

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



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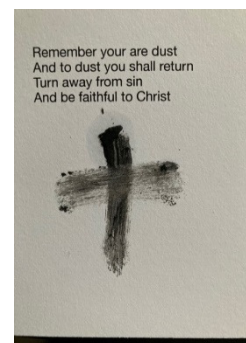


From Hilary...

A huge 'thank you' to Les at Everton and Paul Hutchinson at Gamlingay for standing in at short notice when I was unwell this last weekend, and to everyone who supported them in ensuring that worship took place. I'm much improved but my apologies if the fact that I am still somewhat under the weather with a suspected non-Covid virus affects what I can do at the moment.

Palm crosses from Gamlingay were duly collected and incinerated - as anyone visiting our house for days after will smell! I didn't manage to do them outside and the kitchen extractor fan wasn't up to the task. Palm crosses do not burn easily and make a lot of smoke even after being a year old and then oven-dried for hours!

Of course, ashes are a very visible external symbol of the penitence that is one of the themes of Lent, but penitence is not about feeling miserable and guilty, nor about making a show of what we are doing. Penitence does require recognition and acknowledgement of guilt, but that's not 'it' - moving on is the key. The theme of Lent is actually about being freed from guilt, not wallowing in it, whether we are doing that deliberately or not.



Welcome to Reverend Lucy McKeown

Revd Lucy has recently moved to Gamlingay from Wales, and we are progressing the formalities required for her to be allowed to minister in these parishes as she (and Hilary!) will be pleased for her to do. Lucy will introduce herself in a future Newsletter - do continue to make her welcome.

Confirmation of Lent Arrangements

Lent Lunches 1

12.30pm - 2pm drop-in at the Rectory in Gamlingay - a simple lunch provided with donations shared between our Lent charity collection for Niassa and the churches of the Benefice.

Study sessions

These will all be available on Zoom on the following link. Do let Hilary know if you are planning to join.

Topic: Lent Study 2023 Time: This is a recurring meeting as advertised

Meeting ID: 820 0888 3446 Passcode: 208296

Study times and topics

Monday afternoons 2 - 3pm at the Rectory when we will be discussing the Daily Lent Reflections of that week.

Monday 27th will pick up on the readings from Jeremiah which began on Ash Wednesday. Israel is being challenged by the prophet in her faithlessness and disloyalty. We too are called to reflect on the ways we 'miss the mark' in following God's call to right living.

Wednesday or Thursday evenings will be preparation times for adult confirmation candidates with all welcome who would like a refresher on Christian basics with an Anglican flavour. We shall be focusing on aspects of our faith, in the light of Lent themes around those chosen by Amy Scott Robinsons in her book 'Images of Grace'. Week One explores images of sin and repentance and we will be thinking about what the Bible is, how we read it, what it means to pray.

NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY

Simple Lunches

Shrove Tuesday's lunch, complete with pancakes, was enjoyed by Hilary, Norman and two others. The next one is a fortnight away, and we will give it another few goes to see if we do have 'customers' for this initiative which certainly hasn't yet fully caught on.

Memory Lane continues next week on 28th February, with 'seated Tai Chi', a craft activity and some games to go alongside friendship and refreshments. Those with memory loss and their companions are most welcome. There is no need for a medical diagnosis and helpers are welcome. Contact Kate, Hilary or Gerry.

NEWS FROM EVERTON

The Tuesday lunches at Everton continue to be popular. The one on Valentine's Day was enhanced by seasonal table decorations and heart-shaped soup accompaniments. There were a few faces missing, but it was still well attended and much enjoyed. A decision is being made which will probably lead to these sessions continuing beyond March when they were originally scheduled to finish, since there is obviously a 'customer base'.

Service Information

This Sunday 26th February - First Sunday of Lent

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

Revd Paul Hutchinson, who took the service at Gamlingay last Sunday, has issued the following invitation :

We will be very happy to welcome members of all the churches of the deanery at Choral Evensong this Sunday at 6pm at St Neots Parish Church. The service is 'Choral' but that includes four hymns (one in place of the Nunc), and the option for congregation to join in the Psalm.

Music consists of Radcliffe responses, Noble B minor Magnificat, Howells 'Like as the Hart'.

NB: If anyone is interested in attending, please let Hilary know to coordinate lifts.

Services for March

Wednesday 1st March

9.30am Midweek Communion, Gamlingay

Sunday 5th March **Second Sunday of Lent**

9.30am Parish Eucharist at Gamlingay

11.15am Parish Eucharist at Everton

Wednesday 8th March

9.30am Midweek Communion at Gamlingay

Sunday 12th March **Third Sunday of Lent**

9.30am Parish Eucharist at Gamlingay

11.15am Parish Eucharist at Everton

Wednesday 15th March

9.30am Midweek Communion at Gamlingay

Sunday 19th March **Mothering Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent)**

9.30am Parish Eucharist at Gamlingay

11.15am Parish Eucharist at Everton or 4pm Service tbc with congregation

Wednesday 22nd March

9.30am Midweek Communion at Gamlingay

Sunday 26th March **Fifth Sunday of Lent - Passiontide begins - clocks change**

9.30am Parish Eucharist at Gamlingay

11.15am Parish Eucharist at Everton



Philip's legacy

Have you seen the wonderful snowdrops in Gamlingay churchyard? If not do go and take a look. They are more abundant than ever this year- possibly because the tree was felled giving them more light and air, but maybe just to give us all a wonderful memory of Philip who planted them.

Thank you also to Lindy who sowed the crocuses which are also flourishing.



Photos and words from Valerie Miller.

Notice Of Revision Of Church Electoral Roll For The Parish Of Gamlingay With Hatley St. George And East Hatley

The Electoral Roll will be revised by the Parochial Church Council over the next few weeks and ending on the **27th day of March 2023**. After the revision, a copy of the Roll will be published by the Parochial Church Council on the church notice boards for at least 14 days before the Annual Meeting on 23 April 2023.

If you wish to have your name added to or removed from the Roll or if you have any changes in the details held on the roll, please contact the Church Electoral Roll Officer (Valerie Miller).

Under the Church Representation Rules, a lay person is entitled to have his or her name entered on the roll if the person –

- (a) is baptised,
- (b) is aged 16 or over, and
- (c) has made one of the following three declarations and duly applied for enrolment.

The first declaration is that the person is a member of the Church of England or of a Church in communion with it and is resident in the parish.

The second declaration is that the person is a member of the Church of England or of a Church in communion with it, is not resident in the parish, but has habitually attended public worship in the parish during the preceding six months.

The third declaration is that the person is a member in good standing of a Church which is not in communion with the Church of England but subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity and is also a member of the Church of England and has habitually attended public worship in the parish during the preceding six months.

Application Forms for enrolment can be obtained from the Church Electoral Roll Officer (Valerie Miller). In order for a person to be entitled to attend the annual parochial church meeting and to take part in its proceedings, an Application Form for enrolment must be returned by 27 March 2023.

A list of current members of the Electoral Roll is displayed in St. Mary the Virgin Church porch and on the notice board of the church at Hatley St George. Any error discovered in the Roll should at once be reported to the Church Electoral Roll Officer.

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.

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