

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



Weekly newsletter 26 September 2025



From Hilary:

This weekend sees the start of the run-up to next weekend's harvest celebrations and thanksgivings. Any contributions to decorating churches are invited, not just produce but anything that represents those things that feed humanity, body, mind and spirit. Exhibits of any sort will be welcomed - do contact the relevant people for each church with any offerings.

Both Parish churches will be supporting local charities with donations of produce given at harvest.

Advent Sunday is 30th November this year

The PCCs have agreed to hold a shared service with Advent carols and the Benefice choir at Gamlingay this year.

Real Advent Calendar publicity material is out already and I will order again this year, but please sign up as, in order to avoid waste, I will be ordering only if enough have been requested. An order of a case of 18 will come in at £4.95 each (up to £2 less than individual orders depending on where bought).

A sign-up sheet is available in both Everton and Gamlingay churches. An order will be sent in at the end of October.

NEWS FROM EVERTON

Soup and Social community-led lunch is this next week.

The PCC met last Monday and received reports of progression with a number of significant issues:

Organ: Bishops Organ Builders have promised to visit and attend to the organ as soon as they can fit it in but could not manage this last week. There was an apology for the long delay in providing the information they had promised.

Building project: The long-awaited meeting to establish the lead group is being arranged.

Dates were fixed for a number of events including a Christmas Coffee Morning to be held on 29th November. This will precede the event at the pub, where the church is investigating having a stall. (Hilary would staff this)

Church Clock: The Cumbrian Clock Company will visit but have not yet arranged a date.

Everton Gift Day takes place next weekend at harvest, a letter will be distributed this weekend.

NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY

Well done to all those who helped out at the Village Show tearoom. Despite disappointment with lack of signage for the rather out-of-the-way hall location, this was a good event, both for meeting people and for fund-raising. *(See more below)*

The Memory Lane meeting was not well attended this month, but the helpers enjoyed one another's company. Next month's activity will include planting up bulbs for spring - bulbs and potting medium will be supplied but attenders are encouraged to bring planters to put them in.

Next Simple Lunch will be on 7th October.

The PCC met on Monday evening,

Churchyard meeting took place at the Rectory on Wednesday this last week, and a date was agreed to tackle the area which has become overgrown after the beech tree came down. Although the area is designated for wildlife and will not be regularly mown, it needs to be managed for wildlife rather than allowed to degenerate. The mowing plan has also been updated and there are plans for on-the-ground signage and wider publicity of work needed.

NB: WORKING PARTY date and time agreed for Tuesday 29th September.

HARVEST:

Gamlingay Village Primary School will be in church on Thursday to celebrate harvest.

The Harvest of Musical Talents event takes place after church on harvest Sunday. *(See below)*

An Art Exhibition in church as part of harvest celebrations is open on Saturday,

Baptism of Rosie Maria Stone takes place during the Sunday service, as we celebrate harvest, bearing in mind all that feeds the whole of what it is to be human.

From the Gamlingay Fundraising Team:

Village Show

Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped staff St Mary's Tea Room at the Village Show last Saturday. Thanks also to all who donated cakes, and to those who helped set up in the morning and clear down at the end of a very successful afternoon. Final takings are still to be finalised but there was a definite profit of £450.00 with some further payments made by Sum-up for which we are charged a fee.



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.

NB: Anyone who would like to fill a musical slot over lunchtime, would be most welcome!

Please let Jane know at stmarysgamevents@outlook.co.uk.

The final programme will be published on Facebook and in church nearer the date.

***Don't forget to get a team together for the Quiz Night on
7th November!***



NEWS FROM THE HATLEYS

St Denis Churchyard is being mown and needs raking, special thanks to Helen and Nicola who have started that task.

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.

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

Sunday 9th November Remembrance Sunday

10.45am Gamlingay Civic Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial followed by church service at St Mary's
10.55 Everton Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial in the churchyard followed by church service.

*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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