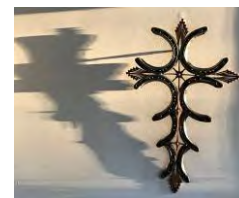


# ST MARY'S GAMLINGAY, HATLEY ST GEORGE & ST MARY'S EVERTON



## Weekly newsletter 18 October 2024



### *From Hilary:*

**Thank you again** for all that went in to Harvest celebrations and well done to the girls who coloured these at the services in Gamlingay and Hatley St George.



**Remembrance** is the next item on the horizon, but I'm obliged also to 'mention the C word' as someone put it at the weekend.....



**Advent** begins after the end of November. Advent Sunday is 1st December this year (for once the countdown to Christmas Day coincides liturgically with the secular calendar). I have a number of Real Advent Calendars (12) for sale at a slight discount from the on-line price. When they are gone, they are gone, £4.50 secures a calendar which is already in my possession. These have Fair Trade chocolate in them and tell the Christmas story in an activity booklet.

## ***NEWS FROM EVERTON***

**Soup and Social** took place this last week, coinciding for the last time for a while with Simple Lunch at Gamlingay. The event was enjoyed and well attended as usual.

**A churchyard working party** is planned for this Saturday (19th October) starting at 10am - please publicise and invite participation. The weather forecast doesn't look great, but we shall do our best. Bring tools if you can but there will be some provided. Rakes, secateurs and spades/hoes are the tools most likely to be needed. Caterers and people willing to do a short stint of clearing would be very welcome. To anyone living nearby - wheelbarrows are particularly useful

**The Gift Day** total is not yet counted up, but is thought to be in excess of £1000, thank you to all concerned. A **new Sum-Up** machine is being brought into service to go alongside the QR code which will enable the use of technology to assist donors.

**The Christmas Coffee Morning** date has been confirmed for November 30th, 10am-12noon.

# ***NEWS FROM THE HATLEYS***

**St Denis Churchyard Volunteers Group** (which is, in effect, a task group of Gamlingay with the Hatleys PCC) meets at noon on Saturday 26th. Hilary is the PCC link for this group.

# ***NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY***

**Simple Lunch** this last Tuesday welcomed six participants and 3three helpers

**A new broadband service** was due for installation on Thursday.

**PCC** meets on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October.

**Quiz Night** is getting booked up - make sure of your team place. Space was oversubscribed last year.

## **QUIZ NIGHT**

*(Click here for the poster)*

**Places for the quiz on 8th November are being booked already. Don't miss out, book your team in now!**

**If you're on your own or less than four we will find you a team.**

## **GUILD OF ST MARY**

The next meeting of the Guild of St. Mary is on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October, 7.30pm at Gamlingay Church Hall.



This is an **Open Meeting** at which visitors will be very welcome. Our speaker for the evening will be Corinne Price from The Swiss Gardens.

The charge for visitors is £5, which includes refreshments and a raffle ticket.

**ALL WELCOME!**

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Please let Brenda Elcome have any articles or pictures for the newsletter by Wednesday afternoon to [Brenda.elcome@ymail.com](mailto:Brenda.elcome@ymail.com)

*See Service Information for October and November on the next page.*

## Services in the Benefice

Midweek said Eucharist services take place at St Mary's in Gamlingay every Wednesday at 9.30am unless otherwise advertised.

### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October: Trinity 21

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

### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October: Last after Trinity, Dedication Festival (Bible Sunday)

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

### Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October

6pm **Halloween Light Celebration** planned for St. Mary's Church Gamlingay.  
*(The proposed Light Party at the Church Hall to precede it is not yet confirmed, but there may well be a carved pumpkin display - all age entries welcome)*

### Thursday 31st October, All Hallows Eve

6pm Service of Light at St Mary's Gamlingay - meet at the Rectory beforehand or at church, bring a candle (baptism or confirmation particularly appropriate)

## Services for November

### Sunday 3rd November : 4 Before Advent, Celebrating All Saints

9.30am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Gamlingay for All Saints  
11.15am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Everton,  
6pm Commemoration Service at St. Mary's Gamlingay

### Sunday 10th November Remembrance Sunday

9.30am Said Eucharist at St. Mary's, Gamlingay  
10.45am Gathering at the War Memorial for 11am Act of Remembrance followed by walk to Gamlingay Baptist Church for Remembrance Sunday service  
10.45am Act of Remembrance, St Mary's Churchyard Everton followed by service of Remembrance in church  
11am ? Act of Remembrance at Hatley St George Church war memorial TBC

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November: 2 Before Advent

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

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November: Next Before Advent/Christ the King

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

## Advance Notice:

### Sunday 1st December – Advent begins

9.30am Parishes Eucharist at St. Mary's, Gamlingay  
4.00pm Benefice Advent Carol Service at St Mary's Everton

*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.*

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