

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



Weekly newsletter 11 March 2022



From Hilary...

Norman and I are trying out a couple of nights away on Saturday and Sunday and I have an overnight retreat on Monday. During this time messages can still be left on the Rectory phone number and will be monitored.

Lent 2022

This Lent began with Ash Wednesday services both in the Vicarage and at Everton Church.

Pancakes on Tuesday were followed by services where a cross of ash on the forehead and the words - 'Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return, turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ' were offered. Let us use this time to re-orientate and remember that we are God's gift to the world, as is each of our brothers and sisters. As the prayer says, our Lord calls us that we may turn to him through prayer, fasting and acts of service back to his generous heart. We pray to be generous and visible people of Jesus Christ.

The course 'From Now On' using the film 'The Greatest Showman' began this week following a 'film night' last Thursday and loaning of the 2 copies of the video that we have. It is not too late to join the course. The first week's theme has been 'A Million Dreams' exploring the concept of dreams and visions, where they take us, and what God in Jesus is calling us into. Study groups began this week as follows:

Thursday afternoons at Chris and Valerie Miller's house.

The Tuesday group did not begin this week but will be available on future Tuesdays, if there are takers, and will include a Zoom option. The Zoom link will also be open on Thursdays, all being well. Evening sessions are 7.30 – 9 pm. In addition, there is a Thursday evening discussion time at the Vicarage. This can be preceded by a soup supper. Contact me (Hilary) to arrange timings and book food.

Link Topic: Lent Study 2022 Meeting ID: 827 1111 6762. Passcode: 342373

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82711116762?pwd=Y3R4SDUydEJGTy9rOVlpZ2dCWTVidz09>

Farewell to Hugh McCurdy

Although Hugh is continuing to serve by supporting work in the Diocese, he is retiring from his role as Archdeacon of Huntingdon, and there will be a Farewell Evensong at Ely Cathedral on May 8th at 4pm to which all are invited - more details nearer the time.

Our Deanery is saying 'Farewell' also, with a special Evensong at Great Paxton at 6pm on 24th April, with a gathered Deanery Choir led by Will, the Assistant Curate at St Neots.

Anyone interested to sing should contact Hilary or Chris. Who shows interest will influence the choice of music, so some idea of your repertoire would be helpful – e.g. 'I don't read music but can learn a part with help'; 'I can sight read and can sing soprano or alto lines'; 'I can sing tunes I know'

War in Ukraine Response

Please pray earnestly for a just peace and, as well as praying for the people of Ukraine who are victims, let us remember the people of Russia many of whom are also suffering in, or because of, a war not of their choosing. On Sunday I learned of a Russian PHD student studying international law, who has been demonstrating against the attack on Ukraine, but is nevertheless caught up in the punishment of her country. She has no money or means of accessing any nor of travelling back home to Russia even if she wanted to.

Dick Edwards is keeping the appeal for money for the emergency fund open, through Everton Church bank account, handling donations from our Benefice and beyond. Everything that has been given so far has been sent off, but you can still give more, or for the first time, for the next 10 days by this route -

BACS Church bank details for BACS transfers: **Sort code:** 20-74-81 **Account number :** 00434620

use your surname as a reference, Dick can then add your address to claim gift aid

Cheques: please make payable to Everton-cum-Tetworth PCC (**important, name must be exactly as this**). Please include your address if you are a taxpayer in order to claim gift aid.

Cash: In church, please use any envelope and mark for St Mary's Ukraine appeal together with your address if you are a taxpayer

In person - ring Dick and he will come and fetch contributions: 01767 681454 or 07768 174 513

Or deliver to Stone Lodge, Everton Road, Sandy, Beds, SG19 2DE.

Include your address if you are a tax payer for gift aid.

March services

Sunday 13th March (Lent 2)

10.30am Everton Communion with Revd Robert Sibson presiding

Our thanks and welcome to Robert who has been to the Benefice before, but never to Everton.

Sunday 20th March, (Lent 3)

9.30am Holy Communion at Hatley

4pm Evensong Service at Everton

Sunday 27th March, Mothering Sunday - posies will be distributed from both services

9.30am 'Mothering' service at Gamlingay Eco Hub

11.15am Benefice Mothering Sunday All Age communion service at Everton



The Food Hub is open Monday – Friday
From 10am – 12 noon for anything you are
able to donate, which will be greatly
appreciated by those in need.

We are in need of the following items:

Any tinned goods
Nappies (newborn) and wipes
Pasta sauces (**NOT** pasta)
Rice
Coffee
UHT milk
Toilet rolls
Biscuits
Jams

Many thanks, Ros (on behalf of the Gamlingay Food project)

Church Hall update

From Sandra Macrow

We are especially grateful to Howdens for donating ex-display kitchen units.

Special thanks to Jamie at Flooring Works Ltd for donating new kitchen flooring; Homebase Biggleswade for donating paint; Tony at Bedford Timber Eynesbury for donating the timber required; and Chris from Wickes Bedford for donating paint and worktops.



We have had a very kind offer, through Howdens, from two kitchen fitters, Keith and Harry, to install the new kitchen over the next few weeks. The lads will be donating their time and energy to help us and will be working evenings and weekends. They are also going to help with the floor and ceiling as part of the installation.

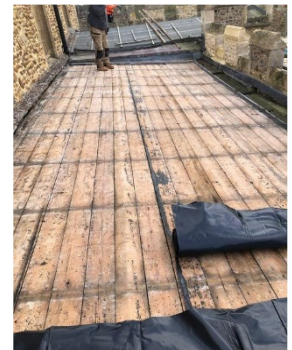
Also, last week, Hilary and I had a visit from Greater Cambridge Planning Officer, Sarah, and we are waiting to hear about further possibilities in relation to the hall refurbishment. We are investigating the widening of doors to make the hall accessible to all and the viability of installing a disabled toilet with baby changing facilities. As soon as I have any news on this, I will let you know. Sarah was keen to see the Church Hall restored, particularly the Church Hall windows which are of historical interest, and we will be looking for grants to help with this.

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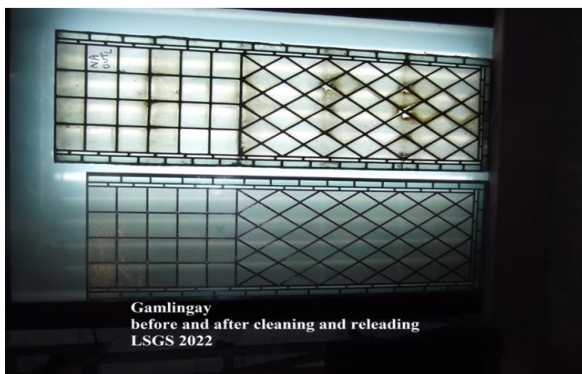
## Project Update

*From Alec*

Good progress is being made on the south aisle roof where the temporary covering has been removed ready for the new lead roofing.



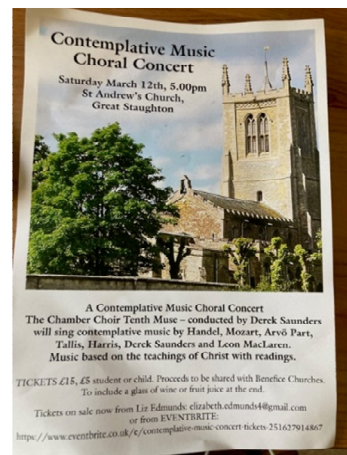
More windows have been removed and sent for re-leading and cleaning.



# Concert in Great Staughton

On Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 5.00 pm, there is a concert at of contemplative choral music suitable for Lent at Great Staughton church – see the poster on page five.

Proceeds will now be in aid of Ukraine not, as stated on the poster, in aid of the Benefice churches.



## 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 April.

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Please let Brenda have any articles or pictures for the newsletter by Tuesday evening each week to [Brenda.elcome@ymail.com](mailto:Brenda.elcome@ymail.com)

# Contemplative Music Choral Concert

Saturday March 12th, 5.00pm  
St Andrew's Church,  
Great Staughton



## A Contemplative Music Choral Concert

The Chamber Choir Tenth Muse – conducted by Derek Saunders  
will sing contemplative music by Handel, Mozart, Arvö Part,  
Tallis, Harris, Derek Saunders and Leon MacLaren.  
Music based on the teachings of Christ with readings.

**TICKETS** £15, £5 student or child. Proceeds to be shared with Benefice Churches.  
To include a glass of wine or fruit juice at the end.

Tickets on sale now from Liz Edmunds: [elizabeth.edmunds4@gmail.com](mailto:elizabeth.edmunds4@gmail.com)  
or from EVENTBRITE:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/contemplative-music-concert-tickets-251627914867>