

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



Weekly newsletter 17 February 2023



From Hilary...

This Sunday is the last one before Lent begins, this coming week, on Ash Wednesday. If you have a palm cross you would like to add to the ones already collected to be used to make ash this year, do bring it to church on Sunday. New palm crosses will be distributed from Palm Sunday services at the beginning of Holy Week, when Lent finishes.

Lent Together

Lent is a season for personal growth, both for individuals and for the Church as a community to grow in relationship with God and one another. There are opportunities to be with others beyond Church services as follows:

Lent Lunches 12.30pm - 2pm drop-in at the Vicarage - a simple lunch provided, with donations to be shared between our Lent charity collection and Niassa. The first one is on Monday 27th February.

Study times

Monday afternoons 2 - 3pm, discussing daily Lent Reflections - Face to face and Zoom.

Thursday evenings 7.30pm, discussing what it is to be a Christian - Face to face and Zoom.

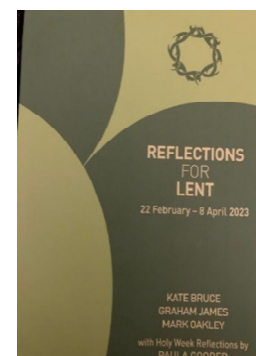
Session 1 for Thursdays starts on 23rd February at 7.30pm

Session 1 for Mondays starts on 27th February after the first Lent Lunch. We will be looking back at the section between Ash Wednesday and Monday 27th which concentrates on the Morning Prayer readings from Jeremiah. Israel is being challenged by the prophet in her faithlessness and disloyalty. We too are called to reflect on the ways we 'miss the mark' in following God's call to right living.

For those wishing to follow the Lent Reflections booklets there are 5 copies to borrow or buy (£5 each) - ask Hilary. The booklets provide the Lectionary Morning Prayer readings, and a reflection on one of the readings for each day of Lent. There are introductory pieces on Lent, building daily prayer into life, and the method of meditating on Scripture called Lectio Divina (Holy Reading). The booklet also has formats for Morning Prayer and Compline (Night Prayer). Each Monday we will share what we have (or have not!) got out of the daily reflections for the past few days.

On Thursdays we shall be focusing on aspects of our faith, in the light of Lent themes around those chosen by Amy Scott Robinsons in her book 'Images of Grace'. Week one explores images of sin and repentance, and we will be thinking about what the Bible is, how we read it, and what prayer is.

As previously suggested and following Dawn's information last week, with no counter-suggestions, we shall be supporting Niassa with our Lent collections this year.



Services for the rest of February

Sunday 19th February - Next before Lent (Quinquagesima)

9.30am Parish Eucharist at Gamlingay
11.15am Parish Eucharist at Everton

Ash Wednesday 22nd February

9.30am Midweek Eucharist for Ash Wednesday, Gamlingay
7.30pm Music for Ash Wednesday with Eucharist, Everton?

Sunday 26th February - First Sunday of Lent

9.30am Parish Eucharist at Gamlingay
11.15am Parish Eucharist Everton

Wednesday 1st March

9.30am Midweek Eucharist at Gamlingay

NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY

Simple Lunches

The next one is this coming Tuesday - Shrove Tuesday. There will be pancakes and accompaniments both sweet and savoury. If you can offer some pre-cooked pancakes to reheat (this does work if they are layered between greaseproof sheets) please let Hilary know.

Memory Lane

The ukulele group planned for February will now be visiting in March on the 28th. A Tai Chi session, games and a craft activity (TBC) are proposed for 28th February.

NEWS FROM EVERTON

Tuesday Lunch for Valentine's Day went very well again.

Everton APCM

A reminder that this will now take place in the Village Hall on Sunday 12th March following the 11.15am service.

The Big Blunham Book Sale

Saturday 25th February 2023. 10.00 am to 3.00 pm in Blunham Parish Church, MK44 3NQ

There will be an enormous selection of nearly new books - specialist and fiction sorted into categories.

Homemade soup, homemade cakes, hot dogs, teas and coffees served all day.

All profits to Blunham Church Fabric Fund.

For further details please ring Sue and Peter Holden 01767 640572

Guild of St. Mary

The next meeting of the Guild of St. Mary will take place at 7.30pm on Monday 20th February in Gamlingay Church Hall.



As all our members will be aware, we support the annual Link to Hope shoebox appeal by collecting items throughout the year before packing them into shoeboxes to be sent off, in time for Christmas, to countries where poverty is rife. Our February meeting will take the form of an update on the work of the charity, including other projects as well as this one, together with photos of some of the places where our boxes have ended up.

If you are not a member but are interested in finding out more about us and/or Link to Hope, you would be very welcome. The charge for visitors is £4 which includes tea/coffee and biscuits and a raffle ticket!

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.

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.

Please let Brenda Elcome have any articles or pictures for the newsletter by Tuesday evening to Brenda.elcome@ymail.com

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