

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



Weekly newsletter 12 June 2026



From Hilary:

Having failed to find someone to take the service this Sunday when I am supposed to be on leave, I will in fact be in church conducting services after all. As the leave dates were planned before my retirement plans had to change, it doesn't feel too bad as I will be permanently 'on leave' from the end of July. It's especially OK as the date last week, which was covered by Rachel (to whom much gratitude), was chosen to fit in with a scything event that went ahead despite threats of rain (which held off, praise be!) and which I very much enjoyed. This last week hasn't really felt much like a week off, with a funeral, service planning, Bioblitz and dealing with the many little things that are part of parish life as well as thinking about what to remove and what to leave, but enjoying our new home has felt a bit like a holiday, so there are many blessings to count. Watch this space for more information. The group responsible for planning services meets on the 22nd and invitations to my last service, with refreshments to follow, are in preparation.

Admission of Church Wardens

This formal service takes place on Sunday, when the Wardens present responses to questions (Articles of Enquiry) collected by the Archdeacons, and are 'sworn in' and prayed for. Anyone who can go and support Ann, Jonathan and Jane will be very welcome. Please contact them directly for details and to sort out lifts and, in any case, please pray for them as they are formally put into the posts with which they have already been busy.

NEWS FROM EVERTON

Soup and Social this last Tuesday - possibly Hilary's last, went well as usual. Hilary won a bottle of wine which went to the cheese-and-wine offered to swift-counters and Bioblitz participants at Gamlingay (see below).

NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY

Simple Lunch will take place this next Tuesday - Hilary's last provision of two soups. Plans are to continue for July with Hilary contributing one soup. We are looking for offers of a fortnightly or monthly soup of about 10 portions, please contact Jane Orchiston or Ann Davis to offer help. If there are no soup makers the lunches may take a different form, but the present hope is to continue in some way.

Memory Lane will take place on the 23rd - this might be in the form of a party.

Churchyard Green Week

Bioblitz session went ahead on Tuesday 9th despite slightly 'iffy' weather. Nine swifts were counted, well down on last year, but those on the Blitz saw much more in the way of flora and fauna, the butterfly bank being a particular joy, all recorded. People at both events came into church for refreshments - the wine was much less popular than the soft drinks, the cheese was enjoyed as well as the chat. Thank you to Jane O for help with making this happen. There were some small donations but more importantly people who would not normally come inside enjoyed the church building.

RIP Neil Pateman whose funeral took place at Cambridge Crematorium on Thursday.

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Coffee Morning

Last Saturday's Coffee Morning raised £448.20.

Many thanks to all who supported this event, not least the providers of our usual wonderful array of cakes.

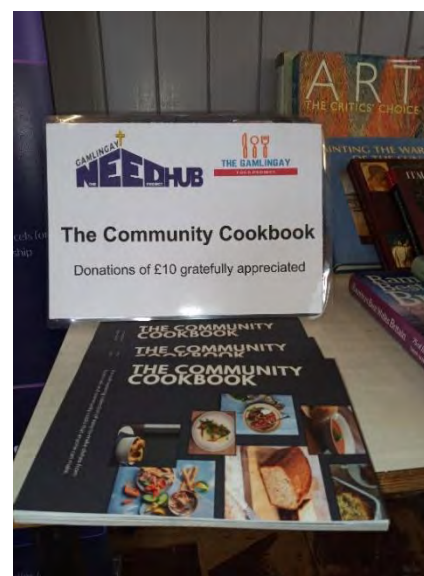
Date for the diary:

Gamlingay Show 'St Mary's Tea Room' – 19th September.

Another opportunity for cake makers to display their skills!



"The Community Cookbook includes a mouthwatering collection of easy-to-make dishes from local chefs & community cooks that anyone can make. Behind every page is a story of meals made to stretch, of tables brought together, and of hope shared in practical ways. Because when we share what we have, something beautiful happens."



The book is available NOW at the Food Hub or speak to Ros with a donation of £10 which goes directly to helping our local community. Thank You."

The Guild of St. Mary - Open Meeting "Six Into One Will Go!"



At our next Guild meeting on Monday 15th June, 7.30pm in Gamlingay Church Hall, we will be welcoming as our speaker for the evening, Fran Saltmarsh with her talk entitled "Six into One Will Go!"

This is a very visual presentation with Tudor dress and accessories to portray a potted history of the 6 wives of Henry VIII. It is a wonderful talk given by a very accomplished speaker, highly praised by all who have seen it.

This will be an open meeting, and we would be happy to welcome anyone who might like to come along. The fee for visitors is £5, which includes refreshments.

There's not much worth watching on TV at the moment (apart from football!) so why not come along for some live entertainment - we'd love to see you.



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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.

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 seasons.

June

1st – 14th June: Diocesan Safeguarding Awareness Campaign 'It's not just policy, it's personal'

Sunday 14th June: Trinity 2

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

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

Sunday 21st June: Trinity 3

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

4pm Evensong at St. Mary's, Everton

Bishop Sarah's Enthronement at Ely

Sunday 28th June: Trinity 4

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

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

The following information has been sent to the Gazette for July and August

The dates this time are only for July, at the end of which Hilary will be retiring and no longer conducting services, apart from the one already booked in August as listed below. Other services are subject to availability of clergy to cover and may vary from the established pattern.

July

Sunday 5th July: Trinity 5

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

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

Sunday 12th July: Trinity 6

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

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

Sunday 19th July: Trinity 7

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

Time TBC Evensong at St. Mary's, Everton (Hilary's last service there)

Sunday 26th July: Trinity 8

10am Farewell Benefice Eucharist at Gamlingay followed by refreshments.

August

There will probably be a Eucharist in one of the Parish Churches each Sunday, with visiting clergy officiating. Richard Howe, Archdeacon, may well be with the Benefice quite often during this time, and it is hoped there will be a service in each church every Sunday, however plans are still being firmed up.

In the diary at time of going to press.....

Sunday 23rd August: Trinity 12

9.30am Parish Eucharist with Baptism of baby Arthur at Gamlingay

Congregation members are invited to share celebratory refreshments in church afterwards

*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.*