

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



Weekly newsletter 19 January 2024



From Hilary:

Thank you for responses to my questions (not many!). The Ash Wednesday evening service will be at Everton again this year.

My thanks to Chris and Les for covering services this weekend.

I am working on finding a suitable time for the people who have expressed interest in bible study. We will be doing something for Lent, which is not far away now. It was originally going to be something about music, do let me know if that is of interest.

RIP Jim Seamer - a reminder that all are welcome at Jim's service at St Swithun's Church, Sandy on 2nd February 2024 at 11:00am.

No flowers by request, donation if desired can be made to Great Ormond Street Hospital Childrens Charity and Prostate Cancer UK at www.ghseamer.co.uk.

The G & H Seamer office will be closed on the day of the funeral to allow staff to attend.

Gamlingay PCC has agreed that (unless festivals intervene) third Sunday services will have an intentional healing theme. The intention is that this is for whole-congregation participation, not asking anyone to participate in ways with which they are uncomfortable. The first Sunday for this will be the third in February.

NEWS FROM EVERTON

Community soup lunches continue with the next one this coming Tuesday, January 23rd. The wall on the north side of the churchyard has been mended.

Stephanie Norris has carried out the Quinquennial inspection in freezing conditions. Thank you to her and those who helped her to access the building. The report will be with us within the next 4 weeks.

NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY

The first Simple Lunch of 2024 took place at the Church Hall. Despite several absences the meal was enjoyed by a few of us.

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

Electoral Roll Revision - Gamlingay and Hatley

The electoral roll will be revised between 29th January and 12th February. If you are not on the electoral roll and would like to be please contact me for a form.

If you are already on the roll, you do not need to do anything unless you wish to come off or your name or contact details have changed.

Thank you,

Valerie Miller Electoral Roll Officer

Service information

This week Sunday 21st January, Week of prayer for Christian Unity

9.30am Parish Eucharist - Gamlingay
4pm Evensong - Everton

Next Week Sunday 28th January, Celebrating the Feast of the Presentation

We shall be celebrating the feast of the Presentation of Christ in the temple (Candlemas) which technically falls on 2nd February. I had mistakenly been thinking of celebrating on the following Sunday, but the Lectionary doesn't allow for that, as we begin to count down to Lent on the first Sunday in February.

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

February Services

Sunday 4th February, 2 Before Lent

9.30am Parish All Age Eucharist, Gamlingay
11.15am Parish Eucharist, Everton

Wednesday 7th February

9.30am Midweek Eucharist at Gamlingay

Sunday 11th February, Next Before Lent

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

Wednesday 14th February, Ash Wednesday

9.30am Eucharist with optional ashes - Gamlingay
7.30pm Eucharist with optional ashes - Everton

Sunday 18th February, Lent 1

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

Wednesday 21st February

9.30am Midweek Eucharist at Gamlingay

Sunday 25th February, Lent 2

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

Wednesday 28th February

9.30am Midweek Eucharist at Gamlingay



Don't forget to give us your fundraising feedback!

We are asking you all to don your thinking caps and see if you can come up with some original ideas for fundraising events. If you would be prepared to plan and organise something yourself so much the better but any ideas would be very welcome. It would also be useful to know what sort of regular events you particularly enjoy and are most likely to take part in - e.g. quizzes, concerts, fairs, coffee mornings, cream teas, etc.

One idea which has already been put forward is an 'Open Gardens' event. Would you be willing to select a day during July and August to open your garden to visitors? Nearer the time your details would be added to a list which would be made available to anyone wishing to take part. It would be entirely your choice whether or not to offer refreshments as well. There would be no set charge, but we would ask you to prominently display a bowl for donations and encourage visitors to add to it! You don't need to specify a date yet but please let us know soon if you are willing to do this as if we do not get sufficient offers to make it viable, we will have to think of something else to fill the gap.

Fundraising will be vital to our survival again this year so please help us out with some feedback.

Email: stmarysgamevents@outlook.com or speak to one of us at church.

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