

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



Weekly newsletter 13 January 2023



From Hilary...

Corrections

As some people will have noticed, the newest Titmus, who stood in for baby Jesus at the Christingle service, was misnamed in the last newsletter - he is, of course, Seth and not Nathan!. Many apologies for this, and any other inadvertent name transpositions that take place either spoken or in print.

Also, please note the change of service time at Everton on Sunday 22nd January from evening to morning when it will be a communion service. The following week's Everton evening service will take place, but the exact format is to be confirmed. We do know there is no organist that week, so if there is music it will be a music group or recorded.

Epiphany

The Epiphany season continues through January as we celebrate various aspects of how Jesus was shown to be the Light of the World for all nations. This Sunday we remember John's testimony and the way it pointed some of his disciples to be followers of Jesus.

Institution Service on Sunday 15th January - 2.30pm at Gamlingay Church

Please come along to the service if you can and meet our new Archdeacon Richard as well as affirming ministry in these parishes.

There is also an open invitation to the Church Hall for what is in effect a birthday party, following on from refreshments in church after the service. This will be at around 4pm until 6pm with more food and alcohol - no need to bring anything other than yourself. It would be useful, but not essential, to have an idea of numbers. Please drop me an email, if possible, if you can join us.

NEWS FROM EVERTON

Another Tuesday Lunch is scheduled for the coming week. Do come along and share food and fellowship at the Village Hall if you can.

RIP Val Hunt who sadly died on Christmas Day 2022 in hospital having suffered several strokes over the previous week. Val will be sadly missed in Everton. Latterly she was a loyal supporter of the coffee mornings and many village and church events, and formerly as a flower arranger and with the youth club. Her friendly, good-humoured self will be long remembered. Condolences to her husband Bill and family. Service at North Herts Crematorium at 11am on 25th January.

Services for January

Sunday 15th January, Second Sunday of Epiphany

9.30am Parish Eucharist at Gamlingay
11.15am Parish Eucharist at Everton
2.30pm Benefice Institution Service at Gamlingay followed by refreshments

Wednesday 18th January

9.30am Midweek Eucharist Gamlingay, Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins

Sunday 22nd January, Third Sunday of Epiphany (Christian Unity Sunday)

8am BCP Communion at Hatley St George - to be confirmed
9.30am Parish Eucharist at Gamlingay
11.15am Parish Eucharist at Everton

Wednesday 25th January

9.30am Midweek Eucharist Gamlingay

Sunday 29th January, Celebrating the Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)

9.30am Eucharist at Gamlingay celebrating Light
11.15am Eucharist celebrating Light at Everton
4pm Possible evening service of music celebrating light at Everton TBC

Wednesday 1st February

9.30am Midweek Eucharist Gamlingay

NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY

New Year Charity Concert

Well done to everyone who made last Sunday's event possible - firstly to Carla Robinson for the idea and the programme - it was a great success in every way. As well as raising over £1,000 for Pancreatic Cancer Research and just over £500 for the church, the whole event was hugely appreciated with a real desire for more special music like this. There is every possibility that this will be an annual event now.

Delicious refreshments were provided by our church team - special mentions for Dawn (and Chris!), Valerie and Sandra who all went 'above and beyond' along with other providers, to offer true hospitality. As Carla said at the concert - St Mary's is a wonderful place for music and there should be more. Amen to that! It felt rather special to have a candle-lit concert, in which we affirmed so much of what is good in humanity, in church on the Sunday when we celebrated Epiphany.

Food and Hospitality

Tuesday Lunch in Gamlingay

This week's first Tuesday lunch at the Church Hall was shared by a very few of us. The truly awful weather certainly didn't help bring others out, but those who came enjoyed the food and fellowship. We learned a lot about what needs to improve and publicity for the next one will certainly be better. It was pointed out that there is a regular lunch at Blythe Way on Tuesdays, so we shall need to consider whether it is the right day for us in the Church Hall, but the plan, for now, continues to be to alternate with the fortnightly Tuesday lunches at Everton.

Guild of St. Mary



The next meeting of the Guild of St. Mary will take place in Gamlingay Church Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 16th January when we will be welcoming, as our speaker for the evening. Gillian McClure. Gillian is an author and illustrator whose career spans four decades. Her books have been translated into many different languages and *Selkie*, published originally by Doubleday, won the US Parent's Guide to Children's Media Award for Outstanding Achievement in Children's Books. She will be bringing a few books along if you are interested.

If you are not a member but would like to come along and join the other ladies of the group, you would be very welcome. The charge for visitors is £4 which includes tea/coffee and biscuits and a raffle ticket!

Church opening times:

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

Hatley church can be opened on request.

Gamlingay church open daily 10am – 4pm.

Please let Brenda Elcome have any articles or pictures for the newsletter by Tuesday evening 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.

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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.