

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



## Weekly newsletter 9 December 2022



### *From Hilary...*

Advent continues this week with the luxury of another Sunday before we are into Carol Services. The third Sunday in Advent remembers John the Baptist, with the subject of 'Joy' going alongside.

Rather belatedly - thank you to those who have produced the Advent wreaths in our churches. Anne in Gamlingay, Sarah in Hatley and Sue in Everton.

### **Advent Study**

Huge apologies that material for the sessions this last week was not available until Monday evening - all being well the target is for them to be in churches on Sunday and an electronic version circulated with the service sheets.

In Week 3 we have the theme of 'John the Baptist and Joy', as for Sunday. Our third sessions, as previously, include Zoom participation. Tuesday morning at 'Thrumster' is intended more for in-person attendance and Wednesday evening at the Rectory more for Zoom participation.

Zoom codes Meeting ID: 827 1111 6762

Passcode: 342373

**NB:** The Wednesday Zoom session in the last week of Advent will need to be adjusted to allow for Hatley St George Carol Service.

### **Carol Services**

We have three carol services in the week leading up to Christmas - the two on Sunday 18th and the Wednesday evening one at Hatley already mentioned.



### **Deanery Prayer**

Nine of us met (with some apologies for absence) at Eynesbury to pray for our Anglican Deanery parishes on Saturday - the photo is of the prayer station with candles lit for each of the groups of parishes. The idea for shared prayer came from discussions at Deanery Synod concerning our

Deanery planning process. Several of us felt that intentional time to pray together, listening to God for our particular circumstances, had to precede and underpin any planning, and this was the first move. From the time together, mainly spent in silence, came a commitment to more of the same, visiting all the churches in the Deanery possibly on a monthly basis, with option to join by Zoom for at least some of these - recognising that for some electronic participation won't work at all. (It occurs to me that FB live could also work). Collecting prayers and thoughts in a folder that travels round the parishes was one suggested way of capturing outcomes. There were one or two contributions on what God has for us together but most of all a sense of rightness about pausing to listen and not being too busy on things that are not productive. There was recognition that each parish situation is different, and that communicating together is fundamental to making a shared plan.



## This Week

### Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December

12 noon – 5pm Gamlingay Christmas Fair and prize draw

### Sunday 11th December Advent 3

9.30am Parish Eucharist at Gamlingay

11.15am Parish Communion at Everton

### Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December

9.30am Midweek Eucharist at Gamlingay

## Next Week and Christmas

### 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 St George Communion

10am Christmas Family Eucharist at Gamlingay

10am Christmas Morning Service at Everton

### Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> December Holy Innocents

9.30am Communion at Gamlingay TBC

## Advanced 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.

## 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.



## Christmas Social

Having had an enforced break last year, the Christmas Social is back! It will be held in Gamlingay Church Hall on **Friday 16 December at 7.30pm.** The evening will follow the usual

format with plenty of your favourite Christmas carols interspersed with items from yourselves. If you are able to provide an item such as a reading, a song, a playlet or whatever comes to mind please let Chris Miller know in advance of the evening. Please bring your own drink and in a change to our usual procedure please bring your own nibbles. They will not be provided this year. There is no charge for entry but there may well be an exit charge!!



# ***NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY***

Well done to the Gamlingay Players and their support team for what has been a hugely successful and entertaining pantomime this year.

Thank you too to Sandra and others who supported the village switch-on on Saturday.

Thank you for a couple of responses to requests in connection with the proposed soup lunches. More would be great! We hope to start in the New Year.

**The Christmas Fair** takes place this Saturday. This is a key fundraising event for us so do come along and encourage others to do the same. Draw ticket sales are a significant part of this event and selling tickets is another way to contribute.

**Finance Update** Final payment of the Parish Share has to be notified on Monday. Prayers are that the weekend will enable Nick to authorise full payment in this December collection. If we overrun the time, we lose a discount on paying by Direct Debit within the financial year. However, it is really reason for pride and satisfaction that we are within range of our target this year despite things looking bleak in that regard two or three months ago.

## **Christmas Lunch**

This is definitely on! Hilary and Norman will be joining with Amanda and Adrian and others for Christmas Lunch at the Eco Hub. This will be for anyone who would like to join, as helpers or simply to share food and fellowship. We understand that there will be the opportunity to listen to the King's Christmas message (his first after the many his mother has given over the decades of her reign). There is already one offer of help beforehand and in the morning, let Hilary know and you will be kept up to date with further details of plans. Also do ask around and put potential attendees in touch with Hilary.



**'Let the little children come to me'** -we are looking for people free during the day to help support the mother and toddler group that has been meeting in the Church Hall. Lisa, who has been leading the group, is having to take up paid work and will not be available after Christmas. In previous parishes the Mothers Union has helped out, providing snacks and encouragement to young children and their carers. Any thoughts?

## **New Year Charity Concert (see attached flier)**

Something to look forward to in the New Year - Tickets are now available, from Hilary in the first instance, but hoping for a salesperson to volunteer to take this on. Special thanks to Peter Mann who has provided the publicity layouts for us. Dawn Martin has agreed to coordinate the refreshments for the event, more information and planning to come after this weekend.

**SOS!!**

**Able bodied helpers needed to pack up and clear away after the Christmas Fair on Saturday.**

If you (or anyone else whose arm you could twist!) can help in this way, those who have been there all day would all be everlastingly grateful.

The event is scheduled to end at 5pm but **PLEASE COME EARLY.**

We need to get packed up as quickly as possible so that football fans do not risk missing out on any of the action! **THANK YOU!**



*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.*

### **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 next week's newsletter by Tuesday evening to [Brenda.elcome@ymail.com](mailto:Brenda.elcome@ymail.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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