

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



Weekly newsletter 8 November 2024



From Hilary:

Thank you and well done to those who contributed to marking this year's All Saints/All Souls season. We celebrated light overcoming darkness at Halloween with a 'treats' table outside Gamlingay Rectory, entertaining many families and young people, and then a (very!) few of us, and no children, actually celebrated in Church with candles and song. We may have been few, but it felt an important thing to have done.



Special thanks were recorded to providers of the food.



Then on Sunday we celebrated All Saints at our morning services, also mentioning names of remembered loved ones. Attendance at the evening memorial service at Gamlingay was select but heart-felt. Competition with the fireworks was fortunately only during the lead-in and the service started just after the display ended.

This Sunday is Remembrance Sunday (the nearest to the 11th which is the actual Remembrance Day of course). This year at Gamlingay it is the turn of the Baptist Church to host, (*see message from Rev Adrian below*). I am preaching there after the Act of Remembrance at the War memorial. Chris Miller will be conducting the service in Everton at the war memorial in the churchyard there and in church.

This Sunday we will be gathering for Remembrance Sunday.

There are many ways that you can be a part and join in to remember those who have given their lives for us:

- *We will be gathering at the war memorial in Gamlingay, at 10:45 for an act of Remembrance with Rev Hilary and Rev Adrian, after which we will make our way to GBC (Gamlingay Baptist Church) for a service of remembrance.*
- *If you are unable to join at the war memorial, you can head straight to GBC, where a simple act of remembrance will be led by Mike Roberts. Following that, others will join for a service of remembrance.*
- *If you are unable to join in person for any of the above, you can join the service online via the GBC YouTube page here: <https://www.youtube.com/live/w5WjTgwNjLA>*

We look forward to gathering with you, in whatever way it may be, to remember all those who have given their lives for us, that we may have the freedom we do.

Reminder - Advent Calendars

Real Advent Calendars - 5 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 was busy this week, with 14 attendees. Many thanks to Ann, Sue and Stephen for their help. We managed fine but missed Jane and Vivienne.

Memory Lane this month (25th November) will again welcome Annie and husband to lead our Christmas celebration with their Tea Dance music.

The Repair Cafe this last Saturday was a good event, with wonderful help from young volunteers, and many items returned to use rather than binned. Thank you and well done to organisers and contributors alike.

Theft took place on Halloween during the day at Gamlingay church, where an intruder stole two of the three CCTV cameras. Footage from the cameras has been shared with police. The church will reopen when the cameras have been replaced.

Remembrance Service at GBC is available to watch from home as well as attend in person.

A service of renewal of wedding vows will take place for Simon and Julie Ellis at 2pm on Sunday 24th November in Gamlingay St. Mary's (rehearsal will follow the morning service at Gamlingay on Sunday 17th November).

RIP Mildred Martin-Jones (Milly) whose funeral will take place at the graveside in Stocks Lane cemetery at 2.30pm on Thursday 14th November.

NEWS FROM THE HATLEYS



St Denis Churchyard - volunteers group, a task group of Gamlingay with the Hatleys PCC, is planning Autumn work in the churchyard. Advice is being sought from Cambs Wildlife Trust on possible future (next Autumn) dredging of the ancient moat which borders the churchyard on two sides. Tree management is also being planned as well as managing the hedges which are encroaching on the churchyard. A number of dead elms will need removing for safety.

The Spindle trees in the churchyard look spectacular this year - the red is fruit rather than flowers.



Remembrance for the Hatley dead from two world wars will take place both at Gamlingay and, if anyone wishes, privately in Hatley St George church, where there is also a memorial with the names which will be read at the Gamlingay civic ceremony.

NEWS FROM EVERTON

Christmas Coffee Morning, 30th November, 10am – 12 noon:

Advertisements are on display, please support this important fund raiser and enjoyable social event.

Remembrance Sunday

Everton Village Hall will be open from 10.30 – 11.30am on Sunday so that anyone coming to the wreath laying and Service of Remembrance can come in to see the war memorial wall and/or use the toilets. Thanks to Elaine and Mike Messina for facilitating this.



GUILD OF ST MARY

Link to Hope Shoebox Appeal

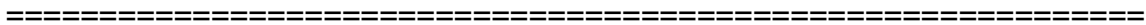


Once again, our wonderful members and friends have, throughout the year, donated a wealth of gifts in support of the 'Link to Hope' Christmas shoebox appeal. Last week 20 boxes were packed (stuffed!) and wrapped ready for the next step in their onward transmission to their final destination. The charity supports families and older folk living in impoverished areas of Eastern Europe and the boxes, packed with a variety of practical and fun items, are distributed in time for Christmas.

We are hugely grateful to Chris Wareham for overseeing this annual task and keeping us informed about what is needed. Thank you also to the packers and wrappers as well as to everyone who has donated items including the actual shoeboxes which are not always so easy to find!



THANK YOU!



NB: Service information for November and December can be found on the next page.

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

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 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

Services for December

Sunday 1st December Advent 1

- 9.30am Parish Eucharist at St Mary's Gamlingay
11.15am Parish Eucharist at St Mary's Everton
4pm Benefice Advent Carol Service at Gamlingay

Sunday 8th December Advent 2

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

Sunday 15th December Advent 3

- 9.30am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Gamlingay with a focus on healing
11.15am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Everton
6pm Gamlingay Traditional Carol Service with GBC at St Mary's

Wednesday 18th December

- 7pm Carol Service at Hatley St George

Sunday 22nd December Advent 4

- 9.30am Benefice Eucharist at St. Mary's, Gamlingay
11.15am Pop-Up nativity service at Hatley St George
4pm Benefice Carol Service at St. Mary's, Everton

Tuesday 24th December Christmas Eve

- 3.30pm Christingle Service at St. Mary's, Everton
4.30pm Christingle Service at St. Mary's, Gamlingay preceded by Nativity Walk from The Jannah (meet at 4pm)
11.30pm First Communion of Christmas (Midnight Mass) Gamlingay St Mary

Wednesday 25th December Christmas Day

- 8.30am Christmas Day said Eucharist TBC
10am Christmas Day Family Eucharist Gamlingay St Mary
10am Christmas Day lessons and carols Everton St Mary

*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.*