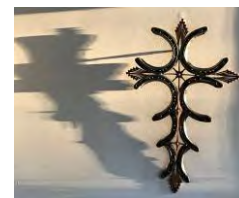


ST MARY'S GAMLINGAY, HATLEY ST GEORGE & ST MARY'S EVERTON



Weekly newsletter 30 August 2024



From Hilary:

I am delighted that Revd. Rachel Blanchflower, Rector of the Blubell Benefice (Grandsens, Waresley and Abbotsley) will be conducting our service next week on 8th September. As many of the support people for Everton are away there will be just one service in the parishes on that day, 9.30am at Gamlingay. This service falls on Education Sunday as well as being the first anniversary of the accession of King Charles III, and the service will reflect both these aspects of our community life. I am most grateful that Rachel is able to lead our worship on this Sunday when Norman and I will be away.

We shall be introducing the picture of King Charles to Gamlingay. The one for Everton is already in place, and that for Hatley will be put in at Harvest. Gratitude again to Chris Miller for acquiring the pictures for us.

NEWS FROM EVERTON

The Parish Hall floor refurbishment is now completed, so the Tuesday 'Soup and Social' lunches will resume on 3rd September. This unfortunately means that the Everton lunches will coincide with Gamlingay's 'Simple Lunches' until the next time that there are five Tuesdays in a month.

Please publicise the fact that there is no service at Everton next Sunday morning (Sept 8th) and all are invited to join the service at Gamlingay at 9.30am.

NEWS FROM HATLEY ST. GEORGE

After consultation it has been agreed there will be a Harvest celebration service at Hatley St George at 11.30am on 6th October and the church will be decorated, subject to participants. Please contact Hilary or Penny to contribute as we practice the art of the possible.



NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY

Simple Lunch takes place on Tuesday of next week.

Memory Lane met on Tuesday of this week, remembering Gerry who named the group and helped to instigate it. We shared sandwiches and cake and played some water games along with sharing social time.

Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Ride and Stride

Ann Davis has produced colouring sheets - 'Stained Glass Windows' on the themes Church or Wildlife - to be displayed for September 15th when the event is due to take place. We will try to have some in each of our churches for that day and have been invited to display them on the Hub front window. This is not just for children; you can make your own design or use the ones in church; if you want to compete, there will be a small prize for the best in various categories.

Village Show

CAG (the Climate Action Group) met this last week and discussed input to the Village Show, to which Hilary will be contributing. The hay bales made in Gamlingay churchyard will be available to acquire for a donation after they have done duty at the CAG stand. Come along and vote for your favoured actions and think about any you would like to take part in.

Donations of cakes/savouries and offers of time on the day will be welcomed for the refreshments which St. Mary's will, as usual, be providing

RIP Fred Mead whose funeral is scheduled for Wednesday this coming week (4th September) at 12.30pm, thoughts and prayers continue with his family.

***RIP Gerry Brunt** whose funeral is set for 18th September at 11am. There is a general invitation for mourners not to wear black, although it is understood that some will wish to do so, in which case please try to wear at least something colourful - purple is suggested as it was apparently Gerry's favourite colour.*

September Services

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 Accession of Charles III, Education Sunday

9.30am Benefice Eucharist at St. Mary's, Gamlingay with Revd. Rachel Blanchflower

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

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@gmail.com