

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



## Weekly newsletter 11 April 2025



### *From Hilary:*

Passiontide began last Sunday as the Gospel told of Mary's extravagant gesture, anointing Jesus with costly perfume a few days before the events which we celebrate as from this coming Palm Sunday. The first service, at Everton, will remember the triumphant entry of Jesus to Jerusalem. Both Palm Sunday services are shared across the Benefice. [Click here for a copy of the \*Palm Sunday For Families\* activity-sheet.](#)



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 will be a 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 include a dramatic presentation of the Luke's telling of Jesus' last time, with different voices recounting the Gospel narrative, and even some whole congregation participation.

## LIVING HOPE

### LENT STUDY

As Lent ends, Holy Week offers Transformation reflections in the final theme of Hope.

The daytime Lent discussion group meets for the last time this year at the Rectory on Monday 14th April at 10.30am. There is no evening meeting as there is a Taizé service at that time.

## ***NEWS FROM HATLEY***

The group which takes care of St Denis Churchyard, which is formally a task group of the PCC, met at Sebastian Kindersley's home after a walk round the churchyard. Special thanks to the people who comprise this group for all their commitment to looking after this special place.

There will soon (April 28th) be a visit to assess the churchyard for the wildlife-friendly award which Gamlingay St Mary's holds at bronze level.

## ***NEWS FROM EVERTON***

The **APCM** took place in the Village Hall after last week's church service. The meeting accepted the report with the addition of a further report on the clock which was given verbally to the meeting and with much thanks for all the work it represented.

In particular, Dick Edwards was thanked for all he has been doing as he finally stands down from various responsibilities with which he has continued this last year after trying to step down previously.

The meeting reflected, with concern, on the financial challenges of this coming year, in particular with the large increase in the share above inflation. Clarification on the future will be sought by the parishes of the Benefice together.

**The new PCC** is the same as the 2024 PCC. Members were thanked by Hilary and the meeting for their past and continuing work. The valued support of the Diocesan Buildings group was specially acknowledged in helping to move things on this year.

The PCC continues to carry, collectively with Hilary, the work that would be done by churchwardens as there were again no nominations for this role for 2025.

### **Church Coffee Mornings**

A huge THANK YOU and WELL DONE to the team who have been organising these, led by Linda Bycroft with Dorothy Oglesby. These two ladies have decided the time is right for them personally to step down after many years and the group is formally disbanding, handing over to the PCC the information on how things have been done. A summary of the achievements of the group will be published next time. The PCC will be taking on responsibility for this aspect of the fundraising of the church along with all else.

## ***NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY***

**Simple Lunch** last Tuesday (April 8th) was attended by 15 people, donations of £33 were gratefully received. This was the only one this month, the next being on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of May.

**Memory Lane** this 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.

### **Maundy Thursday**

There is a sign-up sheet in church for those wishing to attend the meal in the church hall at 6pm. This will be a simple meal of baked potatoes and accompaniments while remembering Jesus' Passover meal and will precede the 7.30pm service in church

### **Coffee Morning – Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April**

We plan to have a few stalls and would welcome donations as follows:

- **Plants and seedlings.**
- **Quality Bric-a-Brac – please no junk or ornaments!**
- **Cakes for the refreshments and for sale.**
- **Raffle prizes.**

**Thank You!**



Thank you to Lindy for sending in this lovely Kitchen Prayer. No doubt there are many of us who can identify with its sentiments!



**Kitchen Prayer**  
 Lord of pots and pans and things, since I've no  
 time to be —  
 A saint by doing lovely things or watching late  
 with Tee  
 Or dreaming in the dawn light or storming  
 Heaven's gates,  
 Make me a saint by getting meals and washing  
 up the plates.

Although I must have Martha's hands, I have a  
 Mary mind.  
 And when I black the boots and shoes, Thy  
 sandals, Lord, I find.  
 I think of how they trod the earth, what time I  
 scrub the floor,  
 Accept this meditation Lord, I haven't time for  
 more.

Klara Munkres.

## 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 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

## Services in May

### Sunday and Festival services

#### Sunday 4th May Third after Easter

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

#### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May: Fourth after Easter

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

#### Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May: Fifth Sunday after Easter

9.30am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Gamlingay with Healing time  
4pm Evensong at St. Mary's, Everton

#### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May: Sixth Sunday after Easter - Rogationtide

9.30am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Gamlingay  
11.15am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Everton  
(Thursday 29th May Ascension Day - Evening Eucharist at Ely Cathedral)

#### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June: Sunday after Ascension

9.30am All Age 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.  
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