

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



Weekly newsletter 8 August 2025



From Hilary:

This comes at the end of a week when Norman and I have been away. Nevertheless, there are some items to note.

The Historic Churches Trusts Day, for both Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire, takes place on 13th September. No plans yet for Everton which is covered by Bedfordshire, but see below for Gamlingay, with Hatley TBC. These trusts make small grants to historic church projects in their area; their income arises from donations, particularly from events like these. Supporting this annual fundraising is, in effect, an investment towards future projects needing funds. Might you consider taking part in a sponsored 'church crawl'? *See below for details.*

NEWS FROM EVERTON

PCC work is ongoing to set up the **Church Buildings Project Group**. No date has yet been agreed for the planned meeting which is to take place later this month if possible. As previously mentioned, first tasks will be to establish roles and start the process of appointing an architect for the project as the church inspecting architect is not available.

The Clock has been serviced and is now working. The service report has been received, and a team of helpers will be organised to support its upkeep. There is no longer a need for anyone to wind the clock regularly as there is an automatic wind system in place.

Churchyard: There is still raking up to complete from the last cut. It is hoped there will be another scything session next week on Tuesday 12th, 6pm - 8pm

Scything dates booked as below are now subject to change, as the sessions held so far have achieved far more than expected.

St Mary's Everton
St Mary's Gamlingay
St Mary's Everton

12th August 6 – 8pm.
Wednesday 20th August (may not now be needed)
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 will be on 19th August and the one after on 9th September. We will then be back to first and third Tuesdays from October onwards.

Next Memory Lane is 26th August (Bank Holiday week) and will include progressing Memory Books and enjoying music from the Community Choir.

Churchyard: Huge thanks to Nicola and Peter for their work in raking up this last week. There still remains a bit to do, hopefully to be achieved in the next week or so. It is so important to manage grassland well for wildflowers - leaving cuttings feeds the grass rather than the flowers which we want to encourage in supporting biodiversity.

Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust: St Mary's in Gamlingay will be participating in this year's 'Ride and Stride' event and could be a nominated church. Participating churches will be open to visit on Saturday 13th September across Cambridgeshire as a fundraiser for Cambridge Historic Churches Trust. Sponsored participants can nominate a church to which half of their sponsored funds can be donated. Participants can be sponsored in many ways, e.g. number of churches visited, distance travelled by walking, cycling, motoring, number of windows seen, wildlife recorded in the churchyard etc. More details can be found at <https://camhct.uk/ride-and-stride/>.

Art Friends Cambridgeshire are due to visit Gamlingay Church on August 12th. Somewhere around two dozen people will be in the church between 2.00pm and 3.00pm, though some might come earlier and picnic. We are most grateful for the offer of a donation to church funds by this group. Contact Ann or Hilary if you would like to help with greeting them.

RIP Barbara Anne Dickerson whose funeral is being planned for Monday 18th August at St Mary's at 10.30am. More details to follow.

The PCC Meets on Monday 11th August 7.15pm at the Rectory.



Harvest of Musical Talents

Sunday 5th October, 12 noon - 4pm.

If you, or anyone you know, would like to participate then please speak to Jane or email: stmarysgamevents@outlook.com. We already have 2 participants. This time the event will be musical slots, interspersed with intervals to avail yourselves of the refreshments on offer.

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 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 a 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

*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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