

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



Weekly newsletter 29 April 2022



From Hilary...

Sunday evening was a lovely Deanery 'farewell' to Hugh McCurdy, though I was the only representative able to join the 'ad hoc' Deanery Choir for the choral evensong which had been planned - Great Paxton (not Little Paxton as I advertised - mea culpa). Hugh has sent his special thanks to the Clergy Chapter, who were almost all represented, along with everyone who attended and contributed. It was a lovely occasion which has generated enthusiasm for more - particularly looking for opportunities to celebrate together, including singing. More pictures next week.



Part of the Deanery Ely 2025 Planning Group which is dealing with services, mission and outreach is being convened next week (some confusion in date planning meant it was advertised for this week) towards producing a Deanery questionnaire. This may well help with the similar process planned for our Benefice.

Events Planning

The two parishes are preparing what we hope and intend will be a coordinated approach to fund-raising and outreach events in the next months. A big THANK YOU goes to Doreen and Jane in Everton and Jane O in Gamlingay for pulling together thoughts and ideas. Do be in touch with any of these people as they enable the PCCs to work together, with one another and the communities in which they are set, to serve the common good.

Opening of Gamlingay Church

There was no site meeting, but we still hope to be back during May and to be celebrating on May 21st. A big clean will be notified as soon as we know when we can aim for.

Please Continue to Pray...

....for our PCCs and all who support the formal working of our denomination, that we may together be faithful members of the Church Universal. In hard times, as we are facing now, it is particularly precious when people are willing to work to hold together things that are more easily criticised than repaired.

Midweek Communion in Gamlingay - please check with Hilary for location - it is hoped that the Chancel at Gamlingay will be usable, but if not, services are at the Church Hall.



Services this Week

Sunday 1st May 3rd Sunday of Easter (First Sunday of the month)

9.30am Parish Eucharist at Hatley St George (Gamlingay church is not ready)

11.15am Parish Communion at Everton

Wednesday 4th May

9.30am Midweek Communion in Gamlingay Church Hall or St Mary's Chancel

The rest of May

Sunday 8th May 4th Sunday of Easter (Second Sunday of the month)

9.30am Gamlingay Church Eucharist (possibly first back in church)

11.15am Parish Communion at Everton

Monday 9th May : New PCCs of the Benefice meet for the first time.

Wednesday 11th May

9.30am Midweek Communion in St Mary's Chancel (Please check)

15th May 5th Sunday of Easter (third Sunday of the month)

9.30am Eucharist at Gamlingay church

11.15am Eucharist at Everton

Saturday 21st May

Celebration of Completion of the work on Gamlingay Church - 2.30pm onwards (note changed time)

Refreshments, prayers and displays with opportunity to meet and thank one another.

Sunday 22nd May 6th Sunday of Easter (fourth Sunday of the month)

10am Benefice Communion service at Gamlingay

2.30pm Baptism at Gamlingay

4pm Evensong at Everton

Thursday 26th May Ascension Day

8am Morning prayer for Ascension for Hatley St George

7.30pm Benefice Ascension Eucharist Service at Everton

Saturday 28th May

1.30pm Marriage of Richard Astell and Camilla Regan at Everton St Mary

Sunday 29th May Sunday after Ascension

9.30am Gamlingay Parish Eucharist 'Thy Kingdom Come'

11.15am Everton Parish Communion 'Thy Kingdom Come'

EASTER CELEBRATIONS AT EVERTON CHURCH 2022

We would like to say a huge thank you to Doreen Gurney, Beverley Darlow and Dorothy Oglesby for making Everton Church look splendid for the Easter celebrations. Unfortunately, Covid struck our team of flower ladies at the last minute and we were down to just two out of our usual five ladies but Dorothy stepped in and decorated a windowsill with knitted flowers. As you can see from the photos, it looked very colourful. *Sue Alexander*



More news from our Camino Pilgrim – Dawn Martin.....

Friday 22nd April

Had to share this!

I am in a little village up in the mountains, it's pouring with rain and feeling sorry for myself when suddenly a little refuge appeared. This chap is from Paddington and guess what - they serve English breakfast tea and the music playing is the hymn "How great thou art " God works in mysterious ways!

(Permission given by the 'chap from Paddington' for his photo to appear in the newsletter.)



Tuesday 26th April

Well, what a week it's been - more snow and I reached the highest point of the whole Camino two days ago in a snow blizzard. It is the Cruz de Ferro which is a simple iron cross that is a symbol of the way of St James. Pilgrims add a stone or other token of love to the huge pile of stones, often in memory of a loved one or for some other special meaning. As you can see in the photo, most of it was covered in snow so difficult to imagine but very humbling to think of all those prayers that have been said at that point.

Well tomorrow is another tough climbing day but only another 185k to go to Santiago!

Dawn x



A reminder of church opening times:

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 May.



GUILD OF ST MARY

The Guild of St. Mary is a group of ladies who meet at 7.30pm on the third Monday of each month in Gamlingay Church Hall. We have members who attend on a regular basis but other ladies are always welcome as visitors. We frequently have speakers and every so often, if the topic is likely to be of wider interest, we advertise open meetings when anyone is welcome to attend – including men! Our charge for visitors is £4.

The day before last Monday's meeting our expected speaker had to cancel due to Covid. However, we are very grateful to David Elcome who stepped into the breach and provided us with on-screen photos of garden birds and a very entertaining and informative commentary on their often strange and frequently promiscuous behaviour!

Our next meeting is on Monday 16th May when we will (hopefully!) be having a talk on the 'History of Ladies' Underwear'. Unsurprisingly, this will not be an open meeting but visiting ladies would be very welcome.

CHURCH BELLS TO RING OUT FOR OUR QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

The church bells of Gamlingay and neighbouring churches are set to ring out for about an hour over the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday weekend. Listen out for them if you are near any of these churches at these times.

GODMANCHESTER 11am Thursday 2nd June

ST. NEOTS ?9.30am Thursday 2nd June
(A peal attempt lasting about 3 hours)

HEMINGFORD GREY 10am Friday 3rd June

GAMLINGAY 10am Saturday 4th June

John Boocock



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