

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



Weekly newsletter 10 March 2023



From Hilary...

Lent seems to be hurrying by this year. We are already into week three, with Mothering Sunday round the corner and Everton APCM, having crept up on me, this coming Sunday.

Opportunity to produce copy for this newsletter seemed to evaporate, my apologies to editor Brenda and layout manager Ian for lateness and much gratitude for getting it done.

Lent 2023

Monday Lent Lunch at the Rectory has not taken off as a fundraiser but is still available. Do come if you can but let me (Hilary) know for rough catering numbers if so. If you can't come, your donations for Niassa would still be welcome.

Group Sessions

The Zoom link, available for both meetings, remains live and was used on Wednesday:

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

Meeting ID: 820 0888 3446 Passcode: 208296

The groups are open to anyone who is free to join them. The Monday group, in particular, would be easy to join in with at any stage so do come to the vicarage if you would like to. You would be welcome for lunch beforehand from 12.30 if you are able.

Monday afternoons 2-3pm at the Rectory

We are discussing the Daily Lent Reflections based on Morning Prayer readings for the week, alongside anything that comes out of Sunday's readings. This week's Morning Prayer readings are again from Jeremiah.

Wednesday evenings continue using Amy Scott Robinson's book 'Images of Grace' and preparing for confirmation. The second session this last Wednesday finished the topic on "Images of Sin and Repentance. The next week's topic 'Images of forgiveness' uses Isaiah, Zechariah, Micah and Job alongside the psalms, and we are looking at Christian declarations of Faith in the Creeds.

Services for the rest of March



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 15th March

9.30am

Midweek Eucharist, Gamlingay

Sunday 19th March

9.30am

4pm

Mothering Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent)

Parish Eucharist at Gamlingay

Evensong with "Mothering" in mind at Everton

Tuesday 21st March

1.30pm

Funeral of Joan Strudley at Gamlingay

Wednesday 22nd March

9.30am

Midweek Eucharist, Gamlingay

27th March

9.30am

11.15am

Fifth Sunday of Lent - Passiontide begins - clocks change

Parish Eucharist at Gamlingay

Parish Eucharist at Everton

NEWS FROM EVERTON

The APCM on Sunday 12th March will be a more limited affair than originally envisaged, with some of the reporting missing. Archdeacon Richard has given some helpful advice on what we can do in the light of our limited people resources. The meeting will still give opportunity for elections and an informal report which will be formatted for formal records by the end of the reporting period.

The Mothering Sunday service will be Evensong at 4pm, taking into account musicians' availability and preference. Posies will be available from the open church in the morning.

NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY

Simple Lunches

It was lovely to welcome some of the friends we have made at Memory Lane to lunch on Tuesday. There was a real spread of generations, with little Amelia joining us - all us oldies appreciated seeing her enjoy the space!

As you will see below, the next one cannot take place on the date intended.

Funeral

The next simple lunch was due on Tuesday 21st March however the Church Hall is not available that day as it will be in use for mourners from the funeral of Joan Strudley (RIP). The funeral is at Gamlingay church at 1.30pm.

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.