

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



## Weekly newsletter 5 May 2023



*From Hilary...*

To begin with - apologies for my errors in last week's Newsletter, particularly in naming the PCC at Gamlingay. The corrected version is below under the heading **News from Gamlingay..**

### **CORONATION**

The Easter season continues, this Sunday's theme being very much of service as King Charles III is crowned (or 'coronated' as I heard one announcer say on TV!). Do come to Gamlingay for the 'Big Lunch' if you can, 12 noon – 3pm. Bring your own picnic gear and food and share together with a celebration cake. Tea, coffee and soft drinks will be available and there will be a raffle. The intention is to be outdoors at church, but if the weather proves inclement we always have the option of going inside. If you would like to come but bringing chairs/blankets is an issue, please be in touch.

**Services** on the Sunday morning are being prepared with published material supplementing the Easter Eucharist. At Gamlingay Rev Lucy will lead the first part of the worship.

### **Bell Ringing**

There will be general ringing on Saturday morning between 10 and 10.30 at Gamlingay, and a quarter peal at 3pm.

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## ***NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY***

**The new PCC** meets on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May, in person at the Rectory. Please hold members in prayer: Rev Hilary (Chair); Nick Ingles (Treasurer); Ann Davis (Secretary and Deanery Synod rep); Sandra Macrow (Deanery Synod Rep); Pete Macrow; Jane Orchiston; Dawn Martin and Steve Hemmings with Amelie Dewhurst coopted.

'**Simple Lunch**' took place despite Hilary having double-booked herself. Thank You to Jane O for help in making that work.

**RIP Terry Hipgrave**, whose funeral takes place at 12 noon on 11th May at Gamlingay, followed by burial at Stocks Lane Cemetery. Many will have known Terry as the coal man in the village for many years. A verger is needed for this funeral, offers would be much appreciated.

**Farewell to Rex Whitfield** who, we learned on Sunday, has played the organ for his last service on the rota at Gamlingay. Rex has been asked to play at Potton (his home village) on a regular basis and can no longer commit to services in Gamlingay. We shall be looking for ways to mark this change as Rex has been an organist here for many years. Special thanks go to Jane O, Andrew and now Lucy for being willing to accompany our services.

## Services this week:

### **Sunday 7th May Easter 5** Coronation weekend

9.30am Coronation themed Eucharist at Gamlingay followed by 'Big Lunch' at 12 noon.  
11.15am Coronation themed Eucharist at Everton

### **Wednesday 10th May**

9.30am Midweek Eucharist at Gamlingay

*The following months' services may be adjusted for inclusion of baptisms, either in the Sunday worship (preferred) or in the afternoon on Sunday if not. During the cricket season there will be no afternoon/evening services at Everton due to non-availability of organists.*

## Services in May

### **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May Easter 6**

9.30am Eucharist at Gamlingay  
11.15am Eucharist at Everton [Afternoon Parish Meeting 2.30-5.00pm]

### **Wednesday 17th May**

9.30am Midweek Eucharist at Gamlingay

### **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May**

7.30pm Benefice Eucharist for the Ascension (Venue TBC)

### **Sunday 21st May Easter 7**

9.30am Eucharist at Gamlingay  
11.15am Eucharist at Everton  
2.30pm Baptism of Fleur Poxson at Gamlingay

### **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May**

9.30am Midweek Eucharist at Gamlingay

### **Sunday 28th May - Pentecost (Whit Sunday)**

9.30am Festival Eucharist at Gamlingay  
11.15am Festival Eucharist at Everton

### **Wednesday 31st May**

9.30am Midweek Eucharist at Gamlingay

## Services in June

*Service at Hatley St George is under discussion - any views or requests please be in touch with Hilary or Sandra.*

### **Sunday 4th June - Trinity Sunday**

9.30am Family friendly Eucharist with Baptisms at Gamlingay  
11.15am Eucharist at Everton

### **Wednesday 7th June**

9.30am Midweek Eucharist at Gamlingay

### **Sunday 11th June - Trinity 1**

9.30am Eucharist at Gamlingay  
11.15am Eucharist at Everton

### **Wednesday 14th June**

9.30am Midweek Eucharist at Gamlingay

### **Sunday 18th June - Trinity 2**

9.30am Eucharist at Gamlingay  
11.15am Eucharist at Everton

### **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June**

9.30am Midweek Eucharist at Gamlingay

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June** Gamlingay Summer Fete and Flower Festival - Church and Church Hall

### **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June Trinity 3** Flower Festival Weekend

9.30am Eucharist at Gamlingay  
11.15am Eucharist at Everton

### **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June**

9.30am Midweek Eucharist at Gamlingay

### Keep the date.....

July 16th morning service at Gamlingay will include a celebration of marriage, as Hilary and Norman were married 40 years ago on that day. An invitation is extended to all our friends to a buffet lunch afterwards. NO PRESENTS PLEASE, although donations to the churches would be very welcome.

## NEWS FROM EVERTON

The first Tuesday 'Coffee and Cake' (10am - 12 noon at Everton Village Hall) takes place on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May.

The Barnabas Oley Trust met briefly last Tuesday to establish the identities of Trustees for bank purposes. Hilary was able to establish that Everton church is likely to be a beneficiary in the future and was encouraged that her absence from the funding meeting had not contributed to missing out on a grant this year.

Plans are continuing for the Church meeting on the afternoon of 14th May.

Meetings are taking place to establish contributions to the Flower Festival towards the end of June.



### IT'S OUR BIRTHDAY!



Peter Mann, who contributed this week's article about St. Denis Church and very kindly puts every copy of the newsletter onto the Hatley website, recently drew my attention to the fact that we were approaching our 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday!

The first newsletter was circulated at the beginning of May 2020 and was designed to keep us all in touch during the ravages and isolation of the pandemic. It has altered and evolved a bit during the three years of its existence, but Ian and I still enjoy putting it together and are grateful to those of you who contribute and/or take the trouble to read it.

These days Hilary provides much of the input each week but do please feel free to continue sending me anything you think might be of interest to others and particularly information that needs circulating. Thank you!

*Brenda*

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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.

# NEWS FROM HATLEY

(with thanks to Peter Mann)

## *'Best conservation' award for St Denis' church in East Hatley*

It was given by the (deep breath) Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service and the Cambridge Forum for the Construction Industry, which runs an annual competition for the best construction projects completed in Greater Cambridge. These include conservation, alterations or extensions to existing buildings as well as new buildings.

For 2023, there were eight project award categories – and St Denis' won the 'Best Conservation, Alteration or Extension of an Existing Building (under £2m construction costs)' category.

Submission for the award was made by Stephanie Norris, the Impington based architect who, on behalf of the Friends of Friendless Churches, has overseen the restoration of St Denis' since the FoFC took ownership of the church in 2016 – work has included a new floor, new windows, repairing the reredos and replastering the nave. On the FoFC's 'to do' list is a new east window. The church was declared redundant in 1959.

### **Judging panel**

The judging panel was chaired by Dame Fiona Reynolds, former master of Emmanuel College Cambridge and former director-general of the National Trust. The judges' commented:

*"This is a delightful and heart-warming project. St Denis' church was closed and stripped out in the 1960s and left to become almost derelict, smothered in ivy and structurally unsafe.*

*"Taken on by the Friends of Friendless Churches and with strong community support, it has finally received the attention it deserved. The church has been transformed, given new life and added value for the local community.*

*"We found the enthusiasm from and engagement with the local community particularly inspiring, and hope the church will be used for many events now that it has been brought back to life from the very brink."*

The award is celebrated on the Friends of Friendless Churches website

<https://friendsoffriendlesschurches.org.uk/news/east-hatley-wins>. It includes some interesting historic photos as well as a reference to the 'Heritage Heroes of Hatley'... Peter Mann and Joyce Denby.

**Open daily :** St Denis' is open daily from around 8.30 am to dusk – if you've not been to look, do drop in at any time.

East Hatley is four miles from Gamlingay, on the road to Croydon, Arrington and Royston and immediately after Hatley St George, which is now the parish church for the two Hatleys – to look round, ask for the key at the farmhouse opposite



Architect Stephanie Norris, left, and the judging panel from the Greater Cambridge Design and Construction Awards at St Denis' church on 27th January 2023. Photo by Peter Mann.

There are more photos on the Hatley website – [https://www.hatley.info/news\\_events/news/st-denis-is-now-an-award-winning-church](https://www.hatley.info/news_events/news/st-denis-is-now-an-award-winning-church).