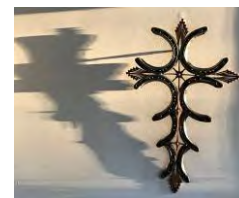


# ST MARY'S GAMLINGAY, HATLEY ST GEORGE & ST MARY'S EVERTON



## Weekly newsletter 20 September 2024



### *From Hilary:*

This week's Newsletter is full of reminders of information previously stated - do take note.

Thank you to Brenda who has fitted in putting this Newsletter together around time away this week.

**PLEASE NOTE AND REMIND ONE ANOTHER** that next week's 5th Sunday service (29<sup>th</sup> September) is shared worship at Everton celebrating St Michael and All Angels. There is no other service in the Benefice that week.

### Harvest of Talents

This Sunday will launch a 'Harvest of Talents' challenge for all the churches. Many of our church families already do a great deal to help raise money, but if you have a hidden speciality that has not been used before, as well as if you are known for making or doing something, this is the time to offer it. And, if you don't have anything to offer, perhaps you can encourage someone else to make something - I'm looking for someone to commission to make our Christmas cake! And I'm offering funds to anyone who needs cash to start their idea, just let me know.

### Harvest Leaves

Our young people will be leading us in putting leaves on 'thank you' trees - they will carry thanks for God's gifts to us during this year written on autumn-coloured leaves. We give thanks not just for our food, but for all the good things we are blessed with - our homes, countryside, friends and family. There will be a template along with the Newsletter next time, or you can make your own. Anyone is welcome to join in, it is not just for the young people.

The **Ride and Stride** events this last weekend in aid of Historic Churches had a few visitors locally. A huge THANK YOU and WELL DONE to Ann for her efforts at Gamlingay and Hatley, and congratulations to the winners of the 'stained glass colouring' competition – see below...



### Easyfundraising

St Mary's in Gamlingay is already signed up for Easyfundraising which collects a donation for a charity named by participants every time they buy online from businesses signed up to the scheme. This is a free donation so it's worth doing if you shop online - there are many organisations that are affiliated to this scheme, including Amazon. Here below is the notice for the last few days from Easyfundraising for Gamlingay. Alec Hissett set this up some time ago and periodically reminds us about it as it continues to make money for St Mary's.



22

donations in the  
last 30 days

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#### Easyfundraising Update from Alec Hissett:

Thank you very much to everyone who has been using Easyfundraising, 22 free donations were received in the last 30 days. Please share this success and let others know their online shopping is making a positive difference to your fundraising. In August £40 were transferred to the church account. Plus, this good news will hopefully inspire new supporters to join in and help! When they do, we'll get an entry to win one of ten **£100 donations in the Big September Sign-up giveaway**.

To sign up please go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/gsmv>

#### Advent and Christmas heads up

We are planning Advent Angels for display in windows in Gamlingay village - an Angel for each week of Advent. People are welcome to make their own, but there will be a template to colour in as well as the story for each Angel, circulated in this publication and available in church.

The traditional Lessons and Carols service for Gamlingay will be at St Mary's, 6pm on Sunday 15th December, with participation for musicians and congregation from both the Anglican and Baptist churches (and anyone else who would like to join in!)

A Benefice Lessons and Carols service will take place on the afternoon of Sunday 22nd at Everton Church at 4pm. Hatley Carol Service will be as has been customary over the last few years.

## ***NEWS FROM EVERTON***

The next of the new season's **Soup and Social Lunches** was this past Tuesday 18th September, coinciding with Simple Lunches until the next time there are 5 Tuesdays in a month, which will be October.

The **PCC** meeting will have been fixed by the time this reaches readers, key items on the agenda are fundraising, events to Christmas including a possible building project.

## ***NEWS FROM HATLEY ST GEORGE***

There is to be a Harvest service at Hatley St George at 11.30am on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October - contact Hilary or Penny to contribute to decorating or let us know you plan to attend. There is a harvest event with food at the Village Hall after the service, at 12 noon, being organised by Sarah and Amy. More details to follow.

# ***NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY***

**Simple Lunch** was this past Tuesday, news next time.

**Funeral for Gerry Brunt:** Well done to everyone involved, and thank you to Cally Hammond for her input to Gerry's 'Farewell.' I hope and believe Gerry would have appreciated everything, may she rest in peace and rise in glory.

**The Village Show** takes place this weekend (tomorrow as this goes out) - report next week. Thank you to everyone who has committed to helping in one way or another - last minute offers of help with set-up and serving teas are very welcome.

Do come along to the CAG stand and vote for activities in our community to promote care for creation in one way or another.

## ***FUNDRAISING***

Come and see us at the Village Show for tea and cakes on Saturday. We will be in one of the classrooms.

Our next event is the Mini Music Marathon on Harvest weekend as part of our harvest of talents. Refreshments will be served. Donations for St Mary's and Niassa in Mozambique.



### **The Guild of St. Mary 'Mollies'!**

What a fun-filled evening we had on Monday! To begin with Alison Giles, our quite soberly dressed Molly Dancing speaker, spoke to us very entertainingly about the chequered history and evolution of Molly Dancing. She then transformed herself in front of our eyes into the green-faced, colourful character in the pictures.

We were invited (challenged?) to have a go and most of us did, some with rather more agility than others but with much merriment all round. Thanks to Chris R. for the photos.



## Services in the Benefice

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> September: Trinity 18 (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday) Michael and All Angels

10.00am Shared Benefice Eucharist at Everton –

**NB: NO service at Gamlingay.**

## Services for October

### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> October: Trinity 20

9.30am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Gamlingay  
11.15am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Everton

### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October: Trinity 21

9.30am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Gamlingay with a focus on healing  
4.00pm Evensong at Everton

### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> November Celebrating All Saints Day

9.30am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Gamlingay with All Age input  
11.30am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Everton, commemoration TBC  
6.00pm Commemoration Service (All Souls) at Gamlingay

Halloween light celebration (October 29<sup>th</sup>) is planned for St. Mary's Church in Gamlingay,

The proposed Light Party at the Church Hall to precede it is not yet confirmed, but there may well be a carved pumpkin display - all age entries welcome

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 - church will be open and decorated for Remembrance whether or not there is a service.

*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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