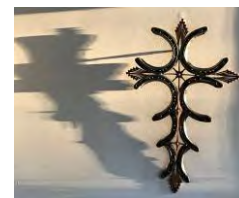


ST MARY'S GAMLINGAY, HATLEY ST GEORGE & ST MARY'S EVERTON



Weekly newsletter 2 August 2024



From Hilary:

Newsletter Feedback

Responses have come back from a number of people, though by no means all, who receive the Newsletter. Further views are welcome, but conclusions are being drawn on the basis of those who have replied to date. By far the majority of responses were positive or very positive about valuing this link with the Benefice churches. Some of the strongest positives are from people who do not get to church much or even at all but remain interested and supportive. To those who have responded, - thank you, it has been noted and appreciated. For now, Brenda will continue to offer her editing and layout skills in the current format, since most people who responded seem to find that it works for them.

There continues to be concern about people missing information which has been in the Newsletter and wondering if there is a better way to convey that information. All I can say is that every church I have ever known has this issue, regardless of how communication takes place (it used to be not listening to the notices given out in church). The truth is that people don't always listen to or read regular information, and when things are missed the tendency is to blame the information givers rather than taking personal responsibility for finding things out. Disseminating information is time-consuming, we do our best! Current practice reflects the time and expertise available; we are always open to suggestions and in particular any that come with help to make them work! We are working on our social media and internet presence and thank those who see to what we currently do.

Working parties for three churchyards progressed further this last week, despite the heat, although that did limit the time that anything useful could be done on one or two of the planned days. There are now some small hay bales available (see picture) currently stored, under cover in case it rains, in the south porch at Gamlingay. Some of the hay was rained on before baling, but still smells reasonably sweet, and at time of writing the plans to make more depend on person-power and the weather. THANK YOU to all the helpers (you know who you are) - the lion's share of work was done by three of us, most extra helpers were at St Denis in East Hatley, but we welcomed at least someone everywhere else.



Services in the Benefice

(NB: There are midweek Eucharists at Gamlingay at 9.30am on Wednesdays for the next two weeks.)

This Sunday, 4th August: Trinity 10

9.30am Parish Eucharist at Gamlingay St Mary's

11.15am Parish Eucharist at Everton St Mary's

Next Sunday, 11th August: Trinity 11

9.30am Parish Eucharist at Gamlingay St Mary's

11.15am Parish Eucharist at Everton St Mary's

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

The Churchyard Working Party consisted of Nicola Jenkins, Peter Condon and Hilary with Jonathan some of the time and providing refreshments - thank you to all these people for making such a difference. We hope that getting everything back to a reasonable state will help to maintain it. Large areas were not meant to go wild but escaped early cutting for combined reasons of lack of workers and incessant wet weather which provided the double effect of fast luxuriant growth and no time to get it cut.



Workers did enjoy being amongst the wildlife - two toads (*picture of the smaller one*) and numerous grasshoppers, crickets and various other insects. As everywhere, butterflies were scarce this year, but we still saw quite a few - too quick for photos unfortunately.

Reminder: Everton Parish Hall remains closed for floor work, expected to take until the end of August, so no Soup and Social events.

RIP Gill Hurdle - our prayers and sympathy are with Paul.

NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY

Well Done and Thank You again to Vivienne and helpers for her splendid Open Garden the Sunday before last.

Thank you too, to Philippa Smalls and helpers for her Garden Party the following Wednesday. Once again, the weather was kind and all who attended were able to enjoy a comfortable and relaxed afternoon tea together with plenty of chat! Thanks to some very generous donations the sum of **£175** was raised for church funds.

Simple Lunch next week, 6th August 12.30-2pm, all welcome.

Memory Lane meets on 27th August outdoors, weather permitting, for games that may include water (but not too wet making for those who prefer not!).

Hay Making continued to progress thanks to Kate, Nicola, Peter and Hilary. The main meadow area has now been cleared, further cuts began this week, and bales were made. Further progress is anticipated to take place in the next few days, weather permitting.

RIP Peter John Simpson whose funeral is scheduled for Friday 23rd August.

NEWS FROM HATLEY

RIP Daphne Astor - private cremation and interment, our prayers and sympathy are with Micky and family.

Bats! A bat count at St Denis church in East Hatley has been going on for a while. Rachel Bates for the Bat Conservation Council was present on Sunday night for an 'open meeting' counting emerging Brown Long-Eared bats - a rarer species that use the church as a nursery roost. Most of us counted a few passing pipistrelle bats as well by mistake! The official number of the Brown Long Eared bats was 20 and those present had the fun of using bat monitors to hear the different sounds not detectable by the human ear.

Rachel wrote about St Denis (Sunday was the third visit).....

This years' monitoring (my visits) has the following species list:

- *Brown Long-eared (roosting)*
- *Common Pipistrelle (all three visits)*
- *Soprano Pipistrelle (all three visits)*
- *Nathusius Pipistrelle (first visit)*
- *Barbastelle (all three visits)*
- *Noctule (second and third visit)*
- *Serotine (third visit)*



Anyone interested in the bats can see more at the facebook site *Cambridgeshire Bat Group*.

A repeat of South Cambs notice, valid until 16th August, for those who may have missed it elsewhere:

Police and Crime Commissioner Darryl Preston has today (15 July) launched a short online survey for residents to tell him their views on crime and disorder as he produces a new plan for the county.

The plan sets policing and crime priorities for the next four years, so residents are being urged to have their say, and share the online link with family and friends.

Feedback will help form the content of the new plan.

The survey runs until 5pm on Friday, 16 August.

You can visit <https://www.cambridgeshire-pcc.gov.uk>, telephone the commissioner's office on 0300 333 3456 or email cambs-pcc@cambs.police.uk to provide your views.

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