

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



Weekly newsletter 29 August 2025



From Hilary:

As August comes to an end there is a 5th Sunday with its, now customary, 10am combined Benefice Service - this time at Gamlingay. Please help anyone you know who might intend to be present, to have both the time and location correct.

Intercessions

The service information that is circulated by email each week includes an intercessions sheet which has a list of named people for whom our prayers have been requested. Anyone can add a name to that list by contacting Chris Miller, **but it is essential to ensure that the person prayed for is happy to be included.**

Please note that whoever adds a name is responsible for making sure that updates are provided. No information received will mean that a name is automatically dropped after a month.

Names for remembering the departed can also be added for immediate inclusion or for 'years mind' at anniversary times, but names should only be for people directly related or whose services have taken place in connection with the relevant church (Everton or Gamlingay). 'Year's Mind' is for the relevant anniversary week only.

The Historic Churches Trusts reminder 13th September. See previous newsletters. Might you consider taking part in a sponsored 'church crawl'?

<https://camhct.uk/ride-and-stride/>.

NEWS FROM EVERTON

Soup and Social lunches restart on September 2nd - this coming Tuesday and continue on alternate Tuesdays for the rest of the year.

The Church Buildings Project Group has nothing further to report at this stage.

Churchyard: More mowing and raking took place at Everton on Wednesday 20th, and will hopefully have happened again on Wednesday 27th, though the weather doesn't look entirely promising. The churchyard extension will have been a target this time. Help with thorough raking would be much appreciated to preserve the quality of the wildflowers.

Harvest Supper is planned for Saturday 4th October. (*Apologies for the error in the last newsletter.*)

Church Organ: Discussions continue, with the PCC due to meet shortly and consult more widely with some priced options to consider. An offer has been received for a chamber organ. Nothing will be decided without full discussion, with expert opinion being given due weight alongside the views of local people.

NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY

Simple Lunch will be on offer on 9th September, the only one that month. Thereafter we will be back to the first and third Tuesdays from October until the first one in December

Memory Lane this last week welcomed the community choir - very much enjoyed and planning to be welcomed again at Christmas. Ironically, Memory Books will have to be revisited due to forgotten materials this last time!

Churchyard: A meeting is being planned for the Project Group in the second week of September, please contact Ann or Hilary to register interest (this group is a task group of the PCC, i.e. PCC linked but with other members as appropriate - not necessarily church attenders).

Scything the Meadows, part of Millbridge Brook Meadow, will be tried for the first time this year with the Cambridge group helping alongside local volunteers. The session is planned for this Sunday (31st) in the afternoon and welcomes potential scythe learners. A request is out for volunteers to rake up.

Parking for Church and Church Hall: Please be considerate of neighbours and other road users. The small road down to the cemetery off Church Street, and also Church Street itself opposite the church, have driveways in constant use which should be kept clear at all times. Likewise, the dropped kerb near the church paths should not be blocked by parking across it. In addition, the bend on Church Street is rendered very dangerous by parking on either side, and especially if both sides are compromised. The cemetery car park is always accessible, free for use for church and church hall events and is a good option for those capable of a short walk. It is managed by the Parish Council (not the church) and the gate is always unlocked and can be opened even when it is closed.

Climate Action Group meets on Wednesday at the Ecohub (Hilary cannot attend this time) and a possible second session for scything the meadow is scheduled for Thursday

CHURCH ROTA

Ros will shortly be compiling the next rota of Sunday duties. Please consider if you could help by taking a turn at any of the following tasks and, if so, please let her know soon.

- **Sidesperson** – Usually as one of a pair, getting hymn books and service books ready, putting up the hymn numbers, greeting people as they arrive, taking the collection plate to the altar at the appropriate time (if able and willing) and clearing up afterwards.
- **Reading** one of the lessons during the service.
- **Coffee:** Providing milk, filling and boiling the urn before the service, getting everything set up, serving drinks after the service and clearing away.
- **Cleaning:** Working alongside someone else, dusting, sweeping and vacuuming – as much as can be achieved in an hour or two.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS

St Mary's Tea Room will be in operation at the **Village Show** on 20th September. Visit us or offer to help

An Art Exhibition for Harvest weekend is planned for 4th and 5th October to complement our Harvest of Talents. More details to follow.

Harvest of Musical Talents:

Anyone interested in taking part, should please email: stmarysgamevents@outlook.com

All musical talents welcome. There will be breaks in the programme for refreshments. All types of music welcome. Show us your talent and help us keep St Mary's open for visitors, private prayer and succour.

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 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

4.00pm Harvest Festival Service Everton

Schools will be involved in Harvest at churches in Gamlingay and Everton, 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 to be on Saturday 4th October at the Village Hall, time tbc

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