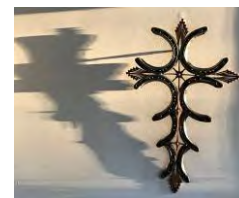


ST MARY'S GAMLINGAY, HATLEY ST GEORGE & ST MARY'S EVERTON



Weekly newsletter 4 October 2024



From Hilary:

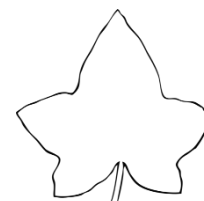
We are definitely into Autumn now, with a wet October promised to continue where September left off. Thank you, Everton folk, for hosting the Benefice service last Sunday, particularly the refreshments. It is good to see the smaller of our two parishes in their own church supported by worshippers from the larger one, I know it is encouraging for a small congregation to have more people join in.

Harvest this Sunday

Services are in preparation, gifts of produce both fresh and preserved will be accepted in all three churches and distributed to respective charities. Check to see if fresh produce can be bought in churches after the services, in which case the resulting funds will go to the charities.

Gamlingay's Mini Music Marathon will be well underway by the time worship takes place on Sunday. At the time of going to press there were still a few opportunities for anyone who would like to make music in public in Gamlingay church on Saturday - contact Jane Orchiston. [Click here for the poster!](#)

Harvest Leaves: We will be gathering leaves of thanks at all our churches at the services, Everton will also be receiving Gift Day contributions. Use a different leaf template to bring or send to church if preferred.



Harvest of Talents

Offers of talents and requests for help in return for a donation will continue to be encouraged and communicated here through October. In what way will you contribute?

Ecclesiastical Insurance: [Click here for a poster which may well interest you.](#) If you take out a home insurance policy with them £130 is donated to your church. Well worth having a look!

NEWS FROM HATLEY ST GEORGE

A further reminder that there will be both a service in church and a celebration at the village hall on October 6th: 11.30 am for the service and 12 noon for the buffet lunch – [click here for the poster.](#)

Contact Hilary or Penny Hewlett (01767 650 278) to arrange contributions to preparing the church. Gifts in church will be added to those in Gamlingay for distribution as appropriate.

Arrangements for the overdue quinquennial inspection are underway – now expected to be in January.

NEWS FROM EVERTON

Soup and Social took place this Tuesday, with 21 participants and 4 helpers - not as rain-affected as at Gamlingay. The next one is on Tuesday 15th. Hilary will be able to attend the one after that on the 29th.

The PCC Meeting last Wednesday discussed and planned action on:

- **Issues with the organ** - Roger Henthorne who helped construct the organ in the first place hopes to enable remedial work by Christmas.
- **The church building** - the PCC will meet with Diocesan support (soon) and the church architect (later on) during the Autumn with a view to arranging wider information and consultation in the New Year.
- **Predicted shortfall in finances at the end of the year.** The possibility of reducing the number of services when the church needs heating was considered, but it was (interestingly) found to lose more than it gained, as the actual cost of heating the church is, on average, more than offset by church collections (which would be lost if there was no service).
- **The churchyard** - a working party is planned for 19th October - please publicise and invite participation. A work plan will be available by then.

Everton Heath Primary School has helped distribute Harvest and Gift Day information and planning is underway towards Christmas.

Harvest - the Gift Day letter has been distributed. Financial gifts will be presented at the harvest service but will, of course, also be accepted afterwards.

Harvest gifts of produce, fresh and preserved, will be donated to the SMART project at the Prebend Centre in Bedford. Help with transporting would be valued as those who have done this for many years are not able to this time.

NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY

Simple Lunch took place on a miserable wet Tuesday with more helpers than 'customers' - fellowship was enjoyed nevertheless.

Mini Music Marathon - see next page. Proceeds will be part of the Harvest of Talents and will be shared between church and Niassa Diocese in Mozambique, to which St Mary's has traditionally contributed at Harvest time. [Click here for the 'Marathon' poster.](#)

Quinquennial Inspection of the church building takes place next week

Gamlingay Primary School Harvest Celebration is taking place in School with Hilary present. Donations will be distributed through the Food Project - more information next time.



This weekend, 5th/6th October
St. Mary's Church Gamlingay
MINI MUSIC MARATHON
We're looking forward to seeing you there!



Saturday, 5th October 10.00am to 4.00pm and Sunday, 6th October 12 noon to 4pm.

It's a drop in event not a concert. Feel free to come at any time.

See this PDF for the programme of participants.

Blank spaces will be filled and if anyone else turns up to play they would be most welcome.

Taize chants at 12.30 to 13.00 - come and sing or come along and play.

This is all part of our Harvest of Talents.

Proceeds in aid of St Mary's and the Diocese of Niassa in Mozambique who educate on health and hygiene and provide aid in times of climate emergencies.

Donations online by using the link <https://givealittle.co/c/9caea844-87f4-4a27-97de-c511130aa8b9>

OR in person on the event days. Refreshments will be available.

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



David Elcome is also offering cards of a different sort – beautiful butterfly photos made into greetings cards suitable for any occasion. The examples shown are selected from a wide variety on offer – see them at church over the Harvest weekend. £1.20 per card.

Email : dandb.elcome@yahoo.co.uk



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>

Richard Noble, Authorised Lay Minister, St Mary's Church Buckden

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 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 – [click here for more information](#)
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 (Bible Sunday)

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

Tuesday 29th October

6pm **Halloween Light Celebration** planned for St. Mary's Church 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)

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
6pm 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.*

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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.