

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



## Weekly newsletter 5 January 2024



*From Hilary:*

So, 2024 begins with Epiphany services taking place this Sunday (the day after Epiphany itself). I would be interested to know how you got on with the little booklets I gave out - did you identify the carols used to head up the readings and thoughts? The Epiphany season and the following 'Ordinary Time' will be short this year, as Lent starts in mid-February. The Ash Wednesday evening service could be at Everton this year, please let Hilary know of any strong views if this is a service you would want to attend.

The PCCs will be meeting in the next couple of weeks. The meeting booked for the evening of 7th January is now for Gamlingay PCC only, as Everton will meet separately. My gratitude continues to the people of our parishes (not all on the PCC!) who are working so hard to help 'keep the show on the road' in terms of meeting our legal and practical needs and obligations.

The week of prayer for Christian Unity always comes upon us soon after Christmas, as it coincides with the celebration of the Conversion of St Paul. There is no tradition here of making much of this time, but from January 18th-25th I invite you to join me in prayer for that visible and active unity in diversity that God wills for his people.

The Bible Studies which were part of our church life in Gamlingay have lapsed following Covid, but there is a move to restart them. Let Hilary or Chris know if you are interested in joining, and if remote access would be helpful - the meetings will be in person. They used to be on Tuesday mornings, please indicate if this is still workable.

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## ***NEWS FROM EVERTON***

Community Soup Lunches start this coming week on 9th Jan 12-2pm

The funeral of John Brooker takes place on Thursday 11th January at 12.30pm in church, followed by a private cremation. John's ashes will be interred in the churchyard in due course.

# NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY

The CCTV is now in place and the PCC will be discussing policy and signage this coming week.

We look forward to the Soiree Ensemble concert on Sunday, supporting Tibbs Dementia Charity and St Mary's Church. (see below) There are many people to thank for making this possible, more next time on that.

The first Simple Lunch of 2024 will be on Tuesday 16th, 12.30-2pm in the Church Hall.

The first Memory Lane of 2024 is the following week Tuesday 23rd 2-4pm at the Ecohub.

## New Year Charity Concert – THIS SUNDAY!

On Sunday, 7th January at 3pm we have a rather special event coming up at St Mary's in Gamlingay – another New Year concert from the 'Soiree Ensemble'. This group of professional musicians, drawn together by Carla Robinson, will be playing a variety of popular classical music for chamber ensemble, featuring our church organ and Steph Laugharne. This is a charity concert with proceeds shared between St Mary's Church and, this year, Tibbs Dementia Care charity. Sarah from Tibbs will be with us to speak a little about their work. Tickets are available from church, the Hub or Carla.

A candle lit  
**New Year celebration charity concert**  
**SUNDAY**  
**7th January**  
**3.00 pm**  
**St Mary's Church, Gamlingay**

**THE SOIRÉE ENSEMBLE**  
 Directed by Carla Robinson  
*With great music for everyone to enjoy – including pieces by Corelli, Vivaldi, Bach, Piazzolla, Francois Dompierre... and much more*

Proceeds to  +  

Adults £10.00, children £5.00 – including refreshments  
 Tickets from St Mary's church, Eco Hub and [bit.ly/7-1-24](https://bit.ly/7-1-24)

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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.*

## January Services and Events

### Sunday 7th January celebrating Epiphany

9.30am Gamlingay All Age Eucharist  
11.15am Everton Parish Eucharist  
3pm New Year Charity Concert, Gamlingay

### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January

**NB:** No midweek communion

### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January, Epiphany 2

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

### Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January

9.30am Midweek communion at Gamlingay

### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January, Epiphany 3 – Week of prayer for Christian Unity

9.30am Parish Eucharist at Gamlingay  
4pm Evensong at Everton

### Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January

9.30am Midweek communion at Gamlingay

### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January, Presentation of Christ (Candlemas)

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

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