

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



Weekly newsletter 10 November 2023



From Hilary:

Remembrance Sunday this week gives an opportunity to remember the dead of two World Wars and to pray for peace at a time when peace, and prayers for it, are so much needed. Our church collection goes to the British Legion which supports servicemen and women in need from all past and present conflicts. The following will be of interest to anyone wishing to help in supporting the innocent needy in the Holy Land, whichever side of the conflict they happen to be on; Bishop Dagma writes:

Archbishop Justin paid a solidarity visit to Jerusalem at the end of October during which he and Archbishop Hosam launched a Joint Appeal, calling for prayers and donations for the Ahli Hospital's vital work in Gaza, and the ministries of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem throughout the Holy Land which include healthcare, education, youthwork and work towards reconciliation. All these are being greatly affected by the war. You can donate to their work through [The Jerusalem and the Middle East Church Association - Donate now \(cafonline.org\)](https://www.cafonline.org), this an Anglican charity supporting the Anglican Church across Jerusalem, the Middle East and North Africa,

All Saints, celebrated this last Sunday, saw the amazingly enormous banana squash fruit we were gifted at Harvest carved with key words from the reminder in the baptism service to 'SHINE as a light in the world to the GLORY of God the Father' - with opportunity to think about the ways in which we each individually are called.

As All Souls Day (2nd November and the day after All Saints), when we traditionally remember the departed, was midweek we have not yet celebrated this on a Sunday. This has meant that **memorial/commemoration services** have been transferred to next week -19th November.

Everton Memorial will be part of the 4pm Evensong which Chris Miller will be leading.

Gamlingay Memorial will be later in the afternoon. Last week I advertised the service for 6pm, but I have since remembered that it needs to be earlier to allow attending the performance of Elijah in Cambridge to which I have already committed, so please note the change to 5pm.

Please let Hilary know the names of anyone you would like to be remembered at the respective memorial services. This can be done by email. There will also be sign-up sheets in churches this Sunday and it will be possible to check and add names on the day. We will automatically add names of people whose services have taken place in the last year.

The Real Advent Calendar

Advent is not far away - 3rd December is Advent Sunday, so I've gone ahead and ordered 'The Real Advent Calendar' to make sure we have some. I have more than I need, so if you would like one (£4.50 each) - let me know.



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

NEWS FROM EVERTON

Damp walls: Sunday morning's service showed up a serious water ingress around the South Door, possibly drain-related as the area coincides with an external downpipe feeding a water butt. Immediate and more long-term remedial plans are being put into action - this looks like it could be expensive.

Community Coffee morning coordinated by Helen this last Saturday went well. This next Tuesday is **Soup and Social**, again presented by the Community Volunteers.

School and Remembrance - Hilary was invited to whole school Assembly at Everton on Tuesday to talk about Remembrance/Poppy Day, and the school will attend the War Memorial in Everton Churchyard on Friday early afternoon. Plans are underway for the school to be in church at the end of term with Christmas presentations.

NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY

Church Hall: The redecoration is paused but will resume when people are available to help. There is still more to do so please contact Hilary or Sandra to offer help.

Simple Lunch: This week food and fellowship was shared, but only with the helpers this time. The next one takes place in two weeks on November 21st. As Memory Lane in December will be a Christmas Special on 19th December there will only be one Simple Lunch on Tuesday 5th December when we will have something a bit festive and not just simple!

Wildlife Trust Bronze Award

The plaque for the churchyard award can now be seen on the old beech tree.



NEWS FROM HATLEY

Two cheques have arrived to support the fabric of Hatley St George church, from Hatley Fete and the Harvest event. As the Quinquennial Inspection is due the nearly £400 will soon disappear but will enable the inspection to take place when it otherwise might have had to be postponed.

GAMLINGAY EVENTS

TODAY!

Grand Draw Stuffing Party, Friday, 10th November, from 7pm in the Church Hall. The more helpers, the less time it takes - please let Alec Hissett know if you can help or just turn up – you will be more than welcome!

NB: We also need prizes for the draw including items for the food hamper. If possible, please drop them in to Alec at 45 Fairfield or bring them along to church one Sunday.

NEXT FRIDAY...

Quiz Night, Friday, 17th November, 7.30pm in the Church hall. Teams of 4 to 6 - £5.00 a head - bring your own drink - nibbles provided. Individuals are invited to come along and form a team. Let us know if you're coming so we can reserve your place. Ian Parker is the Quiz Master and provides an entertaining evening.

There will be a small raffle for which donations would be gratefully received.

SOON... (further details next week)

Christmas Fair, Saturday, 9th December, 12 noon to 4pm. Attractions to include Santa, Miss Alice, School of Dance, Gamlingay Community Choir, stalls of different kinds and decorated Christmas trees. Refreshments by our wonderful team of bakers. Grand Draw at the end! £1.00 entry fee.

The Ensemble of Friends, Christmas Concert, Sunday, 10th December at 3.00pm. Directed by Dr Douglas Coombes, MBE, the choir will be singing Christmas music a Capella. Some faces familiar to us all. Tickets £10.00, refreshments available. Tickets will go on sale soon -watch this space!

Guild of St. Mary

Link to Hope Shoebox Appeal

Throughout the year the members of the Guild of St. Mary have, once again, been donating items to be packed into shoe boxes for the annual Link to Hope Appeal which delivers Christmas parcels to the poorest people in Eastern Europe. The boxes are designated either for families or the elderly and are packed accordingly. Last week a few of us gathered in Eileen's dining room and got busy. We packed and wrapped 20 boxes which Eileen then piled into the boot of her car for the first stage of their onward journey.

We are, as always, extremely grateful for the wonderful generosity of our members (and friends) who provide a huge range of items including toys, games, stationery items, toiletries, reading glasses, sewing kits, tools, etc., not to mention a vast array of knitted hats, scarves, socks and knee blankets, the last of which take up too much room in the boxes so are kept separate. One thing we are always on the lookout for is the boxes themselves. If you buy new shoes, we would be very grateful for the boxes – average adult size please. Boot boxes and oversize shoe boxes are too big and, of course, children's ones are too small.



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.

Service information and dates

NOVEMBER SERVICES

Sunday 12th November, Remembrance Sunday

- 9.30am Said Eucharist at Gamlingay
10.45am Gamlingay Village Remembrance Ceremony at the War Memorial
Service at St Mary's following at around 11.15am
10.45am Everton Remembrance service Chris Miller to preside
10.45am Hatley St George Remembrance service

Wednesday 15th November

- 9.30am Midweek Eucharist at Gamlingay

Sunday 19th November, 2 Before Advent

- 9.30am Gamlingay Eucharist and Healing Service
4pm Everton Evensong
5pm Memorial Service at Gamlingay

Wednesday 22nd November

- 9.30am Midweek Eucharist at Gamlingay

Sunday 26th November, Christ the King (last before Advent)

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

Wednesday 29th November

- 9.30am Midweek Eucharist at Gamlingay

DECEMBER SERVICES

Sunday 3rd December, Advent 1

- 9.30am Gamlingay Eucharist
11.15am Everton Eucharist
4.00pm Advent Carol Service at Gamlingay

Wednesday 6th December

- 9.30am Midweek Eucharist at Gamlingay

Sunday 10th December, Advent 2

- 9.30am Gamlingay Eucharist
11.15am Everton Eucharist

Wednesday 13th December

- 9.30am Midweek Eucharist at Gamlingay

Sunday 17th December, Advent 3

- 9.30am Gamlingay Eucharist
4.00pm Everton Carol Services
6pm Gamlingay Carol Services

Wednesday 20th December

- 9.30am Midweek Eucharist at Gamlingay
7pm Hatley Carol Service

Sunday 24th Advent December, Advent 4/Christmas Eve

- 9.30am Gamlingay service for Advent 4 - Eucharist and Nativity
3pm Everton Christingle service (NB correction to Gazette)
4.30pm Gamlingay Christingle service
Gamlingay Walking Nativity precedes Christingle.
11.30pm First Communion of Christmas (Midnight Mass) - Gamlingay

Monday 25th December, Christmas Day

- 9.30am Gamlingay Family-Friendly Eucharist
10am Everton carols and readings
Possible service at Hatley TBC

Wednesday 27th December

- 9.30am Midweek Eucharist TBC

Sunday 31st December (New Year's Eve)

- 10am Benefice Service at Gamlingay