

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



Weekly newsletter 15 March 2024



From Hilary:

Richard Harlow, our Archdeacon, conducted both Mothering Sunday services and tells me he was welcomed warmly for which, in my enforced absence, I am very grateful. I was SO disappointed to be struck down with a fierce tummy bug which returned on Wednesday (though less fiercely) after I thought I was improving. It has rather wiped out this last week, but I expect to be operating by the weekend. This Sunday, 5th in Lent, begins Passiontide and the following week is Palm Sunday - see below.

Real Easter Eggs are still available at **£4.50** each - correction to the price advertised at first. Having failed to bring them to church on Mothering Sunday as intended, they will be in church this Sunday, or available from the Vicarage.

Palm Sunday services are both Benefice services, with the Liturgy of the Palms and distribution of Palm Crosses taking place at Everton church at 9.30am. These will be brought from that service so people can have them for the following service at Gamlingay - Liturgy of the Passion, which contains the dramatic presentation of the Passion story - this year the version in St Mark's Gospel.

Hilary is looking for people to take part in this reading. Let her know if this is something you would be happy to be part of - microphones used, so loud voices not necessary and a run-through will be arranged.

AND I know many of you will be sorry to learn that Reverend Lucy has resigned from the ministry team, indicating she will not be taking regular services at either of our parish churches into the future. We continue to hold her in our prayers as she settles into a new life and ministry in our area and continues to recover from her back problems.

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NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY

Simple Lunch will take place at the Church Hall on Tuesday 19th March, again unfortunately coinciding with the Community Volunteers' Soup and Social at Everton.

Churchyard: A meeting for volunteers for the Churchyard Project takes place on Saturday 16th March at 2pm at the church, inside or out depending on the weather.

The new PCC met on Zoom, due to health issues. Hilary is most grateful to everyone for making that work. The meeting appointed **Secretary** (Ann Davis) and **Treasurer** (Nick Ingles). Louise Treverton-Black was co-opted to the PCC, not being eligible for election yet, and will be assisting Ann with secretarial duties. Sandra Ma row continues in her role as **Safeguarding Officer**

Task groups with their PCC leads were agreed as below. These groups are led by PCC members who keep the work connected to and recorded by the PCC. If you have anything to offer in any of these areas, please be in touch with Ann and/or Hilary. As the church continues to evolve, the help of those outside the PCC and even beyond the regular congregation, is essential if we are to 'keep the show on the road' this next year. PCC leads will be approaching anyone they know who is not on the PCC now to help with particular tasks - this doesn't always mean meetings but is more about getting necessary things done. Last year the Fundraising Task group did an amazing job, and that work is going to be even more necessary this year.

Task Groups:

Fundraising

Buildings and Fabric,

Communications and Publicity

Churchyard, Energy Efficiency- Carbon Neutral target 2030 (Solar Panels project included here)

NEWS FROM EVERTON

The APCM takes place on 15th April 2024, to follow the morning service that day and to include a finger buffet lunch.

The Electoral Roll is being revised by Electoral Roll Officer Dick Edwards. Formal notice will be in church this week and the revision will take place until the roll is published (and therefore closed) two weeks before the meeting, ie April 1st. Contact Dick Edwards, Doreen Gurney or Hilary for forms which need to be returned to Dick, who can answer questions on the previous year's roll.

Community Volunteers' Soup and Social takes place this following week at Everton Village Hall from 12noon until 2pm.

Church Clock:

We would like to report that after quite a journey our wonderful old Church clock is now both keeping time and chiming the hour. An extensive reconditioning and replacement program was started over two years ago with a large number of timekeeping issues. We would like to THANK Cumbria Clock Company for their help as they never gave up on the project. Just over a week ago, after much work, a remedy was found enabling the Clock to now keep perfect time and chime the hour, we are delighted!

Frances Allan - Tower Captain.



SERVICE INFORMATION

Services for the rest of March

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.

FINAL REMINDER!

QUIZ NIGHT : Friday 22nd March, 7.30pm in Gamlingay Church Hall.

Quizmaster: Ian Parker **Teams** of 4 - 6 **Cost:** £5 pp

Nibbles will be provided but please bring your own drink.

(If you haven't got a team, just come along anyway and we will find you one!)

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.