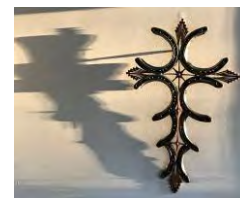


ST MARY'S GAMLINGAY, HATLEY ST GEORGE & ST MARY'S EVERTON



Weekly newsletter 27 June 2025



From Hilary:

This coming Sunday we worship together as two parishes of the Benefice, this time at Everton. The service is at 10am and celebrates the festival of St Peter and St Paul. Please help regulars and visitors to be aware of / remember the service arrangements. Ann will be at Gamlingay at the usual service time so anyone turning up there could join the shared service at Everton as Ann will be offering a lift.

A further item from Diocesan Synod, to add to those shared last week, which may be of general interest. The Diocese is being offered funding to help with the expected shortfall in budget over the next three years. The plan is to use this to invest in growing the church to be 'younger and deeper'. Several projects to set targets and meet the objectives identified have been presented to Synod and delegates have been invited to submit feedback.

There is a worksheet – [Life in Galatia](#) – aimed at older children, or for talking with your child, about this week's reading.

Roderick offers this prayer which he gave to his own mother, a beautiful one to remind us all of the trust we can place in the Trinity God who loves us each more than we can measure or fully return and requires nothing from us to earn that love.



Heavenly Father

Be with me always in my weakness. When I am feeling low and sad, help me to remember that you never forsake those who belong to you, and that you are here with me with your love, and with your arms to lift me up. I thank you for all the love and care that I have received in the past and still receive from those around me. May they receive your blessing, Father. I pray too for all who surround me, especially those who are not so fortunate as I am. Bless us all and keep us safe. I ask this in the name of Jesus Christ your son, our Lord.

Scything dates for the churchyards - all evening sessions

St Denis East Hatley	Tuesday 22nd July
St Mary's Gamlingay	Wednesday 20th August
St Mary's Everton	Wednesday 27th August.

NEWS FROM EVERTON

The Project Meeting takes place at the Village Hall this Friday 27th from 7pm (today as this is published) - refreshments are provided. Anyone interested in having input in any way is welcome, the outcome will be widely publicised.

Please keep advertising the **Open Garden at Woodbury Hall** ([click here for details](#)). Contributions to refreshments are welcome, but most of all do make time to come along and enjoy the afternoon.

Daniel Bolt from Beds Wildlife Trust will visit to survey the churchyard(s) on Monday 28th July from 10am.

NEWS FROM THE HATLEYS

The **Quinquennial inspection** is scheduled for 28th August in the morning. Does anyone have a drone we could use (ideally with a pilot to come and operate it) to help the architect view inaccessible high areas please? Contact Hilary with offers in the first instance.

Bats were counted at St Denis this week and there are orchids blooming in the churchyard there.

The bronze Conservation Award plaque has arrived; its location for display is yet to be decided.



NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY

Memory Lane took place this last Tuesday 24th June with a relatively low turnout, though those who attended enjoyed the company and activities. One of the games from the Summer Fair had another outing and proved popular - rolling ping pong balls into different numbered slots. The group also decorated jars to put citronella candles in - useful on these still warm summer evenings when the biting insects are out!

The Midsummer Fair last week raised somewhere over £700. **A HUGE Thank You** and well done to all involved, especially Jane O for coordinating everything. It was a long, rather overwarm day for the workers, and although the heat probably kept numbers lower than sometimes, it was a good day enjoyed by those who attended.

Special thanks to:

- Jhonny J and helpers for the large marquee, put up and taken down,
- Woodview Farm for donations for the BBQ (delicious!) and to Andrew for cooking.
- **Another huge THANK YOU** to the people who came and helped to make sure the grass was cut and raked off.

Rectory Garden Party: This 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.

*From Jane O
(Fundraising Co-ordinator)*

Many thanks to all the helpers at Saturday's Midsummer Fair! It was very hot and humid, and all your efforts were much appreciated. The total income from the day is still to be finalised but currently stands at just over £700.00. A donation needs to be added but the figure is unknown at this point.

Next up is the Garden Party on Saturday, 19th July at the Rectory from 12 noon to 4pm. The Community Choir will sing at 12.30.

Thanks to all once again for supporting St Mary's, Gamlingay.

Any other less labour-intensive ideas for future events would be very welcome!

Please reach out and let us know your thoughts.

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

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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