

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



Weekly newsletter 23 February 2024



From Hilary:

Lent study and lunches

Simple soup lunch from 12.30pm started last Monday, with the discussion meeting from 1.30 - 2.30pm (3pm at latest). Discussion at these sessions is on the collect and hymns chosen for the previous Sunday - the hymn included last week was 'Forty days and forty nights'.

This week the discussion will be on the Lent 2 collect. Chris Miller, who will be preaching and choosing hymns for Sunday, will lead this session.

Preparing for Easter

We are of course doing this by our Lent study, but also by getting Easter supplies in. Palm crosses are on order, and I will be ordering **Real Easter Eggs** - ethically sourced chocolate and the Easter story included. This year the standard eggs have a prize competition as well. These eggs are not available in the shops. Please let me know if you would like me to order any on your behalf - there is a small saving on the regular price for bulk orders, see below for what's on offer. There are two Sundays to go for the 'prices held' offer, so please sign up in church or by email to ensure I have ordered for you.



The 2024 original edition Real Easter Egg includes a new 24 page Easter story activity book with a £200 prize competition. There is also a super thick Fairtrade milk chocolate egg (150g) with a lovely creamy taste. 30% cocoa – Palm Oil & plastic free.

Available in cases of 6 or as singles. Case price £4.50 - Single price £4.90. 18 eggs (3 cases) come with no added delivery charge.

*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.*

NEWS FROM EVERTON

A mat arrives this week and will be tried out as a temporary 'fix' for the uneven floor tiles in the central aisle.

The annual roof maintenance by Lodge and Son is to take place on Friday.

The PCC meets on Wednesday afternoon this next week and will set the date for the APCM.

The Community Soup Lunch was attended by 18 people. Donations continue from those attending and it has been a welcome addition to community life.

Coffee Morning next Saturday (3rd March) will be produced by the same people with bacon sandwiches on offer this month.

John Brooker's ashes are to be interred after the Sunday service this week (25th February).

NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY

Simple Lunch on Tuesday 20th was attended by 11 people including a grandchild, with a few regulars absent. Donations amounted to £26.60. The next one is on Tuesday 5th March.

The Churchyard had a bit of a tidy on Saturday morning - more volunteers would be very welcome. A plan for the area that used to be under the diseased beech tree, where there is now a large standing stump, will be formed in the next months. Advice on the hedge between the Hall and the churchyard will be acted on next autumn/winter, as the warm weather has brought on growth before there has been time to deal with it.

Lodge and Son (working at Everton on Friday) also take on gutter maintenance at Gamlingay and will be visiting this Friday. The roof alarm system has also had an update with change of monitoring firm.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) is next Sunday 3rd March after the morning service and will be followed by lunch - both in the Church Hall. The Annual Report will be available in church.

Nomination forms for PCC and Church Wardens are still available in church or by request online - please speak to Hilary or Ann. Returns can be made any time up to and including the day of the meeting.

Niassa: Chris Martin has shared the following very sad information...

'Some very disappointing news. The Amy Lothian school that St Mary's found the money to build in Mopoto in Niassa has closed down. 400 kids' education just gone down the pan. Reason given -no one to manage it. If you would let people know, some will be very upset.'

The church can continue to support the work of the church in Niassa province of Mozambique, unless there is a decision otherwise by the PCC. Whatever is decided we will share - our contacts work with more than the school itself, but it is the founding of the school which began the connection. Please let Hilary know your views.

NB: If you wish to be able to visit Ely Cathedral for free then please follow the link below. Passes must now be applied for by individuals on the electoral roll.

[Ely Cathedral Parish and resident Passes - Diocese of Ely \(elydiocese.org\)](http://elydiocese.org)

Lent Faith Group

Our second Lent Faith group meeting will be held on Monday (26 February) at the Rectory. The meeting will be held at 1.30pm with the option of a simple lunch beforehand from 12.30pm. On this occasion it would be good if those attending the meeting could bring something made of wood.

Chris Miller

Intercessions

In her February letter to clergy and ministers Bishop Dagmar has raised the issue of GDPR and intercessions. Although written with GDPR in mind, especially when the service is streamed, there are suggestions of good practice for us all. Bishop Dagmar writes:

The question has been raised about naming people with their full name in Intercessions, especially when this service is then livestreamed or otherwise made available on the internet.

Here is some advice in order not to fall foul of GDPR, but also for simply good and sensitive pastoral practice:

- 1. Always tell the individual and get their permission if you are going to name them in prayers. Clearly if they object, honour this.**
- 2. Using first names only, whether streamed or otherwise, is strongly recommended.**
- 3. If you wish to use full names in non-streamed services, you should still always be sure the person thus named is happy with this. Be mindful that using the full name does make the individual more identifiable, and so it is all the more important to check with them each time. First name only is certainly preferable.*
- 4. Be mindful not to add further personal information** when naming the person, such as details around health etc. This all becomes personal information linked to them and so it is always best to minimise this.

I will be contacting all those who have asked for people to be remembered on the intercession list to check that they have the permission of the person concerned (if they are too ill to give their permission then a close family member will suffice). I will also be asking whether a first name only is appropriate in each case. If you wish to add a name to the intercession list please let me know and provide me with the information from 1. and 2. above.

The intercession list will be reviewed monthly.

Chris Miller

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Gamlingay - dates for the diary:

3rd March - **APCM** followed by lunch in the Church Hall - sign-up sheet in church.

22nd March - **Quiz Night** with Ian – Church Hall

27th April - **Coffee Morning** with Stalls in the Church Hall

19th May - **Treasure Hunt**

22nd June - **Summer Fair**

SERVICE INFORMATION

Sunday 25th February, Lent 2

9.30am Parish Eucharist at Gamlingay – Chris Miller to preach.

11.15am Parish Eucharist at Everton

Wednesday 28th February

9.30am Midweek Eucharist at Gamlingay

Sunday 3rd March, Lent 3

9.30am Parish Eucharist - Gamlingay - Sandra to preach

Followed by APCM and lunch.

11.15am Parish Eucharist at Everton

Wednesday 6th March

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.

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