

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



Weekly newsletter 9 April 2021



From Hilary:

Thanks be to God -

For a full and blessed Holy Week and Easter. We enjoyed special services in all our parishes, enhanced by beautifully decorated and freshly cleaned buildings. We were also able to enjoy music and videos prepared by a team of people, with special thanks to Chris Miller, Andrew Smith and Nick Ingles (accompaniments) and Nick, again, for editing the videos which have so enhanced our worship - especially on Palm Sunday when our Passion readers did such a good job too.

Easter gardens, bare for Good Friday and decorated for Easter.....



Easter Donation?

It is too early to say how this been responded to (and not too late to add a contribution if you wish) but I can say that the Easter Day collection at one of the churches was enhanced to a high three-figure sum by an individual gift acknowledging that absence from church for so long had meant no church donations from them. **THANK YOU** to everyone who is giving, has given and will give to support the work of the churches. There will be news of improved ways to give through the Parish Giving Scheme. Those already signed up have made a HUGE difference to our overall income and cash flow, so thank you to them.

Churches Opening times this week:

Everton church will be open Friday-Sunday.

Hatley church can be opened on request and will be on Sunday.

Gamlingay church will be open daily from 9am – 5pm.

Services after Easter

With everyone busy, and/or exhausted, and taking time out this week, no forward planning has taken place. We hope not to go back to closed churches but will continue to monitor the situation. The default will be as it was before the most recent lockdown,

9.30am Benefice Communion at Gamlingay

6pm Evensong at Everton,

Both services with full Covid-safe procedures and broadcast on Zoom and

Wednesday midweek communion in person and on Zoom from Gamlingay

This week:

Sunday April 11th Easter 2 ('low Sunday')

9.30 am Benefice Eucharist at Gamlingay (also on Zoom)

11.30am Baptism of Persephone Hay at Everton

Wednesday 14th

9.30 am Midweek Communion at Gamlingay zoom and in person

Next week:

Sunday 18th April Easter 3

9.30am Benefice Communion from Gamlingay

11.00am Prayers followed by Zoom APCM from Everton

News from Everton

St Mary's Everton-cum-Tetworth held its first service back in Church on Easter Sunday and we were delighted to welcome a congregation that stretched across 9 out of 10 decades. Having families ranging from 3 - 90 years old is what makes our beautiful country Church so special. A big Thank you to both Vera and Sue for their teams' hard work in preparing the Church. Everything certainly looked so special and how we appreciate the love and dedication with both the cleaning and decoration.

The Children also played a big part in our Easter celebrations. We were delighted to have so many entries for our Easter Colouring Competition. Every picture was beautifully presented - a big Thank You for all your hard work. Every child will receive a prize and the pictures will be displayed on the church noticeboard for everyone to enjoy.

First prize for 5 and under, goes to Evie Wright age 4

First prize for 5 -10 years old, goes to Luke Endersby age 8

First prize for the 10 - 16 year olds, goes to Grace Gurney

Easter Garden

I am sure you will agree that the Children's Easter Garden was a wonderful focal point for adults and children alike.

The hard work was put in by Luke and Daniel Endersby. They certainly enjoyed working with their parents to create this very special scene. Our Easter Sunday Worship was concluded by the children taking part in a small Easter Egg hunt. I am not sure who had the biggest smiles on their faces, but we certainly enjoyed being together in Church for what was a wonderful Easter Day service.

Jane Gurney

Fundraising

Easter Catalogue

A huge thank you to everyone who produced items for the catalogue and especially to Jane Orchiston who co-ordinated all the orders and organised the deliveries. The total raised is expected to be over £430 when all payments are received. Thank you to everyone who bought items from the catalogue and I hope you enjoyed them over the Easter period.

Easyfundraising

I've just had notification that we raised £58.77 with Easyfundraising in March which I think is our best month ever. Thank you to everyone who has helped by purchasing items in this way. If anyone would like information about how it works and how to get involved please get in touch with me - contact details at end of this newsletter.

Alec Hissett.

Peter Mann thought we might like links to the following articles written by **Tommy Hood**. Peter writes :

Tommy and Norma lived and farmed Holbeins Farm in East Hatley for many years. Tommy also contributed articles to the Gamlingay Gazette, which have been reproduced on the Hatley website:

- Prisoners of war at East Hatley. <https://www.hatley.info/hatley-history/prisoners-of-war-at-east-hatley/>
 - Memories of Hatley Church School. <https://www.hatley.info/hatley-history/school-in-the-hatleys/#MemoriesOfHCSchool>
 - Pilgrimage to East Hatley – from a visit by Downing College’s Archivist, S. French, in 1978. <https://www.hatley.info/hatley-history/pilgrimage-to-east-hatley/>
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WORKING FROM HOME

20 years ago Mervyn Lack compiled a report comparing the advantages and disadvantages of working from home. He has been struck by how relevant it all seems to what is happening now and thought it might be of interest to newsletter readers.

The report concluded that the pros outweighed the cons and that working from home may well be the way to go!

If anyone would like to read the full report (two pages) please let me know and I will forward it to you.

Brenda

SILVER LININGS

Don't forget to send in your 'silver linings' to the 'Covid cloud' for our 50th newsletter in a couple of weeks' time. See last week's issue for the original request.



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