

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



## Weekly newsletter 11 February 2022



*From Hilary...*

### The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

As most people probably know by now, although we celebrated on Sunday the accession of Queen Elizabeth II to the throne 70 years ago, the Coronation Jubilee celebrations will be taking place over the four days from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June. The Sunday is the feast of Pentecost (Whitsun as it used to be called), so the services that day will be for that festival and by then we will expect to have had Gamlingay church in full action for some months. Although June may seem a while away, it will soon be here and planning is already underway. A project in the churchyard is in the very early stages of exploration but likely to include the tree planting that is being encouraged. There is a planning meeting convened for 23rd February at 7pm in the large hall at the EcoHub with the aim of gathering village interests towards activities on Saturday (4th) as follows:

**Afternoon Neighbourhood Parties** – self organised small social gatherings that can take place on common ground, e.g, the Cinques, churches, pubs, fields (with permission) as well as individual gardens, driveways or cul-de-sacs.

**An Evening Music Festival at the Eco Hub** – starting at 6:00pm with live music acts, live screening of the Queen's "Platinum Party at the Palace" concert along with food stalls and bars.

Other ideas are also being explored, let Hilary know of anything you might like to have included at the meeting.



### Gamlingay Food Project

It is a joy to be involved with this project which is growing week by week. In the projected economic climate, the project will be all the more important. Please keep it in your prayers, that we may have the capacity to serve those most in need, alongside reducing the amount of food waste going to land-fill. Unimaginable weights of food have passed through the Community Fridge in the months we have been running and it is hard to believe that we celebrate a year of this work in mid-April.

### How to Help.....

The whole project is run by volunteers and supported by donations. You can give in many ways:

*Food (long date preserved items, not too exotic)- ask for a list of the staples we distribute.*

*Toiletries and household items - such as cleaning products.*

*Your time - volunteering to weigh in and support distribution, collect from donors, deliver to clients.*

*Your money - a donations box is available during opening hours in the Chapel.*

**One of the easiest things to do** is to put a few extra items into each weekly shop and pass these on to Hilary or Ros and Alec or deliver to the Almshouse Chapel directly. Little and often is the most helpful way to support, although we are also very grateful for large, infrequent donations. We need more people to make regular donations - if not in kind there is a money donation box in the Chapel. Current opening times are weekdays 10am to 12 noon.

#### **Reminder - Evensong at Clare College Chapel**

On the first Sunday in Lent (6<sup>th</sup> March) the Revd Mark Smith, Dean of Clare College (Clare College is a Patron at Everton) has extended an invitation to attend 6pm Evensong at the college. The preacher will be Hilary. There is an invitation to the service on that day and, if desired, a meal afterwards. The meal will cost about £5 per person, payable by contactless card at the till. Numbers will be needed around a week beforehand and are capped at about 30.

Please let me know if you might be interested. If this offer were to be over-subscribed it would be 'first come first served'. Obviously, there is no obligation to include the meal if people wish to attend the service only.

**Retirement of** Venerable Hugh Kyle McCurdy, currently Archdeacon of Huntingdon and Wisbech was announced previously. There is now an invitation to reflect, to those responsible for selection of the new Archdeacon, what qualities and skills would be most valued in his successor. Do contact Hilary if you would like to respond. Responses have to be in by 22nd February and the assumption seems to be that they will be by email.



## **Lent 2022**

Our recent shared PCC meeting indicated an interest in following a Lent Course related to a film. In view of this, we will be using a course written by Rachel Mann a few years ago (published 2018) exploring themes of Faith, Hope and Redemption using the film 'The Greatest Showman'. If you would like to follow this, contact Hilary or Chris for details of the book which it will be useful to have.

We shall also, separately and not just for Lent, be looking at a course written for the Diocese and adapted for a Lent course from pre-existing material. It fits well with the planning process for Living Ely 2025, thinking about what our churches are called to be now and into the future. That course, entitled 'Baggage and Treasures' helps us to think about what we need to take with us, and what we need to leave behind, as we journey into the future.

A reminder that a group in the Deanery will be meeting to allocate tasks of consultation and information-gathering, and to ask again that you join me in thinking and praying about how we might each engage with this. There is a small, folded card for each church member and lots more information, with more to come, on the Diocesan website

<https://www.elydiocese.org/about/strategy/living-ely2025/>

## February Services

**Sunday 13th February** 3rd Sunday before Lent

**10.00am** CW Eucharist at Hatley St George

**4.00pm** BCP Evensong at Everton (communion to follow for those who wish)

**Sunday 20th February** 2nd Sunday before Lent

**10.00am** CW Shared Benefice service at Everton

**Sunday 27th February** Sunday next before Lent

**10.00am** CW Communion at Everton St Mary

followed by APCM for Everton Cum Tetworth at the Parish Hall

**6.00pm** Service of the Word at Gamlingay Church Hall

followed by APCM for Gamlingay and the Hatleys also at the Church Hall

## First Sunday in Lent, 6th March

**8.30am** BCP communion at Hatley St George

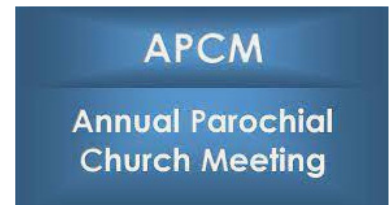
**10.30am** Benefice Communion at Everton

**6.00pm** Evensong at Clare College Chapel (booking required)

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## **GAMLINGAY WITH HATLEY ST GEORGE AND EAST HATLEY APCM**

The APCM is the Annual Parochial Church Meeting which, for Gamlingay and Hatley, will be held this year in St Mary's Church Hall, Gamlingay on Sunday 27th February. There will be a short service at 6pm followed by the APCM no later than 7pm. *(See attached formal notification)*



The APCM comprises of two meetings - the 'Vestry Meeting' which elects the Church Wardens for the coming year and the APCM itself which is the business meeting of the Church rather like an AGM. It's a meeting we are legally required to hold and must take place each year. Attendance at the meeting is not restricted but only those on the Church Electoral Roll may vote. PCC members and Deanery Synod representatives are elected as required and the audited accounts of the Church are presented for acceptance. It is also an opportunity to catch up with the events of the last year and to explore together the vision for the coming year. Most of all, it's a CELEBRATION of all that God has been doing in the life of the Church as we move forward.

If you would like to be added to the Electoral Roll please contact Valerie Miller, email:

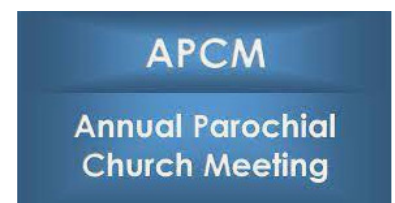
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*Dawn Martin, Secretary to the PCC*

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## **ST. MARY, EVERTON CUM TETWORTH APCM**

The Everton APCM will immediately follow the 10am service at St Mary's, Everton on 27<sup>th</sup> February and will be held in the Parish Hall. *(See attached formal notification)*



The APCM information given in the second paragraph above relating to the Gamlingay and Hatley meeting applies equally to Everton.

To have your name added to the Everton Electoral Roll please contact Richard Edwards, email:

[rje@stone-lodge.co.uk](mailto:rje@stone-lodge.co.uk)

## A reminder of church opening times and some key contact details:

**Everton church** open Friday- Sunday, and on Bank Holiday Mondays 10am-4pm.

**Hatley church** can be opened on request.

**Gamlingay church** closed to the public until March.

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