

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



Weekly newsletter 5 April 2024



From Hilary:

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to the Holy Week and Easter Day celebrations this year. There have been many memorable contributions, all much appreciated. Those of you who worked to make things happen, know who you are - thank you for what you have done and given. The Good Friday gardens in all three churches, stripped as they were of other decoration on that day, provided a focus for Good Friday meditations. The service at Everton was much appreciated - thank you to Sarah, Sandra, Chris and Andrew particularly for their parts in all of that. Then on Saturday all three churches were decorated beautifully, and in Gamlingay we had a special time renewing Baptism vows with Willow, baptised that evening, at the Vigil and Service of Light celebrations which begin Easter. The Sunday morning services were also joyful - thank you everyone who contributed in any way, the churches and Easter gardens looked lovely with their flower decorations.

This week there was no midweek communion as I have been catching up with myself domestically a little and doing some church planning into May. There will be a Wednesday service next week and through the rest of April, unless unforeseen circumstances intervene.

May the blessings of the Easter Season (which continues throughout this new month of April and into May!) continue with you. Christ is risen indeed, let us keep the feast.

Next week Bible studies start/re-start as previously discussed with people who have expressed interest - all welcome whether that applies or not. There will be a daytime session on Monday mornings at 10.30am which will initially look at Sunday readings, and a Thursday evening session exploring the basics of Christian faith, looking towards baptism/confirmation for those interested.

NEWS FROM EVERTON

Community Volunteers' Soup and Social this week was a little less well attended than sometimes, but a great event as usual for those who did make it. Well done to all concerned - and thank you from Norman who won the Easter Egg raffle, and for the pretty pots of flowers given to all attenders.

Preparations are underway for the APCM in a couple of weeks' time. Prayers are with those who have work to do in preparation.

Churchyard work will begin, and volunteers will be coordinated. The school is to be involved in preparing information leaflets and making the churchyard area a place for wildlife as well as a community amenity.

NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY

Churchyard: Thank you to volunteers who have begun work on managing the paths and bases of gravestones. Mowing is being discussed this week - the first cuts of agreed areas will be in a couple of weeks' time.

Eileen has asked me to thank everyone for their love, prayers and kind thoughts expressed. Peter is not well, as MND progresses for him. The help they have received has been hugely appreciated and our love and prayers continue with the whole family.
Hilary.

Forthcoming Events

Coffee morning with stalls – 27th April in Gamlingay Church Hall



SERVICE INFORMATION

Sunday 7th April Easter 2 (First Sunday after Easter)

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

Wednesday 10th April

9.30am Midweek Communion at Gamlingay

Sunday 14th April: Easter 3 (Second Sunday after Easter)

9.30am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Gamlingay
11.15am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Everton followed by APCM and buffet lunch.

Wednesday 17th April

9.30am Midweek Communion at Gamlingay

Sunday 21st April: Easter 4 (Third Sunday after Easter)

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

Wednesday 24th April

9.30am Midweek Communion at Gamlingay

Sunday 28th April: Easter 5 (Fourth Sunday after Easter)

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

EVERTON EASTER FLOWERS

Photos from Jane Butcher



EVERTON KNEELER

Photos from Linda Bycroft



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*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.*

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.