

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



## Weekly newsletter 30 April 2021



### *From Hilary:*

Thank you so much to those who have done or said kind things in the last week. That, together with the realisation that I had a bit of a space to take some much-needed R&R this week (ahead as I write, behind as you read) has been such a blessing.

My profound apologies that I didn't give more warning about taking some leave. I am 'back' on Sunday - for which preparations have been made.

I am finding planning ahead particularly difficult at the moment. Thank you to those working with me for your patience and support as we make progress together.

### **Confirmation Service Date and Time :**

Our confirmation service is now booked for 4pm on May 30th with +Dagmar. It will be at St Mary's in Gamlingay and plans are underway. Our prayers continue with Peter, Jason and Wayne who are preparing for that occasion.

### **Congratulations to the editorial team for the ongoing work on this Newsletter!**

And many thanks for helping us to keep in touch and for raising spirits in difficult times.

### **CoronaVirus pluses?** (*pluses/plusses/plus-es.....? Apparently, they are all correct so take your pick! Ed.*)

The invitation to share 'silver linings' from Covid passed me by last week but is very much in my mind as I give thanks for the Newsletter team which is itself a blessing amongst many other things:

- \*The improved capacity to use technology to keep more people in touch – yes, it was a steep learning curve and the process of getting a line installed in Gamlingay Church was painful, but it's something I'm so glad we do have now.
- \*The appreciation of gardens and the countryside, including wildlife that's been more in evidence during this time.
- \* Lockdowns meaning time off is all at home, providing more opportunity to tend my own garden this year.
- \* The money that could have been spent on holidays being available for other 'treats' - I've bought myself a few items of clothes that I am enjoying, which wouldn't otherwise have been the case.

### **Churches Opening times**

**Everton** church Friday-Sunday.

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

**Gamlingay** church daily 9am-5pm

## [This week Sunday May 2nd, Easter 5](#)

**9.30 am** Benefice Eucharist (All Age service) at Gamlingay (also on zoom)

**6.00pm Benefice** Evening service at Everton (also on zoom) - communion after Evening Prayer

**Wednesday 5th**

**9.30 am** Midweek Communion at Gamlingay zoom and in person

## [Next week:](#)

**Sunday May 9th**

**9.30** Benefice Communion from Gamlingay

**6.00pm** Evening service from Everton

**Wednesday 12th**

**9.30 am** Midweek Communion at Gamlingay zoom and in person

## **Fundraising**

### **Recycle4Charity - Recycle Ink Cartridges For Charity**

Jean has found this website which she has used to recycle her old ink cartridges and with a donation of £15 to her chosen charity. I have setup **St. Mary the Virgin, Gamlingay** as our charity name on the website so if you have any used cartridges (now or in the future) please give it a try.

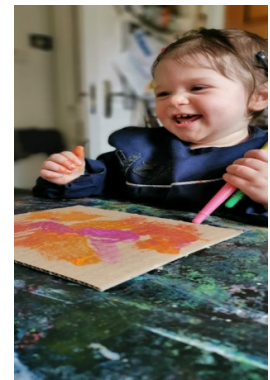
Here is the website address:

<https://www.recycle4charity.co.uk>

Please let me know how you get on.

*Alec Hissett.*

## *SILVER LININGS!*



As many of you know, Vivienne was born on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020.

She has now reached the dizzy heights of being 13 months old. What an absolute joy she has been and certainly helped to get us through the last year which, in the circumstances, has passed very quickly. She is now getting into all sorts of mischief, enjoying nursery, painting and cake making with her childminder.

*Ros and Alec Hissett*

## *We need your prayers!*

We are compiling a list of favourite prayers and spiritual texts to make into a booklet. We need you to send us your favourite prayer, spiritual text or biblical passage with a sentence or two about why it is special to you.

Maybe you remember a parent or grandparent saying a prayer with you before you went to sleep. Maybe you remember a prayer from schooldays. Maybe there is a text which inspired you or helped you through a difficult time in your life.

Once we have them all we will gather them together into a booklet (rather like the Guild of St Mary recipe book) and sell them. All profits will go to church funds.

Please submit your prayer with a note about why it is meaningful to you, to Valerie Miller (contact details at the end of this newsletter). You are not limited to one prayer, the more we have the better the book.



### **A lovely message received from a Gamlingay resident.....**

“Thank you for all your hard work for the past year. I have found it a comfort. Thank you for keeping the Church open.”



### **Open Garden Invitations - still available**

If you would like a visit to a beautiful garden please contact Anne Clarke who is offering hospitality, and possibly plants to purchase, donations in aid of St Mary's Gamlingay. To make arrangements please contact Anne directly on 651932. Hilary is also offering hospitality in the Rectory Garden, again phone to make and arrangement.

A reminder of some key contact details:

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