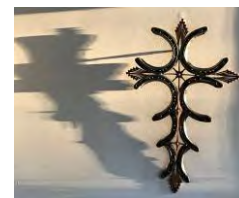


ST MARY'S GAMLINGAY, HATLEY ST GEORGE & ST MARY'S EVERTON



Weekly newsletter 1 November 2024



From Hilary:

This Sunday we have memorial times at both parish churches, remembering those who have died both recently and further in the past. Names will be read aloud of those whose services have been in this last year, with any others whose names are given in. This can be done by sending an email beforehand (best, if you can) or bringing to church. There will be cards to write names on, or you could print out the accompanying attachment, fill in and return. (*See more about the cards on page 2*)

At Everton we will have our memorial time as part of the morning intercessions, at Gamlingay there is a 6pm service, which is not a Eucharist.

Reminder - Advent Calendars

Real Advent Calendars - 11 left at £4.50 each. The Calendars have Fair Trade chocolate for each day and a Christmas story and activity booklet.



NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY

Simple Lunch takes place this coming week on 5th November. No Jane O this time, but much gratitude to her and other helpers. There may be more 'customers' now that we don't coincide with Everton's Soup and Social.

The PCC met on Monday, more details next time.

The Quiz is fully booked, numbers being limited by the capacity of the hall.

Churchyard discussions continue with the Parish Council. The CAG bid for grass management was unsuccessful this time and has been carried forward to February.

The Repair Cafe takes place at the Eco hub this Saturday 1-4pm

The Stuffing party for the Grand Draw is on Friday, 15th November at 7.30pm. More hands make light work. Helpers are needed to deliver the envelopes to every house in the village. Spread the word and see how many volunteers can be mustered!

NEWS FROM THE HATLEYS

St Denis Churchyard: The volunteers group, a task group of Gamlingay with the Hatleys PCC, met this last Saturday, with planning for Autumn work in the churchyard. Special thanks to members of that group.

NEWS FROM EVERTON

Soup and Social this week, during half term, was a happy and buzzing session, a 5th Tuesday making it possible for Hilary to attend again and for a while. The next one is on 12th November.

Barnabas Oley: The PCC is thankful for the arrival of last year's donation to support the work of the church, hoping for similar again this year. Trustees meet later this month.

The Christmas Coffee Morning date has been confirmed for November 30th, 10am-12noon publicity is being circulated. Do come along, contributions for stalls and/or offers of help welcome. (*Poster attached*)

MEMORIAL CARDS

The memorial note card (available in church or as [an attachment to this newsletter](#)) uses a picture entitled 'Remembering' which was painted by Marcelle Seabourne as a commission for this Church season leading into Advent.

The picture stands alone, but for those interested, Marcelle wrote the following notes about the symbolism in her mind as she worked.

gateway – departure from earthly life
rose (dark crimson) - mourning
pansy – thoughts, remembrance
sweet pea – goodbye, departure
lady's mantle - comfort
rosemary – remembrance

dove – spirit, peace, calm, grace
poppy – consolation (remembrance)
zinnia (yellow) – daily remembrance
marigold – pain and grief
salvia (blue) – I think of you
fern – sincerity

There's a raindrop on one Alchemilla leaf - a tear?
Some grass-like lines towards the bottom of the candle look a bit like barbed wire-alluding to war, therefore Remembrance Day - the poppy the Royal British Legion symbol.
The brighter stripe across the candle could be seen as a ribbon - the yellow ribbon has begun to be used for home-coming and particularly in the US for the safe return of soldiers from conflict.
The pattern of foliage over and through the other objects, together with the diagonal across the candle echoes the watercolour: 'After the First Frosts' - an elegiac theme of the passing of summer, but not without hope as there is still beauty in winter and, with the cycle of the seasons, spring will surely follow.



Services in the Benefice

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

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 Remembrance material available at Hatley St George Church war memorial - church open

Sunday 17th November: 2 Before Advent

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

Sunday 24th 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

November events Information

A special Eucharist in Celebration of 30 Years of Women's Priestly Ministry takes place at Ely Cathedral on **Saturday 9 November at 3pm**. Bishop Dagmar will preside, Canon Jessica Martin will preach, and the girl choristers will sing, conducted by Sarah MacDonald. **All are very welcome.**

On the Friday before this service (8 November), there is a Day Conference: 'Hope of our Calling' at Great St Mary's Church in Cambridge. The conference focuses on women's voices and the fruit of their work today, in ministry, scholarship and creativity.

Speakers include Dr Victoria Johnson, Dr Isabelle Hamley and Dr Rosemarie Mallett.

Conference tickets are bookable via: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/greatstmarys/1410698>

*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.
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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.

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