

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



Weekly newsletter 2 December 2022



From Hilary...

The new Church year started with fairly low church attendances for various reasons, but with special services for Advent Sunday themed on 'Hope and the Patriarchs'.

This Sunday, Advent 2, Year A readings continue following the Gospel of Matthew.

The Sunday service material will again, this weekend, go out alongside the material for the Advent Groups.

Advent Study:

A reminder that both the meetings are on Zoom, although the Tuesday morning one is intended to be more in-person while the Wednesday evening one is mainly for Zoom participation. Tuesday's hospitality is at Mike and Chris Wareham's house - 'thank you' to them. Wednesday meetings are at the Rectory.

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The Tuesday discussion this week on 'Hope and the Patriarchs' gave us this prayer shared by Chris Wareham.....

*Lord,
At the turning of the seasons
Keep us always in mind of what turns despite us,
What turns because we let it,
And what we can join in making to turn.
Maybe it is our turn.
Amen.*

Next week's theme will be on the closely related topic of Faith alongside The Prophets.

We are once again inviting Advent windows round the village - decorations on 'Faith and the Prophets' are invited.

Institution Service

Hilary is to be formally instituted as Rector of the Benefice parishes on **Sunday 15th January at 2.30pm in Gamlingay**. All welcome, an opportunity to celebrate ministry in these parishes and meet the new Archdeacon.
Arrangements for the service are under discussion.

This Week:

Sunday 4th December Advent 2

8am	Eucharist at Hatley St George - please be in touch to ensure this service takes place
9.30am	Parish Eucharist at Gamlingay
11.15am	Parish Communion at Everton

Wednesday 7th December

9.30am	Midweek Eucharist at Gamlingay
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Saturday 10th December

12noon – 5pm	Gamlingay Christmas Fair and prize draw
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The rest of December:

Sunday 11th December Advent 3

9.30am	Parish Eucharist at Gamlingay
11.15am	Parish Communion at Everton

Wednesday 14th December

9.30am	Midweek Eucharist at Gamlingay
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Sunday 18th December Advent 4

(It's the World Cup final, but if that matters to you, maybe watch a recording later?)

10am	Benefice Eucharist at Gamlingay
4pm	Christmas Carol Service at Everton
6pm	Christmas Carol Service at Gamlingay

Wednesday 21st December

9.30am	Communion at Gamlingay
7pm	Christmas Carol Service at Hatley St George

Saturday 24th December Christmas Eve

3pm	Christingle and Pop-Up Nativity Service at Everton
4pm	Nativity procession, Gamlingay
4.30pm	Christingle and Nativity Service at Gamlingay
11.30pm	First Communion of Christmas (Midnight Mass) at Gamlingay

Sunday 25th December Christmas Day

? 8.30am	Hatley Communion
10am	Christmas Family Eucharist at Gamlingay
10am	Christmas Morning Service at Everton

Wednesday 27th Holy Innocents

9.30am	Communion at Gamlingay TBC
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Advance notice into January:

Sunday 1st January New Year's Day (Naming and circumcision of Christ)

10am	Benefice service at Gamlingay celebrating the Circumcision of Christ and New Year.
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New Year Charity Concert

A professional concert in aid of Pancreatic Cancer Research has now been fixed for the afternoon of **Sunday 8th January at 3pm**. Tickets will be available from church at £10 adults, £5 children.



Deanery Business

Will you join us as we pray for the Deanery Plan and more?

We are meeting in St Mary's Eynesbury on Saturday 3rd December at 200pm until 3.00pm to join together in prayer as we look to the future of our churches.

We will begin with some spoken prayers but most of the hour will be silent as we are invited to listen to God.

After, there will be an opportunity to stay and share with each other over tea and coffee

Let Hilary know if you are able to attend and we can arrange lifts - some 'time out with God'.

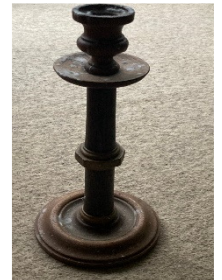
NEWS FROM EVERTON

A very select congregation gathered and shared in the musical worship at 4pm on Advent Sunday. Thank you and well done to Chris and the choir for leading the music.

December 6th sees a new initiative in the village which some church people will be supporting, providing soup, bread and fellowship on alternate Tuesdays at the Village Hall.

NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY

Please watch out for one (yes only one!) of the pair of wooden candlesticks used at Lent and Advent which has 'walked' from the vestry in Gamlingay. (See picture of the one that is left). It has little monetary value, but it is a real shame not to have the pair to use. I know it's a long shot, but if the word is spread maybe it will come back?



Sunday saw Albert Edward Howes welcomed at Gamlingay church in a ceremony which gave thanks for his birth. There are no more baptism or dedication services now until the New Year.

The Co-Op appeal from last year has raised over £1000 to enable catering from the church hall to begin again in this year of increased need. Special thanks to all Co-Op members who donated to our cause as well as to the local store staff, particularly Lee, for their support and encouragement.

Please let Hilary or Sandra know if you could help with soup meals, serving on the day and/or making soups. A likely opportunity to do this would be on alternate Tuesdays.

A reminder that if you are temporarily or permanently unable to attend church services and would like to receive communion in your own home, please let us know.

For Gamlingay and Hatley contact Hilary or Valerie.

For Everton contact Hilary.

Donations for Christmas Fair - 10th December

Just a week away!



If you can help with donations of any of the following items, they would be very gratefully received.....



- Raffle prizes for the Grand Draw, including suitable items for the food hamper.
- Bottles and filled jars for the Tombola (Ros and Alec)
- Cakes for the refreshments (please see Valerie)

A special request for physical help setting up on Friday 9th from 2pm.
Please let Jane Orchiston know if this is something you can offer.

Thank you!

Church opening times:

Everton church open Friday – Sunday, and on Bank Holiday
Mondays, 10am-4pm.

Hatley church can be opened on request.

Gamlingay church open daily 10am – 4pm.

Please let Brenda have any articles or pictures for the newsletter by Tuesday evening each week to Brenda.elcome@gmail.com

This Newsletter is circulated by email each week to all on the Church Electoral Roll plus anyone else who gives their email details and requests it. It contains any news we have been given to share in our villages (Everton, Gamlingay and the Hatleys) plus news of what's going on in all three churches in the two parishes of the Benefice. Gamlingay with the Hatleys is one parish while Everton and Tetworth is the second linked parish in the current Benefice - both looked after by one parish priest.

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