

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



## Weekly newsletter 3 March 2023



*From Hilary...*

### Welcome to Reverend Lucy McKeown

Lucy, who was mentioned in last week's newsletter, writes below with an introduction of herself. Over the next weeks she will continue to be learning her way around and getting to know everyone. I know she is very grateful already for the welcome she has received, and I am sure you will continue to offer your friendship and help her in any way you can. Lucy will also be introducing herself in the Gazette but this will not now appear until April, by which time I expect things will have moved on. I am delighted that Lucy is keen to be a full part of the ministry here. She is completing her Permission to Officiate (PTO) procedures, without which she cannot be part of the official ministry in church, so there is paperwork, DBS clearance and interviews for her to go through, meaning that she will not be able to officiate before Easter, but we look forward to her taking an active part in ministry locally in due course.

### Confirmation of Lent Arrangements

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

**Meeting ID: 820 0888 3446      Passcode: 208296**

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

**Wednesday evenings** will include preparations for adult confirmation. We shall be focusing on aspects of our faith, in the light of Lent themes used by Amy Scott Robinson in her book 'Images of Grace'. Let Hilary know if you want the summaries to go with this. Ash Wednesday to Sunday Lent 2 explore images of sin and repentance using the account in 2 Samuel of David and Bathsheba, parts of the story of Jonah, and the parable of the two sons (the Prodigal Son) told by Jesus.

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## ***NEWS FROM EVERTON***

**The Tuesday lunches** at Everton continue to be popular, and the one held this last week was well attended with some new faces. As it was the same day as Memory Lane Hilary was unable to attend this time, despite good intentions.

**Preparations are underway for the APCM** on March 12th. As in Gamlingay, the Electoral Roll is under revision and will be closed before the meeting as the rules require. Anyone who can help with the 'Bring and Share' lunch should contact Beverley Darlow or Jane Butcher.

## **Beverley writes:**

*We have suggested that we have a finger food buffet, so if you would like to bring a plate of food that would be great! Just let me know. Here are some suggestions:*

*Sandwiches: Cheese (Jane)/Ham/Egg/Tuna*

*Quiche*

*Sausage rolls*

*Cherry tomatoes (Jane)*

*Crisps*

*Cheese board, grapes and crackers (Beverley)*

*Chocolate Brownies*

*Fruit*

*If there is anything else you would like to bring that's fine! Just let me know please.*

## **Mothering Sunday**

We do not yet have confirmation on whether this service is morning or afternoon, but if pushed I'd be guessing morning - I wait to be told either way.

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## **Services for March**

### **Sunday 5th March**

9.30am

11.15am

### **Second Sunday of Lent**

Parish Eucharist at Gamlingay

Parish Eucharist at Everton

### **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March**

9.30am

Midweek Communion, Gamlingay

### **Sunday 12th March**

9.30am

11.15am

### **Third Sunday of Lent**

Parish Eucharist at Gamlingay

Parish Eucharist at Everton, followed by APCM in the Village Hall

### **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March**

9.30am

Midweek Communion, Gamlingay

### **Sunday 19th March**

9.30am

11.15am

### **Mothering Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent)**

Parish Eucharist at Gamlingay

Parish Eucharist at Everton or 4pm Service tbc with congregation

### **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

9.30am

Midweek Communion, Gamlingay

### **Sunday 26th March**

9.30am

11.15am

### **Fifth Sunday of Lent - Passiontide begins - clocks change**

Parish Eucharist at Gamlingay

Parish Eucharist at Everton



# ***NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY***

## **Simple Lunches**

The next one is on Tuesday 7th March at the Church Hall when we expect to be welcoming some of our Memory Lane friends.

## **Memory Lane**

Richard came and led us in some Tai Chi which we did seated and found very relaxing, and we made posies to take home for ourselves or as gifts (we roped Richard into this before he led his sessions!). Norma was really in her element with these! We are delighted that Kate has been able to secure a grant that will enable the sessions for the rest of the year to be resourced so they are offered free to participants. A huge 'Thank you' to helpers, including those unable to be there this week. Anne did us proud with hot cross buns this time.

We will have a Ukulele band with us for the next session on 28<sup>th</sup> March.



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## *Greetings to Gamlingay from Rev. Lucy McKeown*

Dear Friends:

Well, after ten happy years in Wales, where I was Ordained first as a Deacon and then a Priest, I succumbed to the blandishments of my family who wanted me to move back to England to be nearer them in my "declining" years. 'Come on Mum' they said, 'you might get even dottier than you are now, so we need to be able to look after you without trekking six hours across the M6'. Fair enough. So, after the usual horrendous experience of selling and buying, the worst one of these I have ever had, I finally ended up in Northfield Close in my delightful bungalow on Friday 13<sup>th</sup>, celebrating the "unluckiness" of this date by managing to lock myself out at 8.30 p.m. with no key, no remembrance of the keysafe number and not knowing a soul. Luckily, dear reader, I was NOT yet in my dressing gown. Well, a very helpful young man knew how to access the keysafe number and all was well! Just a foretaste of the AMAZING friendliness and helpfulness I have met with here, in every direction. I had wondered, coming from a tiny village in Radnorshire, if I would feel isolated but far from it. So, thanks to ALL of you out there who have smiled at me and asked me if I am "settling in ok". I surely am.

Ploughing through all the necessary paperwork, with help from Rev. Hilary, encouragement from Norman, and advice from the Ely Diocese, I hope to be given "Permission to Officiate" here quite soon. I so look forward to being part of the "church team" and fulfilling my calling to Ministry. To assist in the business of serving a Parish, conducting the Services, carrying out Funerals, Weddings and Baptisms, and doing such Pastoral Visiting as required, is such a huge and humbling privilege. I have done many things in my long life: secretary, trainee opera singer, laboratory analyst, field botanist, not to mention wife/mother/granny/great-granny etc., but I feel that I have "kept the best till last" as the saying goes.

You have made me feel so welcome already; in the Church, at Craft Group, in St. Mary's Guild; and I am sure I will meet the same kind of welcome in the Gardening Club and the W.I. Thank you all so much; and I look forward to getting to know you and helping you all to the very best of my ability.

With love and blessings,

*Rev. Lucy McKeown.*

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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*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.*