

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



Weekly newsletter 19 April 2024



From Hilary:

As the Easter season continues, we welcome Rev Robert Sibson to conduct this Sunday's morning Parish Eucharist at Gamlingay, while Chris Miller will be leading Evensong at Everton. Hilary and Norman return later in the evening that day.

Next week's Bible studies:

Monday: No 10.30am Bible study at the Rectory, as there is Joan Wisson's funeral at Gamlingay.

Thursday evening: Christian Basics group meets at the Rectory - food from 7pm.

NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY

Churchyard. The area of brambles has been reduced thanks to Peter Condon; grave bases are being kept clear and the paths are gradually being weeded by hand. Mowing will be starting in the next couple of weeks in designated areas.

Simple Lunch was less well attended this week, but still enjoyed by those who were there. Thank you, Derek, for joining the helping team.

RIP Joan Wisson whose funeral takes place at 12 noon on Monday 22nd. Anyone willing to come and help sing is invited to be there as 'choir' - not all our regular choir can attend on this occasion.

The New PCC meets for the first time this Monday 22nd April, 7.30pm at the Rectory

Memory Lane group meets at the Hub this next Tuesday (23rd) to decorate plant pots and plant some seedlings.

This newsletter is circulated by mail 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.

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

NEWS FROM EVERTON

APCM: Lunch was enjoyed by most of the morning congregation along with the APCM - thank you to the caterers! Welcome to Dr Jonathan Kirkham who joins the PCC this year, and a huge Thank You to him and last year's PCC continuing this year, as well as everyone else who has helped 'keep the show on the road' this year and is planning to do so again.

Churchyard work takes place on Sunday April 28th, with possible follow-up on the first Sunday in May. All volunteers welcome! Drinks will be provided but do bring a picnic lunch as we gather from 12.30pm, after the morning service, for a couple of hours clearing and some mowing.

SERVICE INFORMATION

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

9.30am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Gamlingay welcoming Rev Robert Sibson
4pm Evensong at St. Mary's, Everton – Chris Miller to preside.

Wednesday 24th April

9.30am Midweek Eucharist 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 followed by picnic lunch and churchyard working party.

Saturday 4th May

2pm Wedding - Thomas Bailey + Lily-Rose Hickman

Sunday 5th May: Easter 6 (Fifth Sunday after Easter)

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

Wednesday 8th May

9.30am Midweek Communion at Gamlingay - Rogation Day

Thursday 9th May

7.30pm Service for **Feast of the Ascension** - Gamlingay

Sunday 12th May: Easter 7 (Sixth Sunday after Easter, Sunday after Ascension, Rogation)

9.30am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Gamlingay
4pm Evensong at St. Mary's, Everton

Sunday 19th May: Feast of Pentecost (Whit Sunday)

9.30am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Gamlingay with a focus on healing.
Treasure Hunt in the afternoon
11.15am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Everton

Sunday 26th May: Trinity Sunday

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

Unsolicited publicity

I have spotted some material left on the table in church which has been put there by someone not part of our church. It purports to be from a Christian organisation, but it is not one affiliated with our church and I'd like to enlist your help in making sure that visitors to church don't find things there that are nothing to do with us or anyone we have proper links with. I have taken the envelopes out, checked the content and would advise people not to make contact with the organisation concerned. Although it looks to be a bona fide Christian charity (Revival Ministries International) it is a huge American organisation, and therefore I'm a little suspicious. We have plenty of local ministry that we can check up on - if anyone is looking for something a bit different from the Anglican offering. GBC, with whom we work, is a much better option.

We have also been contacted by 'Good News for Everyone' - Huntingdon branch - this is what used to be Gideons - again an American organisation which used to do an important ministry distributing Bibles through an exclusively male network. There has been a split in the organisation over the inclusion of women, and as a female priest I have found them difficult to work with.

I do not oppose, indeed I welcome, anything that brings the Good News of Jesus Christ to people. Seeking to revive faith and help people to live Christian lives is part of my own caring, however I do advise some caution. We need to be (as Jesus says) 'wise as serpents and innocent as doves' in dealing with ways in which Scripture and the Gospel can be misused and resources diverted to ends we would not ourselves wish to be part of.

Hilary.

A repeat of last week's request for donations and help at next Saturday's Coffee Morning:

All contributions can be brought to the Church Hall on Friday 26th April between 3pm and 5pm or before 10.30am on Saturday morning **AND** do please encourage friends and neighbours to come and join us.

NB: If you could offer help on the Friday afternoon with setting up and/or on the day with manning stalls, serving refreshments, clearing up, etc., that would be wonderful. Please have a word with Jane, Valerie, Ros or Brenda – or just turn up, you will be welcomed with open arms!



Saturday 27th April, 10.30 – 12.30

Much more than just 'Coffee and Chat' – though plenty of that as well! No charge but a bowl for donations.

CAKES: Of course there will be cakes! We are hoping that all you wonderful bakers will, once again, rise to the challenge and help us with contributions.

PLANTS: Do you have any spare seedlings, cuttings, unwanted plants you could donate to sell?

BOOKS: We don't want all your unwanted books but perhaps you have a few that you have enjoyed and would be happy to pass on?

BRIC-A-BRAC: This does not mean junk! We will be in the Church Hall and there won't be a great deal of room but a selection of well-chosen items that are no longer useful to you but might be to others would be gratefully received.

RAFFLE: Inevitably! Donations of prizes please.

Programme of Concerts & Events at St Mary's Church, Gamlingay

Spring 2024

Sat 27 April 2024, 10.30am - 12.30pm

Coffee Morning

Please join us for our coffee morning. Come and have a catch up over a cuppa and a slice of cake.

There will be Plants, Books & Bric-a-Brac stalls and a Raffle.

St Mary's Church Hall - **Donations for refreshments and items to buy from stalls.**

Sun 19 May 2024 11am - 4pm

Treasure Hunt & Afternoon Tea

Join our Treasure Hunt and turn your daily walk into lots of fun with a trail of clues to find the treasure.

Then afterwards relax with a cup of tea and enjoy afternoon tea with your friends.

Sign up by emailing stmarysgamevents@outlook.com

St. Mary's Church.

Summer 2024

Sat 22 June 2024, 12 noon to 4pm

Summer Fair

Refreshments, stalls and much more. Olympic connected exhibits invited for display in church using any medium. Sign up by emailing stmarysgamevents@outlook.com

St Mary's Church Yard

Weekends in July & August

Open Gardens

Enjoy refreshments provided and relax as you admire the hosts beautiful gardens. To find out about open garden address details - Sign up by emailing

stmarysgamevents@outlook.com

Gardens - **Donations**

Autumn 2024

September 21st – Village Show

Refreshments at the Show - More details to follow.

October 5th & 6th

Music Marathon

Anyone interested in taking part, would you please email stmarysgamevents@outlook.com

More details to follow.

St Mary's Church

Nov Event & Time TBC

Quiz Night - Sign up by emailing stmarysgamevents@outlook.com

Church Hall

Winter 2024

December 7th

Christmas Fair - More details to follow.

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