

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



Weekly newsletter 4 July 2025



From Hilary:



Phew, this has been a rather trying week for those of us who struggle in the heat, including me - frustratingly as this is such a change from my early years!



A pleasant, shared service was enjoyed by members of both congregations of the Benefice at Everton this last Sunday, celebrating two great founding members of the early church, Saints Peter and Paul. Thank you to the refreshment providers.

This coming Sunday (the third after Trinity) sees a Baptism at Gamlingay and a slightly shortened Communion service at Everton as the PCC worships before heading to Woodbury Hall for the Open Garden afternoon that begins at 12.30. Although the garden is advertised as being open until 6pm, earlier visits are advised, with BBQ and other refreshments on offer for as long as they last!

[Click here](#) for a copy of this week's Life in Galatia sheet, 6th July 2025.

From Peter Mann

St Giles' church, Tadlow – clean-up day: Saturday, 26th July from 10.00 am

You'll be aware that St Denis' church in East Hatley is owned by the Friends of Friendless Churches (FoFC) – the building, not the graveyard (which is still consecrated).

Four miles on from East Hatley is Tadlow – and its church, St Giles', is about to become part of the FoFC's portfolio of 60+ churches. As with St Denis', only the church is owned by the FoFC – but, unbelievably, it has been quite a struggle for the FoFC to gain ownership despite spending £1½m three years ago to shore-up the tower, re-roof the nave and chancel, sort out some of the stained glass windows and rectify other bits of the building which had been locked and unused for over 10 years. It wasn't, thankfully, in the state St Denis' had been when its rescue programme began in 2003, but had it been left much longer, that £1½m would easily have become £1m.

The church is not quite ready to be opened on a regular basis, which is why the FoFC is organising a 'tidy-up' session on Saturday, 26th July – and would be delighted if anyone from the Hatleys and Gamlingay could go along and help. From 10.00 am to 1.00 pm.

Please take a broom, cloth, dustpan and brush – the FoFC is providing tea and cakes... and a mini-talk on the FoFC and what it does.

Flyer attached – go to <https://friendsoffriendlesschurches.org.uk/event/clean-up-day-at-stgiles/> for a map and parking arrangements etc.

NEWS FROM EVERTON

The Project Meeting at the Village Hall received a number of apologies but was positively received on a very hot evening after a very hot day. Special thanks to Holly and Samuel from the Diocese for their support of the event and well done and thank you to PCC members for the refreshments.

A project group is being formed following the meeting. A date for its first session will be advertised when all interested parties have been consulted. The meeting was taken through the findings of the survey which showed significant support for repair and improvement work at church. It was noted that some of those who shared contact details could not be contacted before the meeting. Work is underway to try and track those people down and include them in the follow-up.

Community Coffee Morning takes place at the Village Hall from 10.30 - 12noon this Saturday.

Open Garden at Woodbury Hall follows a shortened morning service this Sunday, 12.30-6pm, all welcome! [Click here for the 'invitation'](#).

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

NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY

Simple Lunch took place this last Tuesday in significant heat with a relatively low turnout (possibly a link there!) However, those who attended enjoyed the food on offer, designed for a hot day. Special thanks as ever to helpers Ann, Jane and for a first time Svetlana.

The Rectory Garden Party is planned for 19th July. Garden preparations have been seriously hampered by the hot weather, any help welcome! The event is an offering of hospitality; all are welcome to be there and enjoy food and entertainment. Donations will be welcome but that's not the main point of the event.

RIP: We were sad to learn of the death this last week of John Mossman who was one of our regulars at Simple Lunch and Memory Lane. Our love and sympathy are with Betty and family. A church funeral at St Mary's is being planned - more information when available.

NEWS FROM HATLEY ST GEORGE

A reminder that for the Quinquennial inspection, scheduled for the morning of 28th August, a drone would be very useful (ideally with a pilot to come and operate it) to help the architect view inaccessible high areas. No offers yet but please contact Hilary (who remains hopeful!).

Reminder - Scything dates for the churchyards - all evening sessions

St Denis East Hatley
St Mary's Gamlingay
St Mary's Everton

Tuesday 22nd July
Wednesday 20th August
Wednesday 27th August.

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 July and August

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

Sunday 3rd August Trinity 7

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

NB: No Midweek Eucharist

Sunday 10th August Trinity 8

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

Sunday 17th August Trinity 9

9.30am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Gamlingay with Healing time
4pm Evensong at St. Mary's, Everton

Sunday 24th August Trinity 10/St Bartholomew

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

Sunday 31st August Trinity 11

10am Benefice Eucharist at Gamlingay

*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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