

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



Weekly newsletter 8 March 2024



From Hilary:

This week we welcome Venerable Richard Harlow, our Archdeacon, to the Mothering Sunday services. The Church's Mothering Sunday celebration is not only about mothers but includes all that nurtures life. On this day, that has been adopted as the secular 'Mother's Day', we thank God for all that brings life and for all who care for the young.

Flowers

Posies for Mothering Sunday at Gamlingay are being prepared on Saturday morning in the Church Hall. Please let Hilary or Sandra Macrow know if you can help in any way. For information on flowers in Everton please contact Jane Butcher

Real Easter Eggs are still available at **£4.50** each - correction to the price advertised in last week's newsletter - a slip of the finger turned into a slip of the brain! Eggs will be available at the churches for inspection or to buy. They come with a children's competition which qualifies for entry into a prize draw.



NEWS FROM EVERTON

The PCC has set the date for the **APCM** - 15th April 2024, to follow the morning service that day and to include a finger buffet lunch. The electoral roll will be revised beforehand as required. Formal notice will be published next week, and the revision will take place until the roll is published (and therefore closed) two weeks before the meeting, i.e. April 1st. Next year the full revision will take place, which requires everyone to fill in a form to be re-listed. This year no action is required to maintain the status quo, but if you want to be added, then contact Dick Edwards, Doreen Gurney or Hilary for forms. Contact Dick to see if you are on the existing roll if there is any question.

NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY

Simple Lunch and **Memory Lane** took place this week, one after the other at the Church Hall. Games and colouring were enjoyed by all who attended Memory Lane; lunch was shared by mostly the same group of people, receiving £25 in donations.

Churchyard: A meeting has been arranged for volunteers for the Churchyard Project on Saturday 16th March at 2pm at the church, inside or outside depending on the weather.

From the APCM: The PCC was re-appointed, apart from Dawn Martin, who had indicated at the beginning of the previous year that she would not stand again this year. Thanks were recorded to Dawn for all her work with the PCC, particularly her two years as Secretary. Ann Davis was appointed as sole Church Warden. The PCC will appoint a Secretary and Treasurer at the first meeting which is taking place next week, however Nick has already indicated his willingness to continue doing the excellent work he has done again this year, and Ann continues to carry out secretarial duties for the time being. PCC task groups are open to non-PCC members and will be organised and published after the meeting.

From Jane Orchiston....

Lunch after the APCM was enjoyed by all who attended. Donations of £75.00 were received. Many thanks to all who worked to provide this feast!

Our next fundraising event is the **QUIZ** on Friday, 22nd March, 7.30pm in the Church Hall, £5 pp. Always good fun! There will be a raffle and we'll probably play Heads and Tails as well. Nibbles will be provided but please bring your own drink.

Church is now open and there are a few printed copies of this Newsletter available there.

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

SERVICE INFORMATION

Services for the rest of March

Sunday 10th 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 13th March

9.30am Midweek Eucharist at Gamlingay

Sunday 17th March, Lent 5

9.30am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Gamlingay with a focus on healing
4pm Evensong at St. Mary's, Everton

Wednesday 20th March

9.30am Midweek Eucharist at Gamlingay

Sunday 24th March, Palm Sunday (Holy Week begins) - palm crosses distributed.

9.30am Liturgy of the Palms at St. Mary's, Everton
10am Liturgy of the Passion at St. Mary's, Gamlingay

Monday 25th March

7.30pm Taize-style Compline at Gamlingay

Tuesday 26th March

7.30pm Taize-style Compline at Hatley St George

Wednesday 27th March

7.30pm Taize-style Compline at Everton

Maundy Thursday 28th March

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

Good Friday 29th March

9.30am Good Friday reflections available in all three churches (? Meditation stations in each church)
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 31st 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.