

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



Weekly newsletter 11 July 2025



From Hilary:

Although it's been a bit less hot this last week more heat is promised and, in truth, it's not been exactly cool though maybe more pleasantly summery some of the time, and with some much-needed rain. Blessings for those who love the heat, and also for those of us who are finding it rather hard going. In my case all those good intentions for things to be done have a tendency to melt into inactivity. The mantra 'do what you can and don't be stopped from doing what you can by what you can't' needs taking to heart! Sunday services continue this week and the rest of the month in 'ordered time'.

Lisa Mistrano is offering **day-time piano lessons for home-schooled children** – [click here for more information](#) Do please pass on this information to anyone who might find it interesting.

NEWS FROM EVERTON

The Open Garden event at Woodbury Hall this past Sunday followed a spectacular thunderstorm during morning service, requiring some rearrangements to provide refreshments in the rather on-and-off wet afternoon. Nevertheless, a good time was had by all. Well done to all the helpers, and special thanks to Richard and Camilla for inviting us into their garden and providing a lovely experience for children as well as a beautiful place to explore for the adults - a great venue to provide hospitality. Refreshments and a raffle raised funds which, alongside donations received, made the event a success financially as well as being a happy occasion.

Church Fabric Project: A project group was agreed from the meeting the other Friday and its remit will be formally established by the PCC later this month. An inaugural meeting of the new group will follow with as many potential members as can be gathered.

Community Soup and Social took place this last week with the usual happy buzz and delicious soups. The next one, next week, will be the last before a summer break through August until the restart in September.

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

NEWS FROM HATLEY ST GEORGE

A further 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. Still no offers yet but contact Hilary (who still remains hopeful).

NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY

Simple Lunch takes place this coming week on Tuesday as usual, 12.30-2pm

The Churchyard Scything session takes place on Tuesday evening (15th July) all being well.

Rectory Garden Party on 19th July will be offering hospitality, including for younger people, with some games and possibly a paddling pool if the weather warrants it, as well as music, food and drink. All are welcome to enjoy food and entertainment. Donations will be welcome but that's not the main point of the event.

A sign-up list is available in church if anyone would like to contribute, see Jane Orchiston who is coordinating input from the Fund-Raising Group.

Rest in Peace John Mossman, one of our regulars at Simple Lunch and Memory Lane. Our love and sympathy with Betty and family.

John's funeral will take place at St Mary's, Gamlingay on **Thursday 24th July at 2.00pm** followed by burial at St Mary's fields Cemetery.

Fundraising Update:

From Jane Orchiston

Help would be very much appreciated on the morning of Saturday 19th July, from 9am, to prepare for the Rectory Garden Party - 12noon - 4pm.

There will be gazebos to put up, tables and chairs to be arranged and provisions to be laid out.

There is a sign-up list at the back of church for those who feel able to contribute food items.

The Community Choir will sing at 12.30.

Do come and join the party and tell your friends and acquaintances that all are welcome!

**Reminder - Scything dates for the churchyards - all evening sessions
6.00-7.30pm**

NB there are now two dates for each venue

St Denis East Hatley	Tuesday 22nd July and 12th August
St Mary's Gamlingay	Tuesday 15th July and Wednesday 20th August
St Mary's Everton	Tuesday 29th July and 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 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, 12 noon – 4pm

Sunday 20th July: Trinity 5

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

Thursday 24th July

2pm	Funeral of John Mossman at Gamlingay
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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
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*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
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