

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



Weekly newsletter 16 February 2024



From Hilary:

So, Lent began this last Wednesday though for some Sunday will be the time to start thinking 'start of Lent' - it certainly isn't too late then to begin a Lent discipline.

Labels for Lent Collection jars will be available in churches on Sunday, or you could use the picture here to make your own. I am suggesting we put something in each day with a thought about what we are thankful for on that day. I shall be saying more about thanksgiving and well-being on Sunday.

Our Lent meetings on Monday afternoons will follow the Sunday collect and hymns. These meetings will be at the Rectory in the first instance at least.

A further ad hoc group will be studying 'Being Human' - though not following the book slavishly, rather looking at the topics it raises. Times and types of meetings will be confirmed among those wanting to attend - three or four people have expressed interest so far. Please make sure I (Hilary) have note of your email and/or WhatsApp contact if you wish to participate.

Lent study and lunches

A simple soup lunch from 12.30pm starts this Monday, with the discussion meeting from 1.30-2.30pm.



GUILD OF ST MARY

Open Meeting - ALL WELCOME

The next Guild meeting is on Monday 19th February, 7.30pm in Gamlingay Church Hall.

On this occasion David Elcome will be giving us an illustrated talk on the intimate life of orchids with the intriguing title:

"Tales of sexual seduction, bribery and murder!"

As always, the meeting fee is £3 for members and £5 for visitors. This includes refreshments and a raffle ticket.



NEWS FROM EVERTON

A further repeat - Concerns about the uneven floor of the central nave aisle are being addressed but will not provide immediate results. Please be aware and careful of the trip hazard the loose and irregularly bedded tiles represent. Urgent repairs are being put in place for the nave roof ridge near the tower end where lead has come loose, and the builders involved are being asked to look at the uneven floor as well.

APCM: This will be finalised when the PCC can be got together - watch out for notices and be aware that the Electoral Roll will close to new additions a fortnight before the meeting. As the APCM needs a four-week run-in for notices and Electoral Roll revision, it will now have to be after Easter.

Community Soup lunches are now on the same Tuesday as Simple lunches at Gamlingay after a 5th Tuesday of the month shifted things. The next is on Tuesday 20th February.

Gwenneth Dibdin's ashes were interred on Tuesday with her husband Lesley in a family grave in Everton churchyard.

John Brooker's ashes are to be interred after the Sunday service on 25th February.
May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY

Simple Lunch - the next is on Tuesday 20th February, all welcome. It is useful, but not essential, to let Hilary or Jane Orchiston know if you plan to attend.

Churchyard work is being planned - volunteers welcome, please speak to Hilary or Alec. The first task is some raking of grass, removal of ragwort and attacking the brambles that are establishing themselves in the area that used to be shared by the beech tree. Crocuses and snowdrops are in flower and well worth a look.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) is on Sunday 3rd March after the morning service, the meeting to be followed by lunch - both in the Church Hall. Please sign up for the lunch, all welcome, no charge. (Though donations for charity are encouraged).

The Electoral Roll closes this Sunday after its annual revision and is published as required by law. Please check for yourself and let Valerie or Hilary know if there are any issues you spot.

Nomination forms for PCC and Church Wardens will be available in church or by request online. Please speak to Hilary or Ann Davis if you might consider these roles. To be eligible for election you need to have signed a form and have a proposer and seconder. Ann will be pleased to help. You can be elected in your absence if your willingness to stand is established.

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

SERVICE INFORMATION

Services for February

Sunday 18th February, Lent 1

9.30am Parish Eucharist with a healing theme at Gamlingay
4pm Evensong at Everton

Wednesday 21st February

9.30am Midweek Eucharist at Gamlingay. Sadly, Lucy is not well enough to lead as was hoped. Our prayers continue with her.

Sunday 25th February, Lent 2

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

Wednesday 28th February

9.30am Midweek Eucharist at Gamlingay

Services for March

Sunday and Festival services

Sunday 3rd March, Lent 3

9.30am All Age Parish Eucharist at Gamlingay Followed by Gamlingay APCM in the Church Hall
11.15am Parish Eucharist at Everton

Wednesday 6th March

9.30am Midweek Eucharist at Gamlingay

Sunday 10th March, Lent 4 - Mothering Sunday

9.30am Parish Eucharist at, Gamlingay
11.15am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Everton

Wednesday 13th March

9.30am Midweek Eucharist at Gamlingay

Sunday 17th March, Lent 5

9.30am Parish Eucharist at Gamlingay with a focus on healing
4pm Evensong at Everton

Wednesday 20th March

9.30am Midweek Eucharist at Gamlingay

Sunday 24th March, Palm Sunday (Holy Week begins) - palm crosses distributed.

9.30am Liturgy of the Palms at Everton
10am Liturgy of the Passion at Gamlingay

Monday 25th March

7.30pm Taize-style Compline at Gamlingay

Tuesday 26th March

7.30pm Taize-style Compline at Hatley St George

Wednesday 27th March

7.30pm Taize-style Compline at Everton

Maundy Thursday 28th March

7.30pm Maundy Eucharist with foot washing and reserve sacrament at Gamlingay

Good Friday 29th March

9.30am Good Friday reflections available in all three churches
12-2pm Good Friday Watch service at Everton followed by....
2pm Eucharist from reserve Sacrament at Everton.

Holy Saturday

Tbc 7.30 Vigil service and Service of Light at Gamlingay

Sunday 31st March: Easter Day - Easter Egg Hunts at all three churches after the services

8am Easter Communion at Hatley St George
9.30am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Gamlingay
11.15am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Everton

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.

*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.*

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