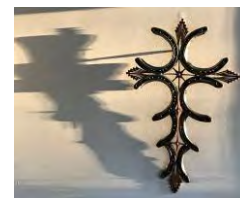


ST MARY'S GAMLINGAY, HATLEY ST GEORGE & ST MARY'S EVERTON



Weekly newsletter 20 June 2025



From Hilary:

Trinity Sunday began the weeks leading through the Summer and into the Autumn. Our parishes have fundraising activities coming up, and the process of 'keeping the show on the road' continues, often behind the scenes. Church finances continue to be a significant cause of concern for our parishes as we await response from the wider deanery on the expected shortfall of income over expenditure resulting from the significant increase in the Benefice share for our parishes. The Deanery share has increased by 4.5%, however our part of that has increased by 22%. We shall need considerable help if the Deanery is to meet the share collectively.

It is a great pleasure to report that scything parties are planned for the churchyards at St Denis, Everton and Gamlingay, with help from able volunteers in the local area. Huge thanks to Peter and Nicola for linking us in with this group.

From Diocesan Synod the following items may be of general interest.....

- Interviews are taking place in November for a new Diocesan Bishop of Ely
- Interviews will take place in September for the next Archbishop of Canterbury.
- Ordinations will be taking place in the Diocese this weekend: Priests on Saturday and Deacons on Sunday.
- Sarah Kennedy has been appointed as the new Head of Safeguarding for the Diocese.
- The 2026 budget is in draft and predicts a shortfall of income over expenditure. A similar shortfall is expected this year. Thoughts are invited regarding where any savings could be made, the share collection rate is around 90%.
- There are no plans to reduce the 104 clergy posts budgeted for, with allowance for 8 vacancies.

NEWS FROM EVERTON

[Click here for the invitation](#) to the **Open Garden at Woodbury Hall on Sunday, 6th July.**

Contributions to refreshments are welcome but do make time to come along and enjoy the afternoon.

Future building project meeting will take place at the Village Hall on Friday 27th June from 7pm - refreshments provided. Anyone interested in having input in any way is welcome at this meeting.

NEWS FROM THE HATLEYS

A date is being organised for the Quinquennial Inspection of the church in Hatley St George.

Work continues in the churchyard at St Denis with a scything date now fixed along with those for Everton and Gamlingay churchyards. Dates will be given next time.

NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY

The PCC met on Monday and discussed various on-going items, including the slightly delayed Archdeacon's Visitation (which will be carried out by Nicki, our rural dean). A huge vote of thanks goes to the people who have worked and are working to ensure our churches are legally compliant, establishing this and anything that still needs to be done will form part of the visit,

Simple Lunch took place this last Tuesday 17th June with 11 attendees, several of whom were helpers whose input is highly valued. Donations of £22 were received.

Our Summer Fair this weekend looks like being fine and sunny - do come along! Offers of help of all sorts will be most welcome (*see page 3*), but also please come along, enjoy the afternoon and bring company! There will be games, shade and possibly water play for young ones as well as all the usual activities.

A huge THANK YOU to the people who came and helped Hilary to make sure the grass was cut to provide space for the Summer Fair - Sarah, Jane and Peter, you are stars!



Rectory Garden Party is planned for 19th July please encourage people to attend. It is an offering of hospitality - come and enjoy. Donations will be welcome but that's not the main point of the event.

Partnership in the churchyard is being planned with **GrowWild** - see the article below from Debs who has made contact through the Climate Action Group.

Introducing Grow Wild Outreach: Nature-Based Support for All Ages

Grow Wild Outreach is a new alternative education service now available across Cambridgeshire, offering nature-based experiences for children, young people, and adults with special needs.

Already a trusted presence in Northamptonshire, Bedfordshire, and South London, Grow Wild Outreach is now expanding into Cambridgeshire with a mission to help people connect with the natural world in meaningful, therapeutic ways. Our programme provides bespoke outdoor activities — from guided nature walks and gardening to hands-on conservation work — designed to promote wellbeing, learning, and confidence.

For many children with additional needs, traditional classrooms can feel overwhelming or restrictive. Grow Wild offers an alternative: a calm, inclusive outdoor environment where participants can grow their social skills, build resilience, and explore at their own pace.

We're excited to work alongside local schools, charities, and volunteer groups, fostering partnerships that strengthen community connections and deepen our relationship with nature. One such collaboration is just beginning with **St Mary's Church in Gamlingay**, and we're thrilled to be launching our work there.

To learn more about what we offer, please visit www.growwild.life.

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BBQ is on! Woodview Farm Shop is very kindly supplying burgers, sausages and rolls.

Cakes etc: Please bring on the day or to the Church Hall between 4 and 5pm on Friday, 20th June.

Lots to set up: Anyone who can help set up on Saturday morning from 9am would be very welcome. Johnny Johnson is erecting his big marquee for the refreshment tent. There are gazebos to put up for stalls and the children's area and an extra one for shade for those partaking of refreshments.

Having said there's lots to set up, there is also **lots to take down!** So, any help from 4pm onwards would also be most welcome.

Community Choir is singing at 2.30pm to entertain us.

Filled jars for Tombola and Raffle prizes would be best delivered on Friday afternoon between 4 and 5pm to the Church Hall so we can sort them out please, otherwise bring them on the day.

Hilary, Ann's daughter and Jane Wallace have been busy cutting the grass. Many thanks to them!

Looking forward to seeing you all!

Benefice Services and Events

Midweek said Eucharist services take place at St Mary's in Gamlingay every Wednesday at 9.30am but watch for late cancellations especially during holiday season.

Services for June and July

Saturday 21st June

12 noon – 4pm **Midsummer Fair, St. Mary's, Gamlingay.**

Sunday 22nd June: Trinity 1

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

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

Sunday 29th June: Trinity 2, Peter and Paul Apostles

10am Benefice service of Holy Communion at Everton

Time TBC **if** a Reflective afternoon/evening service at Gamlingay.

Sunday 6th July: Trinity 3

9.30am All Age Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Gamlingay with Baptism of Lizzie Gorrell

11.15am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Everton, followed by **Garden Party at Woodbury Hall**

Sunday 13th July: Trinity 4

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

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

Saturday 19th July

Garden Party at the Rectory

Sunday 20th July: Trinity 5

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

4pm Evensong at St. Mary's, Everton

Sunday 27th July: Trinity 6

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

11.15am Parish Eucharist 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.