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



# Weekly newsletter 9 August 2024







#### From Hilary:

No apologies for continuing to mention the **Working parties for three churchyards.** Another big **THANK YOU** to all the helpers and also to the encouragers who have supported with refreshments (Everton) and verbal support (Everton and Gamlingay). As previously mentioned, Peter and Nicola have been amazing, going above and beyond. Nicola kept us organised and provided delicious refreshments as well as working with scythe, shears and raking up and wheeling away. Peter has scythed more than anyone.

**Hay?** There is a pile of small hay bales available (see picture) currently stored in Gamlingay church south porch. These would make good pet bedding for those who use hay for that, but it is also decent quality long stem hay which could make horse feed (we have taken great care to remove ragwort - most was removed early on, but that which escaped was rooted out before the cutting was begun).

We are working at making the availability more obvious through social media and would welcome any help with that.

We won't bale any more (the next lot would be in Everton) unless we have takers. Any that is left over will be composted - our wildlife award scheme requires that we keep it on site for the wildlife it encourages.



### Services in the Benefice

Watch for details of any adjustments for holidays.

#### Next Sunday, 11th August: Trinity 11

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9.30am	Parish Eucharist at Gamlingay St Mary's			
11.15am	Parish Eucharist at Everton St Mary's			
Next Sunday 18th August Trinity 12				
9.30am	Parish Eucharist at Gamlingay St Mary's			
4.00pm	Evensong at Everton St Mary's			
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> August: Trinity 13				
9.30am	Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Gamlingay			
11.15am	Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Everton			

#### Services for September

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Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> September: Trinity 14			
9.30am	All Age Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Gamlingay		
11.15am	Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Everton		
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> September: Trinity 15			
9.30am	Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Gamlingay		
11.15am	Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Everton		
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> September: Trinity 16			
9.30am	Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Gamlingay with a focus on healing		
4.00pm	Evensong at Everton		
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September: Trinity 17			
9.30am	Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Gamlingay with Baptism of Stanley Titmus		
11.15am	Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Everton		
Sunday 29th September: Trinity 18 (5th Sunday) Michael and All Angels			
10.00am	Shared Benefice Eucharist at Everton		
Advance notice Sunday 6th October Harvest Festival Sunday			

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9.30am	Harvest Eucharist at St. Mary's, Gamlingay
11.30am	Harvest Celebration at St James Hatley St George TBC
4.00pm	Harvest Celebration at St. Mary's, Everton

## **NEWS FROM EVERTON**

**The Churchyard Working Party** has continued as above. It is nice to be appreciated, and lovely to welcome Charlotte as a new volunteer trying out a new skill.

**The Parish Hall** continues to be closed for floor repairs so no August 'Soup and Socials' and no information yet on a re-opening time.

**PCC News:** Most of the PCC met with Samuel from the Diocese to look at the way forward for the extensive work needed for the church, particularly the roof. We are grateful for Diocesan support with planning and look forward to plans for action in the Autumn.

## **NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY**



**Simple Lunch** welcomed a number of new guests this month. While there were one or two regulars missing, 18 of us enjoyed the meal and company. Thank you to Rebecca for her delicious tomato soup, and lovely to welcome Rosie and Ava to join us.

**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!).

**Churchyard work** continued again this week and continues further. Council contractors have visited with minimal visible effect, some weedkiller was used although the volunteer work has mostly cut that use down.

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

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This newsletter is circulated by email 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 afternoon to Brenda.elcome@ymail.com