

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



## Weekly newsletter 12 March 2021



### *From Hilary:*

The week leading up to Mothering Sunday (also Refreshment Sunday) this year has been a difficult reminder of how long we have been living under Covid restrictions. As with everything else there is a magnifying effect on the emotions. May God's love be known among us as we deal with our own and one another's tensions, hopes and fears. Thoughts and prayers are with those, known and unknown, for whom this is a difficult time of year, as well as celebrations with those for whom this will be a happy time of recognition of love and care.

### **Marking Mothering Sunday (14<sup>th</sup> March this year)**

As well as the Benefice Zoom service from Gamlingay I will be visiting and recording a video in each church as we offer prayer and worship on this day. The churches will be open all day and a liturgy, useable individually, will be circulated with the Sunday service material, as well as some "clean" copies being available in church.

There are cards available in the churches and through some doors, which can be kept or returned, for prayer and celebration of someone (living or departed) who has been given care and through whom we have known God's love.

The picture was done for us last year by my sister, who at that time was in partial remission from the Melanoma from which she died later in the year.

Donations of greenery and flowers will be welcome in the church porches up to Saturday morning for inclusion in posies. Posies will be available in the churches throughout the day (until they are gone!).

Special thanks to the Co-op in Gamlingay for daffodils, and to the posy makers.

### **Gamlingay with Hatley St. George and East Hatley APCM**

Thank you to everyone involved in Gamlingay's on-line APCM last Sunday, and particularly to those who are taking on, as well as those who have laid down, responsibilities for this coming year in the Gamlingay part of the Benefice. God bless you/us all. A full list of PCC elected members will be published next week.

### **Keeping Lent**

**Study sessions** continue on Tuesday evenings and Wednesday mornings on Listening and Prayer.

**This week (4) 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> March** – Prayer and Listening to God and others.

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March** Lent 4

**9.30am Zoom Benefice Eucharist** (All-Age this week)

**Churches Opening times - reviewed this week, remain as previously with the intention of opening further during Holy Week. No new guidance has yet been issued.**

**Everton** - check locally, usually open during daylight hours on Sunday.

**Hatley** church can be opened on request.

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

## What's on this next week (Monday 15th - Sunday 21st 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

Join Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: 820 5991 7704. Passcode: 621586

### Monday 15th March

**4pm Benefice Wardens' Meeting**

### Tuesday 16th March

**Lent Study 4** 7.30pm Meeting ID: 844 7281 8795 Passcode: 023089

### Wednesday 17th 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 21st March (Lent 5) Passion Sunday

**9.30 Zoom Benefice Eucharist**

## Looking Ahead

**Don't forget - clocks 'Spring Forward' on Sunday 28th March**

### **Holy Week: Palm Sunday March 28th - Easter Day 4th April**

Fuller details to follow, but worship will be a mixture of Zoom broadcast and face to face services with similar timings to past years.

The Liturgy of the Passion on Palm Sunday will be a Zoom Eucharist following 'on location' broadcasting of Liturgy of the Palms.

We are preparing recordings to use - music, words and pictures. Contact Hilary or Chris Miller to offer participation, including singers and instrumentalists, for recorded Taize-style worship on Monday-Wednesday evenings.

The Benefice Maundy Thursday service will be at Gamlingay followed by visits to the other churches.

### **Everton Cum Tetworth APCM 18th April at 11.30am**



## EASTER CATALOGUE

The eagerly awaited Easter Catalogue will be circulated this weekend with full details about ordering, payment and delivery included. All current COVID-19 regulations will be observed.

Please place your orders as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Thank you to Mervyn Lack for turning another photo into an online jigsaw puzzle. Just click on the link and then move the pieces around with your mouse (easiest) or finger. Mervyn said it took him 16 minutes and 23 seconds to complete. Why not see if you can beat him? *I have to say it took me (Brenda) somewhat longer!*

<https://www.jigsawplanet.com/?rc=play&pid=2770e9b54bd2>



*This is Bill and Ben relaxing in the south porch during our 2017 Scarecrow Festival.*

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**EVERY CLOUD** by Gill Spaul  
(Submitted by Jan Cooper with the author's permission)



Every cloud – or so they say –  
A silver lining hides away.  
The darkness caused by Covid's shade  
Has, maybe, more compassion made.  
And someone's nightmare, so it seems,  
Can be another person's dreams.  
Donations, from a loved-one's pain,  
Could help another's life to gain.  
Our skies, devoid of busy planes,  
Less traffic on our roads and lanes,  
Have given us a calmer way.  
Yes - every cloud – or so they say.

We seem to be more 'world aware',  
'Before and after' – go compare!  
Was 'normal' really all that good?  
So – getting back – you think we should?  
An opportunity has come,  
A chance to re-think all we've done.  
Maybe, to walk a different path,  
In post-pandemic's aftermath.  
As clear to me as night and day,  
Every cloud – or so they say.

### **A Favourite Prayer from Hilary**

*Known as The Sarum Prayer .....*

God be in my head and in my understanding  
God be in my eyes and in my looking  
God be in my mouth and in my speaking  
God me in my heart and in my thinking  
God be at my end and at my departing.

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