

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



Weekly newsletter 18 March 2022



From Hilary...

Thank you to everyone who helped to make Revd. Robert Sibson welcome to conduct our Benefice Service on Sunday, and to Robert himself for being available and fitting in so well.

For those who would like to know, Norman and I had a very happy visit to Cardiff despite the 'iffy' weather.

This week the Benefice Communion Service is at 9.30am at Hatley St George and will be on Zoom as usual. The Zoom signal on a phone has proved to be good the last few times we've tried it and we hope for the same again this week. The same day there is a 4pm service of Evensong at Everton, conducted by our LLM Reader Chris Miller. There will **not** be a shortened communion at the end of the service this week (see below).

Gamlingay St Mary's windows

The project group members from St Mary's have been invited to see the stained-glass workshop in Lincolnshire where the windows are being fixed - this weekend being the only one workable. Hilary and Alec, plus up to two others, will be driving there after the morning service on Sunday. It is hoped there will be pictures and a report for next week so that this historic work can be recorded. At the time of writing there are two places in the car for anyone able to leave at noon. We expect to be back around 6.30pm. The pictures below show the windows being removed.....



Lent 2022

The study based on 'The Greatest Showman' began well last week and continues this week with a group at Chris and Valerie's house, our thanks to them for their hospitality. The zoom link can be opened for this, as below, on request. A second group has now been formed for Thursday evenings, with an optional supper beforehand at the Rectory and with participation planned-for on Zoom.

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

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

Do be in touch if you would like copy of the résumé of each session.

War in Ukraine Response

As we continue to pray for the people of Russia and Ukraine, the Church of England is formulating a coordinated response to support offers of accommodation to refugees. If you are thinking of doing this, please be in touch with Hilary so our Church and wider community can give support. This is not something to be entered into lightly - dealing with government requirements alone will need support which is available. I will be acting as a conduit for any information that comes out, please pass any thoughts my way.

+Dagma writes

We all share a huge concern for the situation in Ukraine and are wondering how best to respond in support of those fleeing to the UK. I understand a toolkit is due to come out later this week and I will be in touch again.

It is important that whatever we do is coordinated so that all efforts can be as effective as possible. And, as I said in my Diocesan Synod address, the most effective way at the moment of supporting refugees and displaced people from Ukraine is by donating money to one of the experienced relief agencies.

Local capacity for effective logistics has well reached its limit in the difficult circumstances, and loads of generous uncoordinated trucks arriving is not as helpful as it may seem to us. We all want to help personally and tangibly, but for the time being, the best and most effective help we can provide is by donating to the [Disasters Emergency Committee](#) (note this is how the Red Cross asks for donations), or the [Joint Emergency Appeal by the Church of England Diocese in Europe and USPG](#).

Note that the UK Government have said they will match public donations (pound for pound up to £20 million) to the Disasters Emergency Committee. You can also support Christ Church Kyiv [through Just Giving](#) (name Christ Church Kyiv). And you can send supportive messages to them on [social media](#). Write to your MP about visa flexibility for refugees. Finally, we do well to remember the unspeakable suffering of so many peoples, in Yemen or Sudan, the Uigur in China, Syrians — the list, sadly, is very long. This includes Afghani families seeking refuge in the UK who have not yet got a home.

Thank you for all your prayers.

Every blessing.

+Dagmar

To Contribute : Dick Edwards continues to keep the appeal for money for the Emergency Fund open, through Everton Church bank account, handling donations from our Benefice and beyond. To date £2,390 has been donated, all of which qualifies for gift aid, which has been applied for. Well done and thank you Dick for making this happen. To donate to the **St Mary's Ukraine appeal** you can use any of the mechanisms below:

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 681454/07768 174 513 **Or deliver to** Stone Lodge, Everton Road, Sandy, Beds, SG19 2DE. Include your address if you are a taxpayer for gift aid.

Farewells to Hugh McCurdy April 24th 6pm and May 8th 4pm

Although Hugh is continuing to serve supporting work in the Diocese, he is retiring from his role as Archdeacon of Huntingdon, and there is a farewell Evensong at Ely Cathedral on May 8th at 4pm to which all are invited. The parishes of our Deanery are also making our farewell at Great Paxton at 6pm on 24th April.

Call for singers : A deanery choir led by Revd Will Tupman will be meeting at 3.45 for 4pm to rehearse. The music is being finalised but looks likely to be Stanford in C canticles, Rose responses and an anthem by John Rutter. Music will be available beforehand. Please let Hilary or Chris know if you can join the choir and do put the date in your diary whether or not you want to sing, to help the Deanery to give Hugh a personal 'Good Bye'.

March services

Sunday 20th March, (Lent 3)

9.30am Holy Communion at Hatley

4pm Evensong Service at Everton (*no communion afterwards this time*)

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

Living Ely 2025

If you care about the way forward for our churches in this Benefice, please do engage with this process. It will be too late in a few weeks' time to wake up to the fact that this parish, and other parishes around, are working on things with the wider Diocese into which you would have liked to have input. The initial enquiry from which

responses will be collated was distributed with a previous Newsletter and, so far, has received no response. This initiative is intended to support the post-Covid recovery of our parishes, alongside others nearby. If you have views or anything to offer, this is the time and place - WE are the body of Christ!

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Bishop Stephen is visiting the Deanery on April 2nd, 10 -12 noon and will be listening to where we have got to and speaking more about the process. Anyone is welcome to attend this meeting. Hilary and Sandra as the Benefice links will be going - let Hilary know if you can go and would like a lift. There will be a simple soup lunch available afterwards so rough numbers would be helpful.

Having had one piece of feedback along the lines of '*I won't be there in 2025, I want something more urgent*' it may be worth pointing out that this IS the more urgent thing. The 2025 date is there to remind us that we are building long term, not just for us now but for those who are here now and will remain when we are gone, as well as those who are yet to come.



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)

From Anne Bunker

As some of you know, I sing in a couple of local choirs, *The Amici Singers* and *The Ensemble of Friends*. Both choirs, under the direction of Dr Douglas Coombes MBE, will be presenting a concert to raise funds for Ukraine on the afternoon of Sunday 27th March, 3pm at Gamlingay Ecohub - no charge for entry but all donations welcome. As that day is Mothering Sunday, we think it very appropriate that the funds should go particularly to help the mothers and children of that nation who are in dire need at this time.

Please spread the word about this concert and support us if you can.

Thank you,
Anne



CONCERT for UKRAINE
with **The Amici Singers & The Ensemble of Friends**
accompanist: Trevor Hughes
musical director: Dr Douglas Coombes MBE
at the **ECOHUB, GAMLINGAY**
Stocks Lane, Gamlingay, SG19 3JR
Sunday afternoon 27 March 2022
from 3:00pm – 4:30pm



ENTRY FREE
there will be a retiring collection in aid of
UKRAINE HUMANITARIAN APPEAL
PLEASE DONATE NOW.
DEC.ORG.UK
Disasters Emergency Committee
ukaid
The UK Government will match pound for pound up to £20 million donated by the public to the appeal.
Photo: Michael Kappeler / dpa

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