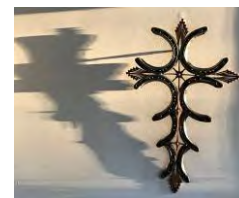


ST MARY'S GAMLINGAY, HATLEY
ST GEORGE & ST MARY'S EVERTON



Weekly newsletter 6 September 2024



From Hilary:

This Sunday we welcome Revd Rachel Blanchflower, Rector of the Bluebell Benefice (Gransdens, Waresley and Abbotsley) for our one service at Gamlingay, 9.30am. This service marks Education Sunday as well as the first anniversary of the Accession of King Charles III.

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.

A Prayer for Education Sunday

Dear Lord God, we thank you for the gift of learning, and that as humans we can increase our knowledge, deepen our understanding and sharpen our skills and abilities.

Help us to be mindful that learning is a gift from you to be cherished, to be used for the betterment of ourselves and others and to the glory of your name and the furtherance of your kingdom, according to your will.

Here in our community, we have teachers, learners and places of learning (name them individually here if you wish). We thank you for them all, and for the contribution they make to making our community what it is. Bless them and strengthen them.

We pray for our places of learning, schools, nurseries, colleges and universities, that they are safe and supportive places which open up a world of possibilities to all.

We pray for those who contribute in places of learning, teachers, lecturers, teaching assistants, support staff, chaplains, volunteers, leaders and governors. May they each know what valuable contributions they bring in helping their learners flourish and grow.

We thank you Lord for their talents.

We pray for those who learn, whether that comes easily to them or is difficult, that they see the opportunities before them and grow in confidence and wisdom and flourish. We thank you Lord for their curiosity and creativity.

We ask all these things in your name.

Amen.

NB: There will be **no** Wednesday Communion on Wednesday 11th September.

Service information for September, October and the beginning of November can be found on page 4.

NEWS FROM EVERTON

The first of the new season's Soup and Social Lunches held on Tuesday 3rd September was a success as usual. Unfortunately, these will now coincide with Gamlingay's Simple Lunches until the next time there are five Tuesdays in a month.

NB: No service at Everton this coming Sunday morning (Sept 8th) as the Benefice worship is together at Gamlingay at 9.30am.

A big **THANK YOU** to Les and Dorothy's son-in-law for his servicing of the church vacuum cleaner.

The remaining cut grass in the churchyard was partly removed and partly turned in situ to save the ground it has been lying on.

Harvest Festival: The service in the afternoon of 6th October will now be at 4.30pm to allow anyone interested to attend more of the Mini Music Marathon in Gamlingay.

NEWS FROM HATLEY ST GEORGE

There is to be a Harvest service at Hatley St George at 11.30am on 6th October - contact Hilary or Penny to contribute to decorating or let us know you plan to attend, as we practice the art of the possible. There may be a harvest meal at the Village Hall after the service, TBC, no details yet.

NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY

RIP Fred Mead whose funeral took place on Wednesday this last week (4th September) thank you to all who helped with the service.

RIP Gerry Brunt, her funeral is set for 18th September at 11am and continues in planning, with the Community Choir arranging to sing. A reminder that there is a general invitation for mourners not to wear black, although it is understood that some will wish to, in which case please try to wear at least something colourful - purple is suggested as it was apparently Gerry's favourite colour

Ride and Stride Event colouring sheets are beginning to be returned - it is not too late to have a go. A reminder that this is not just for children, own designs or use of the ones in church are both fine, and contributions are welcome whether or not entered for competition. There will be a small prize for the best in various categories, and a display at the Hub.

Gamlingay PCC meets on Wednesday 11th September, 7.30pm at The Rectory

Village Show

CAG (the Climate Action Group) is preparing suggested actions for the whole village to adopt. Do come along and vote for your favoured actions, and think about any you would like to take part in. The hay bales made in Gamlingay churchyard will be available to acquire for a donation after they have done duty at the CAG stand.

St Mary's Refreshments. Donations of cakes/savouries and offers of time on the day are welcome for the refreshments which are again provided by St Mary's church. (*See page 3 for further details.*)

Harvest Weekend, 5th/6th October:

The Mini Music Marathon will take place over this weekend. Contact Hilary if you would like to play in a Taize-style group on the Saturday. *See publicity below and poster attached.*

Harvest donations of non-perishable items will go to the Food Project.

Perishable items will be available for sale or distributed through the Community Fridge if not sold. Proceeds from the Harvest weekend, including the Mini Music Marathon, will be shared between the local work of St Mary's church and the Diocese of Niassa in Mozambique,



Mini Music Marathon



Saturday, 5th October 10am to 4pm, Sunday, 6th October 12 noon to 4.00pm.

There's still time to book a slot to share your musical talents at our drop-in event. Not designed to be a concert but to share and raise funds through donations for St Mary's and the Diocese of Niassa in Mozambique who help the communities there with health, hygiene and emergency food programmes. **CLICK HERE FOR THE TERRIFIC POSTER.**

Refreshments will be served throughout. More details of the programme nearer to the event.

Contact stmarysgamevents@outlook.com for more details.

GAMLINGAY VILLAGE SHOW Saturday 21st September

St. Mary's will, once again, be providing and serving teas at the Village Show and help will be very welcome from all who can provide it.....

- We would be so grateful to hear from anyone who can help to move equipment and set up tables and chairs from 11 o'clock on the Saturday morning.
- Help will, similarly, be needed to clear up at the end and put everything away – **PLEASE!**
- There will be a rota for workers in the Tea Room during the afternoon. At least 3 people are needed at all times. A sign-up sheet will be displayed in church for names to be added.
- Donations of cakes, etc., can be brought to the room being set up at the school on Saturday morning. Alternatively, arrangements can be made to leave them with someone else or, if suitable, they could be donated in advance and frozen.
NB: Cakes will also be needed for the Mini Music Marathon a couple of weeks later so any leftovers from the Village Show can similarly be frozen or you may even want to batch bake!



To offer help on the day or for further information, please email: stmarysgamevents@outlook.com

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Please let **Brenda Elcome** have any articles or pictures for the newsletter by Wednesday afternoon to Brenda.elcome@ymail.com

Services in the Benefice

Sunday 8th September: Trinity 15 Education Sunday, Accession of Charles III

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

NB : No Wednesday Communion this week.

Sunday 15th September: Trinity 16

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

4.00pm Evensong at Everton

Sunday 22nd September: Trinity 17

9.30am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Gamlingay NB: No Baptism now.

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 –

NB: NO service at Gamlingay.

Services for October

Sunday 6th October: Trinity 19 Celebrating Harvest Festival

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

11.30am Harvest Celebration at St James, Hatley St George

4.30pm Harvest Celebration at St. Mary's, Everton

Sunday 13th October: Trinity 20

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

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

Sunday 20th October: Trinity 21

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

4.00pm Evensong at Everton

Sunday 27th October: Last after Trinity, Dedication Festival

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

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

Advance notices for November

Sunday 3rd November Celebrating All Saints Day

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

11.30am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Everton

6.00pm Commemoration Service (All Souls) at Gamlingay

Sunday 10th November Remembrance Sunday

Traditional Remembrance Sunday celebrations in both parishes

Gamlingay Civic celebration at the War Memorial followed by Service at GBC - Speaker Hilary

Everton Ceremony at the War Memorial in the churchyard followed by church service

Hatley St George memorial ceremony TBC in church at the war memorial.

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.