

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



Weekly newsletter 12 September 2025



From Hilary:

Special thanks to Les Oglesby who is conducting the services this coming Sunday while Norman and I are away at a conference at Scargill House.

The Scargill Movement <https://scargillmovement.org/> has been an important part of the lives of many Christians over the years. It was somewhat miraculously established as a northern version of what is now the Lee Abbey Movement <https://leeabbey.org.uk/> - a 'Lee Abbey of the North'

Hilary and Norman discovered Scargill House when Norman first returned to the Sheffield Diocese after living and being ordained in Ely some 40 years ago. Norman took up the post of Priest in Charge of Barnby Dun and Chaplain to the Doncaster Economy, moving to the Doncaster area with Hilary and one year old David. Through the Clergy Wives Fellowship Hilary was introduced to what was then Scargill House, and the whole family became connected and visited regularly over the years. As committed friends of the Christian community there, the family was part of a dramatic resurrection of this residential Christian community after its closure just before its 50th anniversary of establishment. The house was offered for sale and bought back by a consortium of Scargill and Lee Abbey people, to be reopened with new Trustees who oversaw the formation of The Scargill Movement, a resurrection of sorts. Since then, Hilary has been a trustee until retiring from that role and being asked to form part of the oversight group of Vice Presidents. This weekend the Movement meets for its annual gathering, and for the first time since Covid closures Hilary is able to attend.

Footnote - Scargill House is named for the geological feature near which it is located - a gill (stream fed from a spring) in a steep valley (scar) in the eastern slope of Wharfedale and has nothing to do with Arthur Scargill of the miner's union of the past.

Deanery: Now that Nicki Bland has retired (last day in her parishes this Friday) the process of establishing a successor for her as Area Dean begins. There are advertisements out for the two vacancies resulting from Annette Reed's retirement and the vacancy in Buckden, after a reorganisation of the two benefices. The post of Deanery Treasurer is being considered by an individual who we all hope will take it on, to enable the Deanery to continue to manage its own parishes finances and make financial decisions which will otherwise revert to the Diocese. Support for our Benefice, after a significant rise in Share due to redistributions, will be under discussion as soon as there is a Treasurer in post.

The Historic Churches Trusts 'Ride and Stride' event really is this weekend. Apologies that last week's message read as though it was last weekend, and thanks to Brenda and the circulating team for clarifying. We do not expect large crowds, but if the weather is good there may be people visiting our churches supporting the work of the Trusts in Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire.

NEWS FROM EVERTON

Soup and Social community-led lunch is this coming week; Hilary will be in attendance.

Harvest Supper and Advent/Christmas Coffee morning fundraisers are both now under discussion as these have apparently been cancelled by the people originally offering to manage them.

Church Organ - contacts continue to be pursued for details of options and cost.

The Church Clock has stopped, and the Cumbrian Clock Company is being contacted. Thanks to Mike for taking an interest and joining the care team.

Interment of Ashes of the wife of a previous priest in the parish is being discussed, possibly for Harvest Sunday. More details when finalised.

NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY

Simple Lunch this last Tuesday took place with 12 participants and was much enjoyed. Donations of £40 were received. Some of those present were interested in a lunch before Memory Lane at the Ecohub in a fortnight's time. Numbers will be needed for this, so do be in touch with any interest and to offer help with working out details.

October and November lunches will be on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, with the last one before Christmas on the first Tuesday in December.

A Churchyard meeting has not yet taken place but is still needed.

Village Show – Saturday 20th September ***St. Mary's Tea Room***



Once again, we are asking our wonderful army of bakers to rise to the occasion and provide our customary array of home-made cakes and biscuits. All contributions will be very gratefully received on the Saturday morning after 11am at the school or by prior arrangement if that is not possible.

Don't forget to pay us a visit!

Harvest Weekend – 4th/5th October

[Click here for the poster](#)

Coming up at the beginning of October is the Harvest weekend when refreshments, both savoury and sweet, will be needed for the Musical Talents event on the Sunday.



On this occasion there will be no charge for refreshments, but donations will be requested to support the work of the church.

A fuller programme for the event will be issued when finalised but so far, we have Angela Crispe, Steff Laugharne on organ and Gamlingay Community Choir leading a sing-along. Times will be advised when finalised, but Angela will be on at 11.30am.

DATES FOR DIARIES:

Quiz night: 7th November

Christmas Fair: 6th December

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.

September

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

October

Sunday 5th October - Trinity 16 Harvest Festival Celebrations including Dedication Festival

9.30am All Age Parish Eucharist Harvest Celebration at St. Mary's, Gamlingay + Baptism

11.30am Harvest Festival Service, Hatley St George

4pm Harvest Festival Service Everton

Sunday 12th October - Trinity 17

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

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

Sunday 19th October - Trinity 18

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

4pm Evensong at St. Mary's, Everton

Sunday 26th October - Trinity 15 Bible Sunday

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

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

Advance Notice

Sunday 2nd November - Celebrating All Saints + Commemoration time

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

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

*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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