

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



Weekly newsletter 19 March 2021



From Hilary:

A huge THANK YOU to everyone, in all of the Benefice, who made and/or delivered posies for Mothering Sunday. We have had many people conveying their thanks, some via social media, and expressing delight and surprise at receiving a delivery. So, helpers, please know how much that has been appreciated.

There is still time to return cards (or find one in church and fill it in) naming someone through whom we have known God's care and for whom we would like to give thanks. Those already with me were offered at the Gamlingay midweek communion this week, and will be again on Sunday.

Approaching the last Sunday of Lent before starting Holy Week, our Lent Study comes to an end as we look at prayer and listening to ourselves. This newsletter would be a good place to share anything you feel you have learned during this time. Likewise, do share anything your other Lent discipline has taught you.

One of the outcomes of the study has been the sharing of favourite written prayers. Some have appeared in recent Newsletters and two more are shown below. Valerie is intending to gather more to make into a booklet, rather like the Guild Recipe Book. So here is advance encouragement to start thinking.

Blessings All,

Hilary.

[Sunday 21st March](#) Lent 5 Passion Sunday

9.30 Zoom Benefice Eucharist

What's on this next week (Monday 22nd - Sunday 28th March)

Every day : Morning Prayer at 8am

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

Topic: Morning Prayer. Time: This is a recurring meeting open at 8am daily

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

[Monday 22nd March](#)

7pm New Gamlingay PCC meets for the first time, with roof repair project as main agenda item

[Tuesday 23rd March](#)

Lent Study 5 (last one) 7.30pm Meeting ID: 844 7281 8795 Passcode: 023089

Wednesday 24th March

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

10.30am Lent Study repeat session on same Zoom link as the service.

4.30pm Lent/Communion Preparation for children and families

Sunday 28 March - Palm Sunday. Clocks 'Spring Forward' to British Summer Time

9.30am Liturgy of the Palms - round the Benefice and on Zoom from 9.30am

10.00am Liturgy of the Passion Eucharist on Zoom including dramatised Passion reading

Looking Ahead

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

The following will be repeated in next week's information, but to allow forward planning:

Palm Sunday - see this week's news, **9.30 and 10am** Liturgies of the Palms and Passion

Palms will be blessed at each church and available for collection or delivery to anyone indicating they would like one.

Names to Valerie Miller in Gamlingay please.

Monday -Wednesday - Zoom Taize services at 8.00pm with broadcast or recorded elements from each of the Benefice churches. Recordings are being requested for chants, instrumentalists as well as singers - Chris Miller will circulate the 'master' track - do offer to add to it!

Tuesday March 30th : 1.45pm Funeral for Tommy Hood at Gamlingay

Maundy Thursday

10.30am Cathedral service on Zoom followed by Full Deanery Chapter meeting over lunch

7.30pm Maundy Thursday Eucharist followed by stripping of altars in all the churches, and vigils

details are still being finalized. There could be a Seder-style shared meal, over Zoom, if there is interest - contact Hilary to discuss. This service is primarily to be broadcast on Zoom, but communion can be received in one kind by anyone wishing to attend at Gamlingay in person. Please contact Hilary, Chris or Nick if you plan to be there.

Good Friday all churches open with reflection space and personal liturgy available

12noon - 2pm Way of the Cross music and words (Gamlingay and Zoom), leading to

2 - 3pm Final hour Good Friday service, veneration of the cross, communion from reserve sacrament - on Zoom and in person by arrangement - contact Hilary

Holy Saturday Churches will be being decorated throughout the day by arrangement.

8pm Easter Vigil/new fire and renewal of Baptismal Vows - Gamlingay Church on Zoom

Easter Day Easter Communion in person in all Benefice churches, under Covid rules

8am Hatley St George said service

9.30am Gamlingay All age Eucharist with admission to Holy Communion (also on Zoom)

11.15am Everton Communion (possibly also on Facebook Live)

Looking Further Ahead

Sunday April 11th 11.30am Baptism of Persephone Hay at Everton

Sunday 18th April at 11.30am Everton Cum Tetworth APCM

Churches Opening times will change in Holy Week, but this week remain as follows:

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.



EASTER CATALOGUE

Thank you to everyone who has ordered items from the catalogue. It is not too late if you haven't done so yet. Full details of how to order items in time for Easter are in the catalogue and I would urge you to ask your family and friends to also have a look.

If you haven't seen the catalogue yet you can find it at:

<https://www.achurchnearlyou.com/church/13924/news/48560/gamlingay-parish-easter-catalogue/>

or contact me at Email alechissett@hotmail.com Telephone 01767 650052.

Alec Hissett.

Favourite Prayers

Listening Prayer

(from last week's Lent Group)

Heavenly Father,

I wait upon you.

I pause, still my mind and still my heart.

I wait upon you.

I stop and listen beyond the everyday.

I wait upon you.

I rest and allow my soul to have space.

I wait upon you.

Quiet, at rest, held.

I wait upon you.

And call Abba, Abba Father.

I know you have searched me, and you know me.

I know you are the beginning and the end.

I know you are the Redeemer.

I wait upon you.

Allowing your grace to penetrate my whole being.

And in this place, close, protected and eternal

I find that this grace renews my strength,

Wipes away my tears,

And promises new hope.

I wait upon you.

Amen.

Jesus Tender Shepherd hear me.

This is a prayer taught to me by my Grandmother.

It always brings back special memories.

(Eileen Thorpe)

Jesus, tender Shepherd, hear me;

Bless thy little lamb tonight:

Through the darkness be Thou near me,

Keep me safe till morning light.

All this day Thy hand has led me,

And I thank Thee for Thy care;

Thou hast warmed me, clothed and fed me;

Listen to my evening prayer!

Let my sins be all forgiven;

Bless the friends I love so well:

Take us all at last to heaven,

Happy there with Thee to dwell.



'RenewWellbeing' at the Backroom Cafe GBC



Gerry Brunt is doing the preparation training with GBC. The hope being to start soon, may be on Zoom first with the facilitators, then in person at the Backroom Cafe. Contact Hilary if this is something you might like to be involved with.

And....

It is also hoped that we may be able to make space at Gamlingay church for an extension of this initiative.

We are also exploring wellbeing projects using gardening and hospitality, particularly with dementia sufferers and their carers in mind.



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