

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



Weekly newsletter 25 February 2022



From Hilary...

Annual Parochial Church Meetings (APCMs)

Everyone on the Electoral Rolls of the two parishes should have received a copy of the Annual Report for their parish. If not, or if you are not on the rolls but would like to see the report, please be in touch - these are public documents. Please ask if you need a paper copy.

Up to the time of writing there have been far fewer nominations for PCC and Church Warden roles than the number required, so in both parishes there is plenty of opportunity to serve on the Church Councils.

Please think and pray about if this could be you, whether you have done it before or not. It may be that you are a current member who was planning to have a break; maybe it is a while since you last served on the PCC; maybe you have never been a PCC member. Whatever the situation, it might be 'for such a time as this' that you are being called. If you are new to the churches that is not a bar, in fact could be a good way to get to know who's who and what is going on!

Everton can have up to 5 and Gamlingay up to 9 elected members of the PCC. These are in addition to the ex-officio members (the Wardens and Deanery Synod reps) giving a maximum of 8 and 13 respectively. This year's numbers were 4 and 9, in both cases not including the Parish Priest who is ex-officio chair of the council.

Each parish should have two church wardens who work with the Parish Priest to ensure the life and ministry of the local church.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Gamlingay PCC have sanctioned the preparation of a Churchyard plan, to make the area around the church more wildlife friendly. The implementation of the plan will be part of the Jubilee celebrations this year. This project will bring together contributors from the wider community alongside church members, to work with the local council who have a stake in the churchyard and are responsible for its upkeep. Jenny Shelton, with her husband Kevin, has been asked to lead the planning group which has members from, and will report to, the PCC. It remains the responsibility of the PCC to apply for permissions. If you feel you might have something to offer, please get in touch, and even consider offering to be part of the planning group.



Final Reminder - Evensong at Clare College Chapel

To book for this event contact Hilary by the end of this coming weekend so she can inform Revd Mark Smith, Dean of Clare College (Clare College is a Patron at Everton) how many guests to allow for. The offer is for church members from the Benefice to attend 6pm Evensong at the college on 6th March where Hilary has been invited to preach. There is an invitation to both the service on that day and a meal afterwards. The meal is optional. For those choosing to eat there is a charge of about £5 per person, payable by contactless card at the till.

Lent 2022

As previously indicated, there will be a course exploring themes of Faith, Hope and Redemption using the film 'The Greatest Showman'. Hilary or Chris would like to know the preferences of those who would like to join in. A 'film night' to watch the film is likely to begin the course. Sign-up sheets will be available on Sunday. Please indicate to Chris or Hilary your availability and preference for style of delivery.

Living Ely 2025

Representatives from across the Deanery will be meeting this Saturday 26th February at Great Staughton. Hilary will be there and would welcome company if someone else feels able - no offers have been received so far.

<https://www.elydiocese.org/about/strategy/living-ely2025/>

This Week

Sunday 27th February Sunday Next before Lent

10.00am CW Communion at Everton St Mary
followed by APCM for Everton Cum Tetworth at the Parish Hall

6.00pm Short Service of the Word at Gamlingay Church Hall
followed by refreshments and APCM for Gamlingay and the Hatleys

Monday 28th

2pm Short church service followed by Ashes Interment Audrey Wright, at Everton

Services in March

Ash Wednesday, 2nd March

9.30am Communion at the Rectory with optional reception of ashes.

7.30 pm Communion at Everton with optional reception of ashes.

First Sunday in Lent, 6th March

8.30am Provisional BCP communion at Hatley St George tbc

10.30am Benefice Communion at Everton

6.00pm Evensong at Clare College Chapel (booking required)

Sunday 13th (Lent 2)

10.30am Benefice Communion at Everton

[I am looking to take Norman away that weekend, so may be looking for cover]

Sunday 20th (Lent 3)

9.30am Holy Communion at Hatley

4pm Evensong Service at Everton

Sunday 27th Mothering Sunday

9.30am 'Mothering' service at Eco Hub

11.15am Benefice Mothering Sunday service at Everton

Provisional Advance notice for April

Sunday April 3rd (Passiontide begins)

10.30am Benefice service at Everton

Sunday April 10th Palm Sunday

Time TBC Liturgy of the Palms with donkey procession in Gamlingay - location of service TBC

Time TBC depending on above - Liturgy of the Passion at Everton - probably 11am

Monday - Wednesday

Taize-style worship - locations TBC

Thursday 14th Maundy Thursday -

7pm Maundy service at Everton

Friday 15th Good Friday -

Liturgy TBC at Everton and Hatley, with (possibly) something in Gamlingay

Saturday 16th Holy Saturday -

Renewal of baptismal vows, new fires, blessing of new candles

Sunday 17th Easter Day

9.30am Baptism Easter Service at Eco Hub

11.15am Benefice Easter Service at Everton

(There may be an 8am said service at Hatley St George - tbc)

Charlie the Donkey

There is a new member of the Young family, acquired on Monday. Charlie may be joining some Church events as a non-human participant - the first opportunity being the Palm Sunday procession. Sam and James Draxler (young James and Oliver have recently been baptised at St Mary's) are kindly and generously looking after Charlie as he settles into a new life away from giving donkey rides on the beach.





Lent begins next Wednesday, 2nd March

A reminder of church opening times and some key contact details:

Everton church open Friday- Sunday, and on Bank Holiday Mondays 10am-4pm.
Hatley church can be opened on request.
Gamlingay church closed to the public until March.

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