

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



## Weekly newsletter 1 March 2024



### *From Hilary:*

We are now getting well into Lent, this week being the third Sunday of the season and the first Sunday in March. That means next week (the fourth in Lent) can be celebrated as Mothering Sunday - as we will be doing. This year we look forward to welcoming Venerable Richard Harlow, our Archdeacon, to our services. His wish is to visit around the parishes of the Archdeaconry, and we have accepted his offer to be with us this Sunday.

### **Flowers**

If you can help with posies for Mothering Sunday (greenery, flowers or putting together) please let someone know - Hilary, Jane Butcher (Everton) Sandra Macrow (Gamlingay and Hatley). Posy making is likely to be on Friday or Saturday of next week.

**Real Easter Eggs** have been ordered and are available at £5.50 each - I've ordered more than have been asked for so do let me know if you would like one.

**Lent Study and Lunches** continue, it is not too late to join – Monday sessions face-to-face, others by arrangement.

**Confirmation sessions** are about to begin in preparation for the confirmation service at St Neots in May. Please contact Hilary if you, or anyone you know, might be interested in exploring the basics of our faith at this time - there is no assumption that this must lead to confirmation.



## ***NEWS FROM EVERTON***

**The PCC** will have met this week, (after this Newsletter goes to press) and the recent Quinquennial inspection will have been high on the agenda.

**The loose floor tiles** are now covered by a mat which presents a much lower trip hazard. Well done to those who made this happen.

**An emergency fix** has taken place on the roof ridge lead, but more work will be needed to secure it more permanently. There is much more work needed, which will be expensive.

**Community Soup and Social** will take place on Tuesday 5th March.

# ***NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY***

**Simple Lunch** this week on Tuesday 5th will be followed at the Church Hall by the rescheduled **Memory Lane** - last week's session was postponed due to personal circumstances of the facilitators so the location and date have been adjusted this month.

**A churchyard meeting** is being arranged for those interested - please contact Alec Hissett for further information and to be included.

**The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)** takes place this Sunday 3rd March, followed by lunch. There will be extra food if anyone wants to stay for lunch and has missed signing up. The APCM report has gone out by email. There are a few printed copies available but if you have the technology, it would be helpful if you could read it online and/or print off your own copy.

**Well done and Thank you** to Jane and Nick for sorting out the space under the tower on behalf of the PCC.

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## **QUIZ**

Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 7.30pm, St Mary's Church Hall, Gamlingay

Teams of 4 to 6

£5.00 per person

Nibbles provided

Bring your own drink

Quizmaster - Ian Parker

**CASH ONLY PLEASE**

In aid of St Mary's Church funds

*If you don't have a team, come along and we'll find you a place!*

To register a team and be sure of a table please email :  
[stmarysgameevents@outlook.com](mailto:stmarysgameevents@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  
[Brenda.elcome@ymail.com](mailto:Brenda.elcome@ymail.com)

# SERVICE INFORMATION

## Services for March

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, Lent 3

9.30am All Age Parish Eucharist at Gamlingay followed by Gamlingay APCM in the Church Hall  
11.15am Parish Eucharist at St Mary's Everton, Les Oglesby to preside.

### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March

9.30am Midweek Eucharist at Gamlingay

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March, Lent 4 - Mothering Sunday with Venerable Richard Harlow + distribution of posies.

9.30am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Gamlingay  
11.15am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Everton

### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March

9.30am Midweek Eucharist at Gamlingay

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March, Lent 5

9.30am Parish Eucharist at Gamlingay with a focus on healing  
4pm Evensong at Everton

### Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March

9.30am Midweek Eucharist at Gamlingay

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March, Palm Sunday (Holy Week begins) - palm crosses distributed.

9.30am Liturgy of the Palms at Everton  
10am Liturgy of the Passion at Gamlingay

### Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March

7.30pm Taize-style Compline at Gamlingay

### Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March

7.30pm Taize-style Compline at Hatley St George

### Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March

7.30pm Taize-style Compline at Everton

### Maundy Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March

7.30pm Maundy Eucharist with foot washing and reserve sacrament at Gamlingay

### Good Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March

9.30am Good Friday reflections available in all three churches  
12-2pm Good Friday Watch service at Everton followed by....  
2pm Eucharist from reserve Sacrament at Everton.

### Holy Saturday

Tbc 7.30pm Vigil service and Service of Light at Gamlingay

### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March: Easter Day - Easter Egg Hunts at all three churches after the services

?8am Easter Communion at Hatley St George  
(TBC depending on personnel – may be a later non-Eucharistic service).

9.30am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Gamlingay

11.15am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Everton

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.