

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



Weekly newsletter 1 January 2021



From Hilary:

Christmas Past

THANK YOU again to people who enabled the services over Christmas to happen. Woodview Farm Shop once again donated oranges for the Christingle (see elsewhere for financial feedback). **THANK YOU to Sarah** for co-ordinating the donation; to **Geoff** and family for the generous provision, and to Sandra, Jane O, Amanda, Abi and Jane G for putting together the packs and getting them out.

WELL DONE to everyone involved with recording and editing sound and video (including readers) for the Carol Service. We have been pushed into creativity quite different from the usual, and the technology hasn't always worked perfectly, but thank God there have been the positives to count in this time of many negatives. Andrew, Nick, Chris, singers and instrumentalists - what a blessing you have been and are.

Hilary's Home Advent Wreath



Church Services into January

We are facing Lockdown under a new name (Tier 4) as we go into the New Year. The difference is that it is permitted to attend public worship (at the same time as being told to stay at home, not to socialise indoors and many public venues are closed). This leaves us with a dilemma as it is up to those running the church to decide what is safe and ensure safe practices when many of those involved are vulnerable themselves.

Gamlingay Church remains open daily for private prayer. Please contact me if it would be helpful for Everton Church to be similarly open. We will keep public service provision under review but at the moment the intention is, within the limits of technology, to offer all worship via Zoom and from all the churches in our Benefice on at least some occasions.

We (Wardens and worship leaders) are doing our best and rely very much on people making their own decisions on what they feel is safe for themselves and for their fellow-worshippers. **This Sunday** the service is at 9.30am in Gamlingay Church, open to attendance in person but designed for Zoom, so the sound will be via the computer and through the sound system - all being well!

It would be helpful to know if people intend to be present in person - email best, phone call also accepted. Covid safety rules apply - distancing, hand hygiene and face coverings all required.

For the time being there continues to be said communion service on Wednesdays at Gamlingay at 9.30am. This service is also available live on Zoom.

Church Finances at Gamlingay:

THANK YOU and WELL DONE to all the people who have worked so hard to keep fund-raising going in these difficult times, when our usual events could not take place. This is what we have banked:

Grand Draw	£1,548
Christmas Catalogue	£ 380
Guild Recipe Book	£. 555
Roof Fund Donations	£ 120
Children's Society (Christingle cash)	£ 100
Santa's Village Tour – for Roof fund	£ 122



It is particularly pleasing that we have helped to raise money for other purposes than our own immediate running costs. Repairing and maintaining the church building is a community service, and the Children's Society helps care for some of the most vulnerable in our society.

Our grateful thanks to Cindy who arranged for Santa Claus to tour Gamlingay and collect for us and the Baptist Church. As noted above, a sum of £122 has been donated to our roof fund.



WE STILL NEED YOUR HELP....

As Ian wrote last time, we have ended this year several thousand pounds short of our Share payment. If we can pay the balance by the end of January we earn a discount on next year's payment, so it would be helpful to be able to do this. If you have the means to make a 'bridge the gap' donation, please do - the bank details are at the end of this Newsletter. Gamlingay pays by far the largest part of the Benefice share and is responsible for Hatley St George Church as well as St Mary's in Gamlingay. In these troubled times, when many are struggling to make ends meet, the Diocese still has stipends and housing costs to pay from the Share. A Parish Audit is taking place in January across the Diocese and it would be helpful, for future staffing considerations, to be seen to be paying our way at this time.

Hilary

CHRISTMAS CATALOGUE

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the catalogue and bought items. In particular a big thank you to Jane Orchiston who produced the catalogue and organised the deliveries throughout most of December. Proceeds from the sales are £380 (this figure excludes the Recipe Book sales). This money will contribute to the payment of the Gamlingay and Hatleys Parish Share for 2020.

Alec Hissett

Peter Mann has sent us a "bit of fun for a chilly or wet afternoon"!

Electronic 150 piece jigsaws of Hatley's two churches:

<http://bit.ly/StDenisChurchJigsaw-1>

<http://bit.ly/HatleyStGeorgeChurchJigsaw-1>

They each take around 45 minutes to complete. The attached screenshot shows the area needed for the jigsaw. There's a faint 'blip' sound when a piece has been correctly placed and clicking on the little icon at bottom left of the screen brings up the complete photo on which the jigsaw is based.



Arlo Walker

Many of you will be aware that we have been praying for Arlo Walker almost since he was born some six months ago. We get regular updates from Julie Newman, Arlo's grandmother, and it was at her request that we put Arlo's name on the intercession list in the first place. Another update has just been received to say that Arlo was allowed home from hospital in time for Christmas and is having nursing care to monitor his breathing overnight. He is generally well but still needs to have bowel surgery which should be fairly soon. The family have asked that we continue to pray for him.

A reminder about giving donations to the church especially needed at this time as detailed above by Hilary.

Our preferred method of receiving funds is directly into the PCC bank account. The details are:

Barclays Bank
Sort code: 20-74-81
Account no: 30122807
Account name: Gamlingay with Hatleys PCC

If you feel able, please put '2020 help' in the reference box of the payment. If you are unable to pay online, cash and cheques are still very welcome. Either put through Hilary's door or Ian's (16 Brockwood Close).

THANK YOU.

A reminder of some key contact details:

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