominate a new Diocesan Bishop.

Over the course of the next months, the Crown Nominations Commission will need to reflect, and make a decision about which stage it wishes to re-commence the discernment process. This is not likely to be before the Spring of 2025. Together with the Archbishop of York and others, there will also need to be a period of reflection on the implications of this decision on the Church of England more generally.

I will be speaking with Bishop Dagmar Winter, the Bishop of Huntingdon, in order to understand from her the best way of supporting the Diocese of Ely and her episcopal ministry in the coming months.

Please continue to hold the Diocese of Ely and the discernment of the Crown Nominations Commission in your prayers.

See response from Bishop Dagma on next page.....

Bishop Dagma writes:

This is obviously a major disappointment for us all. It is my understanding that the next Bishop of Ely is unlikely to be in post before 2026.

Yet we must also remember that it is never good to make an appointment for the sake of making an appointment.

On behalf of us all, I would like to thank our six members from the Diocese representing us on the CNC – James, Felicity, Sarah, Alex, Simon and Christopher – for the time and energy they have invested so far and for the work yet before them. Please do not press them for details on what happened and why no nomination could be made: as part of the process, they are under strict obligation to keep matters confidential, not least for the sake of the candidates. Please respect this.



This Sunday!

**Viv Farrell will be hosting an Open Garden at 6 School Close, Gamlingay
On Sunday, 21st July, 2 – 5pm**

Refreshments available – donations requested for St. Mary's Church, Gamlingay

The weather forecast is not looking too bad for the weekend so why not pop along on Sunday afternoon and enjoy Viv's garden and hospitality?

The Guild of St. Mary

Members of the Guild of St. Mary are enjoying a variety of summer activities.....



- In June we held our annual Garden Party with Pimms, strawberries, meringues and cream along with garden games enjoyed by all. And, **YES**, the weather did allow us to be outside!
- On Monday of next week, we have our summer outing when 16 members and friends who have pre-booked will be going to Gotha Gardens, near Ashwell, for lunch followed by a guided tour of the gardens. Hopefully the weather will, once again, be kind to us.
- Our August meeting will be held in the Church Hall as usual. It will be a fun evening of games loosely related to horse racing with appropriate refreshments on offer.
- For September and October, we have speakers booked. These will be open meetings which visitors are encouraged to attend - watch out for further details nearer the time.

The ladies of the Guild of St. Mary meet on the third Monday of each month at 7.30pm in Gamlingay Church Hall. New members are always welcome. For further information email: liz@liz-huckle.co.uk

Services in the Benefice

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 21st July: Trinity 8

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

Sunday 28th July: Trinity 9

9.30am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Gamlingay
11.15am Parish Eucharist at Everton St. Mary's (possible picnic lunch/tea for working party)

Don't forget last week's plea to tell us what you think about the Newsletters.....

We are asking for responses to the following questions:

- How do you receive the newsletter – email, printed copy or online/Facebook?
- What do you value about the current newsletter?
- Is there anything you do not find helpful and how would you like to see that changed?
- Any other comments?

**If possible, please email your responses to stmarysgamevents@outlook.com
Alternatively give to Brenda, Hilary or leave in the designated box at the back of church.**

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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.

**Please let Brenda Elcome have any articles or pictures for the newsletter by
Wednesday lunchtime to brenda.elcome@ymail.com**