

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



Weekly newsletter 9th May 2025



From Hilary:

As the Easter season continues, we have rather 'bumped into' Christian Aid Week - the later Easter meaning that this annual week for supporting aid work through their organization has caught us a bit by surprise. Ann Davis is arranging what we can manage and **your help** (today as this comes out) in preparing the bundles of envelopes for delivery early in the coming week would be most valued. If you can, please come to the Church Hall in Gamlingay at 2.30pm on Friday 9th May to lend a hand.

Deliverers are also required - do please get in touch or pick up some envelopes to deliver in your street/area if you are able.



This year the focus of fund-raising is on farmers in Guatemala impacted by climate change. Support helps them to make the necessary changes in their farming practices to enable continued support of their families. Donations enable production of organic fertilizers, conservation of water and choice of resilient crops to cope with increasing heat and drought.

VE Day

There have been many secular celebrations this week, marking 80 years since WWII officially ended in Europe with the signing of surrender documents. The jubilation of that moment is hard to fully appreciate by those of us too young to have experienced the war directly, but we can all give thanks for the years of peace since, and for all that was given and endured then to make that peace possible. There are still quite a few among us who remember from their childhood, but as the generations pass on, we do well to listen to and record those memories, both as a basis for thanksgiving, and to help us learn for the future.



Marking Rogation

Plans are progressing to create a prayer and social event around Rogation, on Saturday 24th May. There will be a short gathering service at Gamlingay church at 10.30am, and an ending service at 12.30pm at Everton church. People are invited to join these two prayer times and, if able to do so, make their way on foot via the Cinques and part of the Ridgeway Walk from Gamlingay to Everton. The Thornton pub in Everton is serving until 3pm on that afternoon, and all are invited to gather there around 1pm after prayers at Everton church. Please sign up to indicate your intention to take part, particularly if you are attending for refreshments at the pub, where some rough idea of numbers will be very helpful. (*See also page 4*) Special thanks to Revd. Paul Hutchinson from St Neots who will lead prayers and accompany walkers in Hilary's absence.

Looking ahead to June

Coming up: The feast of Pentecost/Whitsun, celebrating the birth of the Church with the gifting of the Holy Spirit on 8th June and Trinity Sunday on 15th June together with RSCM Music Sunday. Watch out for plans towards marking these occasions.

June services will be in next week's Newsletter, all being well.

NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY

Simple Lunch this week (Tuesday, 6th May) was attended by 11 people, £20 donations were received. Many thanks, as ever, to Vivienne, Ann and Jane for their help. The next Simple Lunch is on Tuesday 20th May and will go ahead although Hilary will probably not be there.

Churchyard: Please be in touch with Hilary over help with raking up the mowings – urgently needed. Weather permitting Hilary will be in the churchyard on Monday 12th and possibly before.

Friends of St. Mary's ***SUMMER SOLSTICE CEILIDH***

Saturday 21st June
7.30pm at The Eco Hub, Gamlingay

Music from the Cambridge University Ceilidh Band

£15 per ticket including Pulled Pork Bap
Paying Bar

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!!
Woodview Farm Shop, the Eco Hub or Helen Miller 07808087873

NEWS FROM THE HATLEYS

We are proud to announce that St Denis Churchyard has joined the Churchyards Conservation Award at East Hatley at Bronze level as we had hoped. Diana Cook's visit last Monday was attended by Hilary with Peter Mann and Nicola Jenkins, Special thanks to both of them for their time, both then and ongoing, looking after the churchyard with the rest of the task group there.

NEWS FROM EVERTON

Soup and Social will next be on Tuesday 13th May.

VE Day celebrations will have taken place on Thursday evening organized by the community group, perhaps more on that next time.

The PCC met on Wednesday 7th May with Samuel Pedlar to review the survey results and map out next actions, more information in the next Newsletter.

Everton Parish Council AGM on 14th May will receive a report from Hilary

Wedding: Joshua Christian Allen and Claudia Sievert marry at church this Saturday at 11am, we pray every blessing on their wedding day and their marriage.

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. **NB: No service on Wednesday 21st May.**

Sunday 11th May: Fourth of Easter

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

Sunday 18th May: Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

NB There will be no Wednesday Eucharist at Gamlingay on 21st May.

Saturday 24th May - Rogation prayers and walk time between Gamlingay and Everton churches.
10.30am Gamlingay prayers in church; 12.30pm Everton prayers in church.

Sunday 25th May: Sixth Sunday after Easter – Rogationtide.

Welcoming Revd Paul Hutchinson to conduct services

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

Thursday 29th May: Ascension Day

The Parish celebration for Ascension Day joins the Evening Eucharist at Ely Cathedral.
Lifts available, please ask

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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.*

COME AND JOIN THE FUN!

Rogation Walk, Saturday 24th May, starting with a short service in Gamlingay at 10.30am, followed by a walk to Everton church, a short service at 12.30, and then sandwiches at the Thornton Arms. Transport back from Everton will be provided. Please sign up on the sheet in church if you are interested.

Next up is the **Fun Bingo Night!** Nominal prizes - see poster below for details. Please share with your friends and other groups!



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Please let **Brenda Elcome** have any articles or pictures for the newsletter by Wednesday afternoon to Brenda.elcome@ymail.com

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.