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



## Weekly newsletter 23 August 2024







### From Hilary:

The Bank Holiday weekend seems to have come round rather suddenly. The usual services will take place, including Wednesday communion at Gamlingay.

#### **Rest in Peace Gerry**

We returned from our few days away last week to the shock of learning about Gerry Brunt's sudden death on Friday morning. As most who knew her will be aware, Gerry has had health problems for longer than I have known her, and indeed I do not think I ever knew her at her best. But Gerry has nevertheless, to my knowledge, worked with commitment and care as a core member of St Mary's congregation, including contributing to the ministry team as an Authorised Lay Minister for Social Awareness – something with which she was involved when I came. Gerry was the local representative of the Trussel Trust Food Bank which operates out of St Neots, having set up this arrangement when there was nothing of that sort in the village. Although Gerry's health did not always allow her to fully bring to fruition her aspirational good intentions, she pursued her passion for helping people throughout the time I knew her. Others, who knew her for longer will be able to bring more to remembering her, but from my experience Gerry was always involved in church life and study as far as her health allowed and will be sorely missed for her passion and care. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

We do not yet have information on a funeral for Gerry - more information will follow when it is available. Our thoughts and prayers are with Gerald and the rest of Gerry's family.

### NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY

**Simple Lunch** took place this past Tuesday (20th August) with thanks to helpers while Jane O had a well-earned day with family. It was lovely to have Rosie and Emma with us. Thank you to the girls for their help, as well as to Vivienne and Ann. Fourteen of us shared our usual bread and soup with sandwiches and additional treats. Grateful thanks for the donations which amounted to £23.80.

**The Climate Action Group** linked to Gamlingay Parish Council meets this week. St Mary's is represented on this group by Hilary, with the churchyard and a presence at the Village Show on the agenda.

**Memory Lane** meets next week on 27th August outdoors, weather permitting, remembering that Gerry Brunt was very much part of setting this up - something she was rightly proud to be a part of, though not always able to attend.

**RIP** Fred Mead whose funeral is scheduled for Wednesday 4th September at 12.30pm. Our thoughts and prayers are with Ferne and family at this sad time for them.

### NEWS FROM EVERTON

Our Architect, Stephanie Norris, will be meeting with us when she has time in November. In the meantime, plans are being formulated for communicating with the wider community. The PCC is grateful to Holly Robinson and Samuel Pedlar from the church buildings team for their help and support in this process.

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Have you started yours yet?
As long as you are under 111 years of age there's a category for you!
Why not give it a go?

### 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 14<sup>th</sup> after which prizes will be awarded.

Contact if you would like more info: Ann 07970076972

#### Advance notice for all bakers....



We will, once again, be providing Afternoon Teas at Gamlingay Village Show on Saturday  $21^{st}$  September. As usual, we will be asking for donations of cakes and other suitable items. There will be further details nearer the time, but it is only a month away now – you have been warned!

### Services in the Benefice

Sunday 25th August, Trinity 13

9.30am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Gamlingay11.15am 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 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
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.

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.

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