

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



Weekly newsletter 5 September 2025



From Hilary:

Schools return as September begins. The first Sunday services this week will take their usual form after a very enjoyable Benefice Service last week - so good to feel the Benefice coming together to enjoy shared worship. Norman and I have been on leave for the inside part of this last week but are back for the weekend.

Deanery Synod met this week and said 'farewell' to Nicki Bland who retires this month from her parish duties and therefore also as Area/Rural Dean for our very small Deanery. There is no news at the moment on her replacement.

Deanery finance continues to be on the agenda but with no definite plans, although the Synod was given to understand that Deanery funds could be used to help parishes (particularly ours!) that will be struggling to meet their share following an abrupt redistribution this year. Someone is needed to take over as Deanery Treasurer to enable the management of parish finances and to be in a position to make decisions of this sort.

The Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride is next weekend (13th September). Thank you to Ann for making arrangements at Gamlingay and, with Penny, at Hatley. Do pop in to the churches if you have time on Saturday, there may be visitors to greet. As far as I am aware there is no one taking this opportunity to raise money for our churches - do let me know if I've missed something. *See previous newsletters and <https://camhct.uk/ride-and-stride/> for more details.*

The following lovely poem was given to Norman by a member of the congregation following his recent prayers celebrating the beauty of creation:

Trees

*I think that I shall never see
A poem lovely as a tree.
A tree whose hungry mouth is prest
Against the earth's sweet flowing breast;
A tree that looks at God all day,
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;
A tree that may in summer wear
A nest of robins in her hair;
Upon whose bosom snow has lain;
Who intimately lives with rain.
Poems are made by fools like me,
But only God can make a tree.
Joyce Kilmer*



NEWS FROM EVERTON

Soup and Social lunches restarted this week and will be fortnightly now until Christmastide.

Harvest Supper is planned for Saturday 4th October, but the Christmas fundraiser that was in planning for Advent Sunday is now on hold, due to a likely clash with another village event that weekend.

Church Organ: Contacts are being pursued to provide details of options and cost.

NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY

Simple Lunch is on offer this next week, 9th September, the only one this month. October and November Lunches return to 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, the last one before Christmas being on the first Tuesday in December.

Churchyard: A meeting has not yet been fixed, but next week will be a possibility despite the business of term beginning.

Scything the Meadows session last Sunday was a great success. Another is planned for this Thursday, news and pictures to follow as the season comes to a close.

Climate Action Group Meeting: News to follow next time - a presence is being planned for the Village Show later this month.

CAKES PLEASE!



Yes, it's that time again! The **Village Show** is on Saturday 20th September and, once again, St. Mary's Tea Room will be in operation. We have built up quite a reputation after so many years, all thanks to our wonderful army of bakers who always rise magnificently to the occasion. (*No pun intended!*) We certainly can't do it without you and all contributions will be very gratefully received on the Saturday morning or by prior arrangement if that is not possible.

Also coming up at the beginning of October is **Harvest** weekend when refreshments, both savoury and sweet, will be needed for the **Art Exhibition** and **Musical Talents** events – watch this space!

CHURCH ROTA

Don't forget to let Ros know if you would be willing to go on the new Rota for any of the following Sunday duties: Sidesperson/Reading/Coffee/Cleaning.

For details of what each duty involves, see last week's newsletter.

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.

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 with Baptism.
11.30am Harvest Festival Service Hatley St George
4.00pm Harvest Festival Service Everton

Gamlingay school will be in Gamlingay Church for their Harvest celebration on Thursday 2nd October.

No details as yet for Everton, but harvest gifts are usually brought to church in that week.

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

*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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This newsletter is circulated by email each week to all on the Church Electoral Roll plus anyone else who gives their email details and requests it. It contains any news we have been given to share in our villages (Everton, Gamlingay and the Hatleys) plus news of what's going on in all three churches in the two parishes of the Benefice. Gamlingay with the Hatleys is one parish while Everton and Tetworth is the second linked parish in the current Benefice - both looked after by one parish priest.