

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



Weekly newsletter 27 September 2024



From Hilary:

This Sunday our worship is one service for the whole Benefice, celebrating Michael and All Angels at Everton church at 10am. Next week our harvest celebrations take place at all three churches.

Harvest of Talents

Ideas are already being put into action - *see page 3*. I am excited to see what is yet to come.

Harvest Leaves – [click here for a PDF of the leaves template](#)

Our young people will be leading us in putting leaves on 'thank you' trees in our harvest services. The leaves will carry written thanks for God's gifts to us during this year, not just giving thanks for our food, but for all the good things we are blessed with - our homes, countryside, friends and family.



Advent and Christmas reminder

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, 6.00pm 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

Soup and Social takes place this coming Tuesday. The last one was, by all accounts, a great success and a very cheerful affair.

The PCC meeting was this last Wednesday, more details next time.

Gift Day and Harvest - a letter is being distributed for this weekend - financial gifts to be presented at the harvest service but will be accepted afterwards of course. Harvest gifts of produce, fresh and preserved, will again be donated to SMART project at the Prebend Centre in Bedford. Contact Hilary to be directed to whomever is coordinating decorations in church.



NEWS FROM HATLEY ST GEORGE

A reminder that there will be both a service in church and a celebration at the Village Hall on October 6th. Contact Hilary or Penny Hewlett to arrange a contribution to preparing the church. Gifts in church will be added to those in Gamlingay for distribution as appropriate. [Click here for more information.](#)



NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY

Memory Lane took place this past Tuesday, potting up spring bulbs. The collection from Gerry Brunt's funeral (Gerry helped start and name the Memory Lane group) has been donated to the group. We are planning 'Memory Books' - something Gerry was keen for us to do - to be purchased for group members in Gerry's memory.



Simple Lunch takes place this next Tuesday.

The Village Show was a great success for the church catering team who produced the refreshments. Very well done to everyone who contributed to a record result in terms of funds. See below.....

The Climate Action Group stand was also well supported, though falling victim to the (mercifully fairly brief) heavy rain and a disappointing raid on the box modelling by some local youngsters after the rain. Fortunately, there is photographic evidence of the constructions before demolition. A huge 'Well Done' to Emma, Nicola and friends, we look forward to results of the poll on village-based climate actions. Cindy (Top Dog) has taken the hay bales, so they are going to a good home.



Harvest Donations - fresh and preserved produce gifts are welcomed, to be distributed via the Food Project. Financial donations through church service and the Mini Music Marathon will be shared between church and Niassa Diocese in Mozambique, to which St Mary's has traditionally contributed at Harvest time.

THANK YOU....

Many, many thanks to all the volunteers who helped with **St. Mary's Tea Room at the Village Show** last Saturday.

The final profit was in the region of £545. A definite figure is yet to be reached as several payments by card went straight to the bank and the card machine takes a percentage of that money. Well done and congratulations, we believe that is a record!

It was also the first time we had ever sold out of cakes! This wasn't because we had less cakes but rather due to the huge number of customers who were all very appreciative of what we had on offer.

CAKES and MORE CAKES - PLEASE!

We are particularly grateful to our wonderful cake-makers. The good news is that they were all greatly enjoyed - the bad news is that, with no leftovers, we have to ask for more! We will be serving refreshments throughout the weekend of the upcoming Mini Music Marathon. Some people will be making sandwiches and a few savouries to be available at lunchtime, but cakes will be on offer at all times. Any contribution you can provide will be very gratefully received.



MINI MUSIC MARATHON

Next up! The **Mini Music Marathon** is filling up with contributors! Drop in and listen or contact stmarysgamevents@outlook.com if you would like to take part. Refreshments will be available. Donations may be made on line by using the link <https://givealittle.co/c/9caea844-87f4-4a27-97de-c511130aa8b9> or in person on the event days, Saturday, 5th October 10.00am to 4.00pm and Sunday, 6th October 12 noon to 4pm. Funds raised are for St Mary's and the Diocese of Niassa in Mozambique who educate on health and hygiene and provide aid in times of climate emergencies.

This event is part of our Harvest of Talents and harvest celebrations!



HARVEST OF TALENTS

Lindy Gorton is offering to take orders for sets of 10 of her beautiful hand-painted floral cards for £15 to support this year's Harvest of Talents. Those of us who have been lucky enough to receive them on our birthdays for many years are well aware that Lindy's cards are very special and this is a wonderful and generous offer. To place an order, speak to or email Lindy: gortonrosalind@gmail.com

Lindy herself suggested that the newsletter is a good way to advertise the talents being offered – maybe we can create a 'Catalogue of Talents' in the newsletter over the next couple of weeks. Just let me know and I will add yours in. *Brenda*

Grafham Water Centre Open Day, Sunday 13th October

Please, could you notify your congregations about this opportunity. Children and all the family will have fun and a good experience. People from both Waterways Chaplaincy and Church Army will be attending. The extensive activities available at Grafham Water Centre are not as widely known as they could be. At St Mary's Buckden, we've teamed up with the Centre to arrange this open day to help spread awareness and as an autumn charities event. For further details see poster attached and link below:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/whats-on/huntingdon/grafham-water-centre/family-open-day-at-grafham-water-centre/e-mbjemx>

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See next page for service information.

Services in the Benefice

Midweek said Eucharist services take place at St Mary's in Gamlingay every Wednesday at 9.30am unless otherwise advertised.

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

Halloween light celebration (October 29th) is planned for St. Mary's Church in Gamlingay at 6pm.

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

Advance notices for November

Sunday 3rd 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

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 - church will be open and decorated for Remembrance whether there is a service or not.

*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.*

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

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.