

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



Weekly newsletter 1 August 2025



From Hilary:

Last Sunday I was not as much recovered as I thought from the viral infection to which I had succumbed the previous week and was rather taken aback to be unfit to go on to Everton after the Gamlingay service. Many thanks to everyone who rallied round to sort that out. Hopefully I will be fully fit by this coming Sunday.

This week the holiday month really begins. The Gamlingay service will, therefore, follow the same format as other Ordinary time Sundays.

The September Gazette material has been sent to the editors, and plans are being formulated for the Harvest celebration activities which will take place at the beginning of October. More details will follow in due course.

Scything dates booked as below are now subject to change, as the sessions held so far have achieved far more than expected. It is likely that the next date for Hatley will actually be in Everton.

St Denis East Hatley	12th August (may be at Everton)
St Mary's Gamlingay	Wednesday 20th August (may not now be needed)
St Mary's Everton	Wednesday 27th August

NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY

Simple Lunch did not take place this week, and there will not be one next week either. The next lunch will be on the 19th of August and the one after that on 9th September. From October onwards we will be back to the first and third Tuesdays of each month.

Memory Lane took place last week (five Tuesdays in July resulted in confusion and failure to advertise it here, apologies!). Games and a slightly abortive butterfly count (there weren't many at all around on the day) were enjoyed by those present. Next time (26th August - the bank holiday week) will include progressing Memory Books and enjoying music from the Community Choir.

Visitation: Nicki's Visitation report praised the work done by Ann and Jane and offered one or two suggestions which are being acted on. There was encouragement for succession planning - anyone looking for training should contact Ann or Hilary.

A final mention here for John Mossman RIP with huge thanks to everyone who made John's funeral such a good send-off. Betty is most grateful to flower arrangers, bell ringers and singers.

Organised Butterfly Count following the Gamlingay morning service on 30th July:

People from the church congregation and wider community, led by Emma Leaf-Grimshaw, watched in the churchyard and on into the cemetery and meadows. The sun's disappearance made quite a difference to what could be seen in any one area at any given time, but numerous species were identified. Everyone remarked on the frequency of Jersey Tiger moths (which are in the butterfly count this year). This is another species spreading rapidly northwards over the last few years due to climate warming.



NEWS FROM EVERTON

The PCC met this last week and formally set up the **Church Buildings Project Group**, drafting terms of reference. The project group will meet later this month if that can be arranged with potential members. One of its first tasks (after establishing roles) will be to appoint an architect as the church inspecting architect is already over-busy.

Bedfordshire Wildlife Trust's Daniel Bolt visited this last Monday (28th July) - offering very timely advice about cutting, in terms of both location and what needs to be done. In particular, because plants have seeded there is no need to leave the 'risings' for a short time. The team doing the cutting also did the removing - special thanks to them.

There is considerable interest in the area around the new cemetery where a variety of interesting plants are establishing themselves. The area will need cutting and risings removed this season to encourage its development.

The first Churchyard Scything Session took place this last Tuesday, conveniently following Daniel Bolt's visit. One of the scythers spotted this unusual Wasp Spider (*picture*) - harmless to people but very threatening in appearance. Apparently, this is a relatively new species in this country spreading northwards as the weather warms up.



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.

August

Sunday 3rd August Trinity 7

9.30am 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

September

Sunday 7th September - Trinity 12

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

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

Sunday 14th September - Trinity 13 / Education Sunday

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

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

Sunday 21st September - Trinity 14 / St Matthew Apostle, Evangelist

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

4pm Evensong at St. Mary's, Everton

Sunday 28th September - Trinity 15

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

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

Advance Notice

Sunday 5th October Trinity 16 - Harvest Festival Sunday

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

11.30am Harvest Festival Service Hatley St George

4pm Harvest Festival Service Everton

NB: There will probably be schools in church in both Gamlingay and Everton during the previous week, details TBC when schools are back.

Harvest gifts will be collected - both fresh produce and preserved food, to be distributed to those in need.

There may be a Harvest Sale in Gamlingay, and Harvest Supper(s)/Meal(s) in all three communities.

Everton's looks like being a Harvest Supper on Saturday 4th October at the Village Hall, time tbc

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