

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



Weekly newsletter 15 August 2025



From Hilary:

This newsletter is intended to cover the next two weeks, to give Brenda some needed space on key days next week. If there is anything urgent it will be circulated through the usual channels but without the layout.

As the 'holiday month' of August progresses, some things are rather in abeyance but much of the work of the church continues, with plans towards Christmas (sorry to mention!) already under consideration. However, there are still two more Sundays in August to count as holiday. The one on the 31st will be a Benefice service at Gamlingay at 10am, at which Chris Miller is planned to preach.

Our reflections on faith and citizenship of the kingdom continue over the next weeks. Our faith, if it is worth anything, is important in good times and in bad. How do we stay connected? Healing time at Gamlingay this week will be asking for just that.

The Historic Churches Trusts reminder:

A day of events, for both Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire, takes place on 13th September. There are still no plans yet for Everton (Bedfordshire), but Gamlingay will be taking part in the Cambridgeshire event, with Hatley TBC.

These trusts make small grants to historic church projects in their area. Their income comes from donations, particularly from events like these. Supporting this annual fundraising is, in effect, an investment towards future project-needing funds.

Might you consider taking part in a sponsored 'church crawl'? <https://camhct.uk/ride-and-stride/>.

Scything dates booked are now subject to change, the two remaining booked sessions will probably actually be in Everton although originally the earlier one was planned for Gamlingay.

**St Mary's Everton
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**Wednesday 20th August 6 – 8pm
Wednesday 27th August TBC**

NEWS FROM EVERTON

The Church Buildings Project Group has nothing further to report at this stage, but a date for the first meeting may be available before the next newsletter in a fortnight's time.

The Churchyard was mown and raked by four local and three visiting volunteers on the 12th (to whom we are hugely grateful) on a very warm evening. As there is plenty left to do, the session intended for Gamlingay on 20th August- 6pm-8pm - is being diverted to Everton.

A Harvest Supper is planned for Saturday 5th October.

The Church Organ has become something of a liability with a persistent (and literally painful to some) cither. Consensus amongst regulars seems to be that, while we seek a long-term solution, using the organ as it is to accompany the hymns is better than unaccompanied singing or no singing. However, a replacement solution is being discussed, and further details will follow as they are explored. This newsletter will carry information when available. One option is to use a portable, electronic keyboard where that is possible.

NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY

The PCC met this past Monday and discussed a variety of items including the following:

- There is huge gratitude for the work of the fundraising group. However, recent events, probably largely due to weather interventions, have raised less money than hoped for, meaning we are several hundred pounds behind where we were last year with fundraising and with a significantly higher target to reach this year. This will be addressed on several levels in the Autumn, with Deanery discussions and our Harvest of Talents. However, any offers of help and support will be very gratefully received.
- Services through to Christmas are in preparation.
- The churchyard subgroup needs to meet.
- Work has been done, and more is planned concerning the sheds in the Church Hall grounds. A grant from last year's Village Show is being used (only recently released.)
- The church will be offering refreshments at the Village Show again this year



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.

Simple Lunch: There will be a Lunch on Tuesday 19th August (this coming week) but no more in August. The next after that will be on 9th September, which will be the only one that month. Thereafter we will be back to the first and third Tuesdays of each month until December

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

Churchyard: Please contact Hilary or Ann if you have been part of the churchyard project group from which we so greatly miss Alec. We would like to gather those willing to continue, for a meeting to make plans for the area under the trees which needs proper management for wildlife. We have volunteers from beyond the church congregation keen to help.

Art Friends Cambridgeshire visited Gamlingay Church on August 12th and have made a generous donation to church funds for which we are very grateful. Seventeen participants very much enjoyed their visit. Long-standing church members may be interested to know that the group included Ted Longford's son and his wife who remember the church with affection.

Barbara Anne Dickerson's Funeral takes place on Monday 18th August at St Mary's at 10.30am, to be followed by a private cremation at Cambridge Crematorium and refreshments at the Church Hall.

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 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

Schools will be involved in the Harvest Festival in both Gamlingay and Everton churches - details available when schools are back.

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

There may be a harvest sale in Gamlingay and possibly Harvest Supper(s)/Meal(s) in all three communities. Everton's has been agreed as 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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Please let Brenda Elcome have any articles or pictures for the newsletter by Wednesday afternoon to Brenda.elcome@ymail.com

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