

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



Weekly newsletter 16 August 2024



From Hilary:

August continues, with the holiday season fully underway. Norman and I have been away for a few days this week, arranged at very short notice due to circumstances largely not under our control. Apologies to the Wednesday Communion congregation that this information wasn't available to them last week, but hopefully we reached everyone on Sunday.

Having broken the back of the **churchyard work**, there was something of a pause this last week after Saturday, but there is more to do, which will be undertaken as time allows.

Looking ahead to September when things start up again.....

The **Ride and Stride** events supporting Cambs and Beds Historic Churches Trusts come upon us very suddenly on 14th September - we hope to have all three churches open for visitors taking part.

Do publicise the **Summer of Colour competition** which Ann is arranging in Gamlingay - perhaps there might be takers for something similar in Everton?

This will be followed by the **Gamlingay Village Show** on 21st September, and the **Mini Music Marathon** over the Harvest weekend, 5th/6th October.

(See page 3 for further details of these events.)

His Majesty the King's Official Portrait

The Cabinet Office has released a new official portrait of His Majesty the King that will soon hang in public buildings the length and breadth of the United Kingdom.

A framed copy of the portrait is being offered to public authorities across the United Kingdom free-of-charge as part of a scheme to celebrate the new reign. This scheme has now been extended to include all Church of England churches.

The portrait, taken at Windsor Castle last year shows His Majesty wearing a Royal Navy uniform of an Admiral of the Fleet and official medals and decorations.

The Church of England is the Established Church in England, meaning that it is established by law and has a unique relationship with the State. As well as being Head of State, The King is also Supreme Governor of the Church of England.

These portraits have been acquired for all three churches in the Benefice. Thank you to Chris Miller for spotting the offer, arranging for the pictures to be delivered and supplying the above text. It will now be up to the PCCs of the Benefice to decide how and where the portraits should be displayed.

NEWS FROM EVERTON

Planning is underway with the PCC towards a significant project to include repairs and possible improvements to the church building. There will not be much to show for this before late Autumn at best. More will be shared as soon as it is available.

NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY

Simple Lunch takes place this coming week on 20th August.

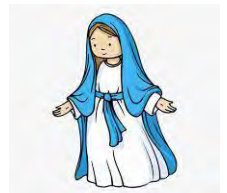
Memory Lane meets on 27th August outdoors, weather permitting, for games that may include water (but not too wet-making for those who prefer not!).

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

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

RIP Fred Mead whose funeral is scheduled for Wednesday 4th September at 12.30 pm.

GUILD OF ST MARY'S 'Night at the Races'



The next meeting of the Guild of St. Mary will take place on Monday 19th August at 7.30pm in the Church Hall, Gamlingay. On this occasion we ladies will be entertaining ourselves with some (very) lighthearted horse-racing related games together with light refreshments in the form of suitably appropriate cold drinks and nibbles.

We hope to see as many of our regular members as can make it but are always happy to welcome any visitors who might like to come along and see what we get up to. The charge for visitors is £5 per session.

Our September and October meetings will be Open Meetings when we will be welcoming speakers on the subjects of 'Molly Dancing' and 'The Swiss Gardens'. Watch out for further details nearer the time.

FUTURE EVENTS

Summer of Colour Competition

St. Mary's Church, Gamlingay

THEMES: STAINED GLASS WINDOWS AND/OR THE NATURAL WORLD

Sweet Treat for the best two in each age group

Age up to 7 / Age 8 to 13 / Age 14 to 111

Choose a colouring sheet from the table inside the church OR do your own thing

Please put your name and contact details on the back and return your creation to the box on the table inside the church door.

Church is open 10am until 4pm every day

Pictures will be displayed in church for the Ride and Stride event on September 14th after which prizes will be awarded.

Contact if you would like more info: Ann 07970076972

(NB: Colouring sheets will be available in church from this Friday.)

Village Show

On **21st September** we will be providing refreshments at the **Village Show** at their request. **PLEASE**, please put the date in your diaries and we look forward to receiving your wonderful cakes, sausage rolls etc, which everyone comments on.

This year there will be a rota for manning the stall so that the workload is spread.



Mini Music Marathon



On the weekend of **5th and 6th October**, as part of our Harvest of Talents, there is the **Mini Music Marathon**. Participants of all talents and levels are invited to take part. A donation page will be set up as well as donations on the day – [details here on the Hatley website](#).

Services in the Benefice

Watch for details of any adjustments for holidays.

Next Sunday 18th August, Trinity 12

9.30am Parish Eucharist at Gamlingay St Mary's

4.00pm Evensong at Everton St Mary's

Sunday 25th August, Trinity 13

9.30am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Gamlingay

11.15am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Everton

Services for September

Sunday 1st September: Trinity 14

9.30am All Age Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Gamlingay

11.15am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Everton

Sunday 8th September: Trinity 15

9.30am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Gamlingay

11.15am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Everton

Sunday 15th September: Trinity 16

9.30am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Gamlingay with a focus on healing

4.00pm Evensong at Everton

Sunday 22nd 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

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

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.

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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