

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



## Weekly newsletter 4 April 2025



### *From Hilary:*

Well done and thank you to everyone who made Mothering Sunday a significant celebration this year, with posies in both churches being very much appreciated - thank you to the makers and distributors.

This weekend, the 5th Sunday of Lent, sees the start of Passiontide as the final build-up to Easter begins heading towards next Sunday's Palm Sunday services at the start of Holy Week. This week the Gospel is the story of Jesus being anointed at Bethany – click here for a copy of the [children's activity sheet](#).

Both services next week on Palm Sunday are shared across the Benefice. As many as are able are encouraged to share cars and join in both the Liturgy of the Palms at Everton - a short celebratory service during which palm crosses are blessed and distributed remembering Jesus' final triumphal entry to Jerusalem - and then, after a journey between the churches, the Liturgy of the Passion which follows at Gamlingay. At this service Luke's passion account is read as part of the Communion service. For those for whom attending both services is not appropriate, there is quiet time at Gamlingay before palm crosses are brought in from the earlier Everton service and distributed. The Liturgy of the Passion that follows will again include a dramatic presentation of Luke's telling of Jesus' last time, with different voices recounting the Gospel narrative, and even some whole congregation participation. Please get in touch with Hilary to offer to read. Scripts will be distributed this Sunday all being well.



### **LENT STUDY**

The Lent Hope thoughts this week have been about Noticing; this upcoming last week of Lent takes Courage as it's hope theme.

The daytime discussion group will meet at the Rectory on Monday, 7th April at 10.30am, and there is an opportunity for discussion also in the evening that day from 7.30pm.

The last meeting for Lent discussions will be on the Monday morning of Holy Week, 14th April 10.30am at the Vicarage.

## **Advance Benefice News - Rogation season**

Rogation days fall in the May half term holiday week, which also includes Ascension Day. There are plans developing for Rogation walks on both weekends either side of the actual dates of 26th – 29th May. There will be more information and sign-up opportunities as plans develop, but it's not too early to express interest and offer help.

On 24th May there is a proposal for a walk from Gamlingay church to Everton church with refreshments at the end and time spent in each church. Walkers can then either return on foot or lifts will be arranged. Hilary is the contact for this one.

On 31st May a parish boundary walk is planned in Hatley, with a picnic at lunchtime, including input from Hilary with Rogation prayers and from someone else on the natural world of the area. Nicola Jenkins and Margot are contacts for this one but can be reached through Hilary.

## ***NEWS FROM EVERTON***

**Soup and Social** took place last week at the Village Hall and was as usual enjoyed by all comers. A reminder that this is not organised by church folk (although Hilary contributes when she can) and it is a welcome place for her to meet people from the village who do not attend church.

**APCM** takes place in the Village Hall this Sunday after the 11.15am church service and will be followed by lunch provided by the PCC.

## ***NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY***

**Simple Lunch** is this coming Tuesday April 8<sup>th</sup> and is, again, the only one this month. Lunches will revert in May to the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays.

**Memory Lane** next month is on the Tuesday after Easter, when we will be planting up containers - for those who were there last year, replanting the ones used previously.

**The Fundraising Task Group** met this week, and the following plans are now in place:

*Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April - Coffee Morning – see next page.*

*Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May - Bingo Night in the Church Hall – watch out for details.*

*Other events being planned for this year include the usual Summer Fair, a Garden Party, refreshments at the Village Show, a Harvest of Talents, hopefully another Quiz Night, the Grand Draw and Fair at Christmas and, all being well, another concert.*

**Major fundraising is absolutely essential this year. Please do all you can to support the events as they arise by helping and donating where possible and, of course, attending and encouraging others to do the same.**

*Coffee Morning*  
*Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April, 10 - 12 noon*  
*Gamlingay Church Hall*

As well as coffee/tea and a delicious range of cakes available in exchange for a suitable donation, we hope to have a few stalls selling items such as plants, books, bric-a-brac, etc.

**Donations please.....**

If you have any spare plants or seedlings, we would love them for the plant stall.

Quality items for the Bric-a-Brac stall would also be welcomed but **PLEASE** - no junk or ornaments which nobody seems to want these days!

As always, we are asking all our wonderful cake-makers to get busy and help to supply the refreshments. It would be good if you could let us know what you are making but not essential - anything will be very gratefully received!

**Good company is assured so make sure the date is in your diary!**

## **Benefice Services and Church Events**

Midweek said Eucharist services take place at St Mary's in Gamlingay every Wednesday at 9.30am unless otherwise advertised.

### **Sunday 6th April: Lent 5**

- 9.30am All-age Eucharist at St. Mary's, Gamlingay
- 11.15am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Everton followed by APCM and lunch

### **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April: Palm Sunday - Holy Week begins**

- 9.30am Liturgy of the Palms at Everton
- 10.15am Liturgy of the Passion at Gamlingay followed by refreshments.

### **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April**

- 7pm Taize-style Compline at Gamlingay

### **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April**

- 7pm Taize-style Compline at Hatley St George

### **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April**

- 7pm Taize-style Compline at Everton

### **Maundy Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April**

- 7.30pm** Maundy Eucharist with foot washing and reserve sacrament at St Mary's Gamlingay, Meal remembering Jesus' Passover meal, 6pm in the Church Hall - sign-up required. Service followed by stripping of altars in all the churches and Vigil in Gamlingay

### **Good Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April**

- 10.30am Good Friday reflections at Everton.
- 12noon Vigil Service - readings and music for Good Friday at Gamlingay leading to...
- 2pm Final Hour liturgy with communion from reserve sacrament

### **Holy Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April, Churches decorated for Easter.**

- 7.30pm Vigil Service of Light with renewal of Baptism vows at Gamlingay

### **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April: Easter Day**

- 8am Said BCP Easter Day service (with Easter eggs) at Hatley
- 9.30am Easter All Age Worship followed by egg hunt at Gamlingay
- 11.15am Easter All Age Worship followed by egg hunt at Everton

### **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April: 2nd Sunday of Easter (1 After) (*May be a combined service with visiting priest TBC*) 9.30am**

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

*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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