

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



Weekly newsletter 27 January 2023



From Hilary...

Epiphany Season comes to an end this Sunday with the celebration of Candlemas (the feast of the presentation of Christ in the temple). After a journey through Epiphany remembering the visit of the wise men through to the beginning of Jesus' ministry as he interacts with John, is baptised and calls the first disciples, we return to the pivotal story of the infant Jesus being recognised by Simeon and Anna when his parents take him to the temple for what in our culture would be a Christening.

The week of prayer for Christian Unity ended on Wednesday with the festival of the Conversion of Paul. Midweek communion was celebrated at the Vicarage as the cold weather made it both ineffective and uneconomic to try and heat the church. At last week's service we agreed to meet at the Vicarage for the rest of January. Saul becoming Paul and taking the Gospel he first fought to suppress to the Gentiles, is one of the founding events in the life of the early church. It is good to remember that tensions between opposing views have been foundational and creative in the Church, as we continue to live with differences of opinion and seek common understanding of who God is and how we can best live out his promised Kingdom in the here-and-now.

Holocaust Memorial Day is this Friday 27th January and is something I think we should not overlook. I have totally missed it a few times, but it is rather important that people don't allow what happened in the second world war to be forgotten. The racism (anti-semitism in this case) has not gone away and cannot be removed by legislation which often goes over the top and encourages the very thing it is meant to combat.

Huntingdon District Bell Ringers Association Annual District Meeting took place last Saturday 21st January at Gamlingay, including an excellent tea in the Church Hall. Well done to our bell ringers for hosting this event, which seems to have been well received.

RIP John Bennewith

John's funeral is to be at Huntingdon Crematorium (this is to suit his large family) on the afternoon of Monday January 30th at 2.30pm.

There will be a Webcast link if you would like to join remotely:

Website - <https://watch.obitus.com> Username – teto3369 Password – 119684

Please contact Hilary if you would like to pay your respects/take part in a memorial time for John locally on Monday afternoon.

Services This Week

January 29th Celebrating the Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)

9.30am Eucharist at Gamlingay
11.15am Eucharist at Everton (no organist)
6.30pm Evening service of music for the season in Gamlingay

Wednesday 1st February

9.30am Midweek Eucharist Gamlingay - at the Rectory

Services for February (some still to be confirmed)

Sunday 5th February - 3 Before Lent (Septuagesima)

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

Wednesday 8th February

NO Midweek Eucharist Gamlingay

Sunday 12th February - 2 Before Lent (Sexagesima)

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

Wednesday 15th February

9.30am Midweek Eucharist Gamlingay

Sunday 19th February - Next before Lent (Quinquagesima)

9.30am Parish Eucharist at Gamlingay
11.15am Parish Eucharist at Everton ?followed by APCM?

Ash Wednesday 22nd February

9.30am Midweek Eucharist Gamlingay
7.30pm Music for Ash Wednesday with Eucharist at Everton?

Sunday 26th February - First Sunday of Lent

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

Wednesday 1st March

9.30am Midweek Eucharist Gamlingay

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.

NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY

Tuesday Lunch took place with more food than consumers. Thank you to Stephen for the delicious cheesy pastries to accompany the soups. The next lunch should be on Tuesday 7th February. However, Hilary is away that day so it remains TBC. These lunches are to provide opportunity for fellowship and a meal for anyone to enjoy, but with families particularly in mind. Food, including a hot option, is available in the Church Hall on an informal drop-in basis between 12 and 2pm, with options for children and babies. There is no charge for the meal, but donations are invited, and any profits will go to support the work of St Mary's.

Memory Lane

The group met for the first time this New Year with some new members, which was great to see. A 'curling' tournament (no ice!) and flower-making plus the usual refreshments and social time were rounded off with a singsong to David's accompaniment.



Please let Brenda Elcome have any articles or pictures for the newsletter by Tuesday evening to 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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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.