

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



Weekly newsletter 26 January 2024



From Hilary:

Norman and I had a restful long weekend which was much needed as the respiratory infection that I, like many, have been unable to shake off from before Christmas has re-asserted itself. I am just about functioning thanks to the few days of rest. My thanks again to Chris and Les for covering services last Sunday.

Jim Seamer's funeral is next Friday, 2nd February at St Swithun's Church, Sandy at 11am. I am planning to go so can offer, or would be pleased to accept, a lift.

Unless this turns out not to work after all, **Lent Study and Lunch sessions** are proposed for Mondays with a simple soup lunch at 12.30 followed by a meeting from 1.30-2.30. An evening session for those who can't make daytime can be arranged by request (not always on Mondays).

Offers of soup and any other items would be welcome! The first session will be on Monday 19th February, venue TBC, most likely either at the Rectory or the Church Hall.

NEWS FROM EVERTON

John Brooker's funeral last week was a great village affair despite, or perhaps partly because of, his lack of immediate family. As a great biker his hearse and coffin were especially appropriate. Well done to the Endersby family who were acting as next-of-kin.



NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY

The next Simple Lunch at the Church Hall takes place this coming Tuesday, 30th January.

The first Memory Lane of 2024 was a pleasant but quite quiet affair with an opportunity to catch up, play some games and watch Kate's paper flower-making - thank you Kate for responding to our request to see how it's done. The next one is planned to be more active, on February 26th.

RIP Barry John Albon - church funeral this last Wednesday, and **Frederick John Whitebread**, funeral at Bedford Crematorium on Friday. Our prayers are with their families.

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

Easyfundraising

Thank you to everyone who has used Easyfundraising in the last few months and helped to boost church funds.

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Alec Hissett

Gamlingay Open Gardens

We are repeating the item about the proposed fundraising 'Open Gardens' event in the hope that a few more people will respond.....

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.

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



Dates for your diaries.....

22nd March - Quiz Night

27th April - Coffee Morning in Church Hall with stalls

Service information

This Week Sunday 28th January - Celebrating the Feast of the Presentation

9.30am Parish Eucharist - Gamlingay

11.15am Parish Eucharist – Everton

Wednesday 31st January

9.30am Midweek Eucharist at Gamlingay

February Services (NB: corrections to Sunday 18th)

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

4pm Evensong 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

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