

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



Weekly newsletter 26 February 2021



From Hilary:

How has your first week of Lent gone? My prayers are with you, whether you are pleased to have set off well, indifferent to the whole thing or disappointed with yourself for failing to achieve whatever you set out to do. Whatever the case, that was only week one, there's time yet and Sunday starts a new week so be encouraged. As evenings become lighter (and the weather a lot warmer all of a sudden!) we have signs that we will be allowed back together, as Covid vaccinations proceed and infection rates come down. Wardens will be working with me to manage the return to church and I will be getting vaccinated as soon as I can.

Blessings for a holy Lent

Hilary

Church Annual Meetings

Everton cum Tetworth APCM has been fixed for Sunday 18th April at 11.30am. Formal notice will be posted, as is required, in the next few weeks.

Gamlingay with Hatley APCM as announced, will be at 11am on Sunday 7th March on Zoom. Nomination papers for PCC and Wardens are (or soon will be) available by request in electronic format or as hard copy in church. Copy of the Annual Report is being circulated to all members of the Electoral Roll.

Christian Aid Week 10-16 May > will you help?



Both parishes of the Benefice have supported Christian Aid as part of our main charitable giving overseas. There has for many years been a group of faithful individuals leading an annual door-to-door collection. This year, as last, the 'usual' arrangements are not possible due to Covid. Added to this Dorothy, who has coordinated the planning, is stepping down from taking that lead. **Our huge gratitude to her, and others, for all they have helped us to do.** Please contact Hilary to offer help of any sort and, in particular, if you would be willing to act as the link with the Christian Aid organisation. Dorothy would love to have someone to hand over to! May is not so far away and actions need to begin soon in order to gather publicity and collection material and organise volunteers.

Churches Open - reviewed this week, remain as previous...

Everton - check locally, usually daylight hours on Sunday.

Hatley church can be opened on request.

Gamlingay church is open after morning services on Sunday and Wednesday.

Keeping Lent

Study Sessions continue on Tuesday evenings between 7.30 and 9.00pm and on Wednesday mornings between 10.30 and 12 noon, on Zoom

The sessions are on Listening and Prayer

This week (2) 2nd/3rd March - Prayer and Listening to God in Creation

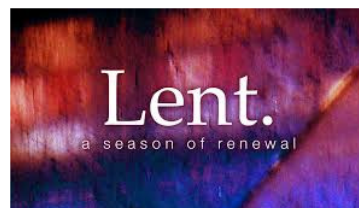
Lent Jars - Caring for this week's theme 'Consumer Choice'

Collections in jars will be shared between the church they are given to and Christian Aid.

There are some spare jars, please ask if you need one delivering.

Sunday 28th February Lent 2

9.30 Zoom Benefice Eucharist



What's on this next week (Sunday 28th February-Saturday 6th March)

Every day

Morning Prayer at 8am

Do join us, Chris, Hilary and Sandra, if you can, on Zoom.

Hilary Young is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Topic: Morning Prayer. Time: This is a recurring meeting open at 8am daily. Meeting ID: 820 5991 7704. Passcode: 621586

Monday 1st March

4pm Benefice Wardens' Meeting. This is a weekly meeting set aside for these Covid times, to enable current developments to be considered. Do be in touch with Jane G and Jane B in Everton, Chris Miller and Alec Hissett in Gamlingay with any concerns which they will bring, at their discretion, for reflection at this time. This last week there was no meeting as PCCs had met on the Sunday and Monday.

Tuesday 2nd March

Funeral - Derek Macrow 11.30 St Mary the Virgin, Gamlingay

Lent Study 7.30pm Meeting ID: 844 7281 8795 Passcode: 023089

Wednesday 3rd March

9.30 Eucharist on Zoom Meeting ID: 857 7959 5724 Passcode: 958554

followed by **Lent Study repeat session** on same Zoom link as the service.

4.30pm Lent/Communion Preparation for children and families

Sunday 7th March Lent 3

9.30 Zoom Communion/Eucharist followed by Gamlingay APCM



Favourite Prayers

A favourite prayer mentioned at this week's Wednesday morning Lent Group was what has become known as the 'Serenity Prayer'.

The first part of this prayer is very well known and loved by many people but maybe, like me, you were unaware that there was

more! There are versions which differ slightly but here is the one which I prefer, simply because of the word 'should' rather than 'can' in the second phrase.

Brenda



*God, give us grace to accept with serenity the things that cannot be changed,
Courage to change the things which should be changed,
And the Wisdom to distinguish the one from the other.*

*Living one day at a time,
Enjoying one moment at a time,
Accepting hardship as a pathway to peace,
Taking, as Jesus did,
This sinful world as it is, not as I would have it,
Trusting that You will make all things right,
If I surrender to Your will,
So that I may be reasonably happy in this life,
And supremely happy with You forever in the next.
Amen*

Below is one of Chris Miller's favourite prayers, used daily and taken from The Book of Common Prayer - the third collect used at Morning Prayer...

*O Lord our heavenly Father,
Almighty and everlasting God,
who has safely brought us to the beginning of this day:
Defend us in the same with thy mighty power;
And grant that this day we fall into no sin,
Neither run into any kind of danger;
But that all our doings may be ordered by thy governance,
To do always that is righteous in thy sight;
through Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen*



NB: If you have a favourite prayer which you would like to share with others, please send it for inclusion in future newsletters.

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‘MAKES AND BAKES’

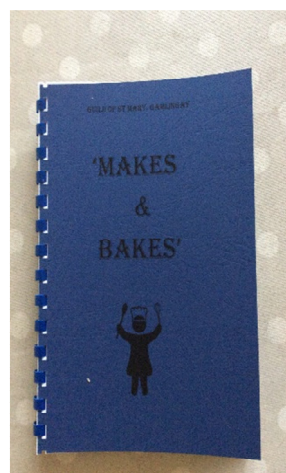
A collection of 60 recipes together with brief anecdotes which explain why they are special to some of the Guild members who have submitted them.

Over 100 copies have already been sold but we still have a few left.

£5 will buy you a beautifully produced, spiral bound and plastic-coated book.

If you would like one please phone 01767 650489

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Few remaining!

All proceeds from sales to St. Mary's Church, Gamlingay.



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