

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



## Weekly newsletter 26 November 2021



### *From Hilary*

Happy New Year!

The Church New Year which starts on the first Sunday of Advent always feels odd coming, as it does, before Christmas with a time of penitence symbolised by the purple liturgical colours on the altar and vestments. It feels not quite like the secular New Year, characterised by celebrations and reminiscences/resolutions. In Advent we still have the longest nights ahead of us and this doesn't feel like the 'turning of the year' but there is a real sense, as Advent begins and if we do the season well, of preparation and expectation. Do join in in some way, if you can, by holding back Christmas celebrations until the end of Advent and using this time to the full. What will you be 'gestating' this year? What will be brought to birth at Christmas?

### **Covid Safety**

The church leadership has emphasised that it is important not to relax vigilance as Covid 19 cases are high locally, designating us as an 'enhanced response area'. We are asked to wear face coverings in church and refrain from singing without these unless having had a negative lateral flow test result that day. This is more about keeping others safe than it is about ourselves - it is also about setting a good example.

### **Advent Activities and Study**

This year our 'home-grown' study follows an angelic theme as we are combining the four weekly themes of Advent (1 - Hope and the ancestors, 2 - Peace and the prophets, 3 - Joy and John the Baptist, 4 - Love and Mary/the Holy Family) with thinking about Angels - the heavenly beings who act as God's messengers. Do join a group if you can. There are two opportunities to look at the same material both of which can be accessed by Zoom: Tuesday evenings 8pm on Zoom only, led by Chris Miller; Wednesday Mornings 10.30am at the Rectory, face to face and on Zoom, led by Hilary. Those attending in person are invited to take a lateral flow test on the day - as Hilary will have done. In addition, Roderick Starksfield has a beautifully illustrated book produced by family connections. Roderick wondered if it would be suitable for Advent study and, although we are not using it for our weekly sessions, Roderick would be pleased to hear from anyone who would be interested in a study session which I (Hilary) have offered to arrange if there is sufficient interest. Do let Roderick or myself know - we would probably arrange something at a home or the Church Hall at a time to suit those interested.

As our Advent activity this year the young people are being helped to make angels. There is a children's workshop at Everton this Saturday, with a window being decorated in time for Sunday's service. Do be in touch with ideas and to join in. Homes and businesses along Church Street in Gamlingay are being encouraged to light windows and decorate angels - speak to Sandra to join in.



## Stir Up Sunday

The first service after closure of the church at Gamlingay took place at Everton on this last Sunday of the old Church year with congregation from the Benefice (in church and on Zoom) welcoming Bishop Stephen to celebrate and preach. I repeat the 'Well Done' and 'Thank You' to everyone who worked so hard to make various things happen that day to make it the success it was - well done, you know who you are. There is a particular 'Thank You' for the lunch after the service. We await the final financial outcome but thank you SO much to WoodView (meat and cheese) and the Gurneys (potatoes) for donations of food. Also, to the people who made the arrangements and helped with the setting up and taking down at the Village Hall.

Traditionally this Sunday is the day to make Christmas puddings - I know several people who did just that. Chatting about this, someone mentioned making an Ice Cream Christmas pudding in the past, when living abroad. I was inspired to look up a recipe on the internet and, amongst many that involved using left-over Christmas Pudding to mix into ice cream (cheating and not what I was after), I found this one which is made 'from scratch' - and doesn't need weeks to mature.

### **Ingredients**

<b>4oz</b>	Unrefined Light Muscovado Sugar	<b>1¾oz</b>	Flaked almonds (toasted)
<b>1¾oz</b>	Unsalted butter	<b>10oz</b>	Dried mixed fruit
<b>3 tbsp</b>	Brandy	<b>2 tsp</b>	Mixed spice
<b>1 tsp</b>	Almond extract	<b>4</b>	Medium eggs (yolks only)
<b>16fl oz</b>	Double cream		
<b>6fl oz</b>	Water		

For the Decoration : **7oz** Dark chocolate **1** Handful of fresh berries **1 tbsp** Icing Sugar

Line a 1.2 litre pudding basin with cling film

Place the sugar, butter and water in a small pan and bring slowly to the boil, stirring until the sugar has dissolved.

Increase the heat and boil for three minutes, then set aside to cool.:

Place the mixed fruit, mixed spice and almond extract in a bowl, pour over brandy and leave to soak while making the ice cream mixture .

Place the egg yolks in a large bowl, using an electric hand whisk, whisk the egg yolks until light and fluffy. Gradually pour in the sugar syrup, in a thin stream, whisking all the time.

Pour the mixture into the saucepan pan and whisk over a gentle heat until the mixture is as thick as double cream.

Return the mixture to the bowl and beat until cold. The mixture should now be thick and like a mousse.

Whip the cream to soft peaks then whisk in the egg yolk mixture until combined. Fold in the brandy-soaked fruits and the almonds. Pour the mixture into the bowl and freeze overnight.

When ready to serve, tip out the ice cream from the bowl and peel off the cling film.

Melt the chocolate and pour over the top of the pudding, dust with icing sugar and top with fresh berries. If not serving immediately return the pudding to the freezer.

**The Craft Fair at the Hub** coincided with Sunday worship as well as much else, being a weekend affair. That meant that several people who would otherwise have been at worship were busy sharing Good News with people who don't usually come to church. There was a financial benefit too, much needed for Gamlingay Church funds. Thank you and well done to Sparks parents and families.

### **Gamlingay Christmas Fair**

Planning is well underway, a huge thank you to the people beavering away on that - it looks like being a great event. Contributions welcome (see elsewhere in this newsletter).

**The Benefice Christmas Card** will be going out with the Gazette this time, due out this week. The card advertises the Christmas services in all our churches. Many thanks again to Adrian at GBC for arranging printing and negotiating distribution.

### **A reminder of Churches Opening times**

**Everton** church open Friday – Sunday & Bank Holiday Mondays 10am-4pm.

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

**Gamlingay** church closed to the public.

## This Week

### Sunday 28th of November Advent 1

10.00am Eucharist for Advent 1 with Authorisation of Sarah Titmus as ALM Children's Work at Hatley

4.00pm Advent Carols Service with optional communion following at Everton St. Mary

### Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December

9.30am Midweek Communion at the Rectory in Gamlingay and on Zoom

Meeting ID: 857 7959 5724. Passcode: 958554

Advent study begins Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning.

## Following weeks and Christmas

### Sunday 5th December Advent 2

8.30am Said Eucharist at Hatley St George

11.00am All Age Eucharist at Everton Church (shared service.)

### Sunday 12th December Advent 3

9.30am Eucharist at Gamlingay EcoHub - Kingspan room,  
followed by drawing of the Gamlingay Christmas Raffle

4pm Evensong with optional communion following, at Everton Church

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December Advent 4

9.30am Eucharist (location to be confirmed)

4pm Benefice Christmas Carol service at Everton Church

### Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December

6.30pm Christmas Carol Service at Hatley St. George

### Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Eve

4pm Christingle at Everton Church

4.30pm Christingle at Gamlingay Eco Hub with nativity walk from 4pm in Church Street

11.30pm First Communion of Christmas (Midnight Mass) at Everton Church

### Christmas Day

10.00am Family Communion at Hatley

10.00am Carols and Readings at Everton

### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December

10.00am Family Communion for St. Stephen's Day at Everton Church.

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## *Christmas Cards*

Valerie still has packs of Traidcraft Christmas Cards for sale.

Please let her know if you would like to see a selection.

Call her on 650779.





St. Mary's Gamlingay  
**CHRISTMAS FAIR**

**SATURDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 1PM- 5PM AT THE ECO HUB**

**CAN YOU HELP?**



- **RAFFLE PRIZES :**

We have a hamper ready to be filled with goodies. Suitable contributions will be gratefully received at 2 Charnocks Close or 45 Fairfield. Alternatively, call 650489 and we will come and collect.

As in previous years, various local businesses are being asked for donations of prizes but we do need more. These also may be delivered to the above addresses or can be collected from you.

- **REFRESHMENTS :**

Please let Valerie know if you are able to provide cakes (phone 650779). These may be delivered to her at 11 Bunyan Close on the Friday or to the Eco Hub on Saturday morning.

- **TOMBOLA :**

Suitable items for the Tombola should be delivered to Jane at 61 Fairfield. Please leave in the porch or call 0753 5005908 for collection.

- **STALLS :**

Please contact Jane (as above) if you are willing to help by manning a stall.

**THANK YOU!**

Please let Brenda have any articles or pictures  
 by Tuesday evening each week to [Brenda.elcome@ymail.com](mailto:Brenda.elcome@ymail.com)

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