

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



Weekly newsletter 22 November 2024



From Hilary:

This Sunday is the last Sunday before Advent and the last of the church year, when we celebrate Christ the King remembering the kingship of Jesus - whose kingdom is not of this world.

Next Sunday, on the 1st of December, we start a new church year (Designated Year C in the Lectionary) with the first Sunday in Advent.

For Children and Families

We have been looking at our offering for children and families and have started producing material to be used at home and in church - see the additional attachment with this Newsletter for this Sunday. There will be material in churches for use by young people with their parents related to this.

If you know anyone who would now like to receive the newsletter, please put them in touch or inform one of the team, or just send them a copy.

Hilary, Ann and Amelie

Reminder - Advent Calendars

Real Advent Calendars - only 3 left at £4.50 each at time of writing. In addition to these, I have some we are giving to each of the young people who have attended church this last year.

National Churches Trust/ VAT relief on repairs to listed places of worship

In the Autumn Budget, Chancellor Rachel Reeves made no announcement about the extension of the Listed Places of Worship Grants Scheme. This is concerning and action could be crucial.

The scheme in current form was introduced by Gordon Brown in 2004 making it possible for Listed Places of Worship to claim back the VAT on repair projects. The scheme is currently due to expire in March 2025. A decision about its future is supposed to be made by the Department of Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) in the next few months. The spending settlement that the DCMS received from the Chancellor in the Budget is less generous than that for many other Government departments. There is, therefore, fear that the scheme may not be renewed, or that it may be scaled back in some way.

Please help to make the case for the future of the scheme by writing about it to your MP.

Attached is a possible letter drafted by NCT. The advice is to personalise it as far as possible and definitely mention your local church.

Letters should be addressed to (MP's name) House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA

For Gamlingay the MP is Pippa Heyling, for Everton Richard Fuller

NEWS FROM EVERTON

Soup and Social takes place on Tuesday 26th. There is only one more after that, and it needs to be booked as it is a Christmas meal.

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

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

The PCC met on Wednesday this last week and is due to meet with architect Stephanie Norris and supporters from the Diocese to discuss possible buildings work.

A huge thank you to Everton School for baling Hilary out in a printer crisis.

NEWS FROM THE HATLEYS

St Denis churchyard first working party dates have been agreed for this Friday and Sunday 22nd and 24th November starting at 10.30am. Hilary can't make these dates and times, but a group will be there and would welcome additional help.

NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY

Memory Lane meets this month on **Tuesday 26th November** (not 25th as in last week's message). This next week welcomes Annie and husband to lead our Christmas themed Tea Dance.

The last meeting of the year will be on the 3rd Tuesday (17th December) instead of the 4th Tuesday - for obvious reasons the 4th Tuesday wouldn't work!

Simple Lunches - The one this last week was not well attended, but was enjoyed by those present, £20 donation received. The next one on December 3rd will be the last of the year, as the 3rd Tuesday of December now has the Memory Lane meeting and many of the clientele are the same for both. Refreshments will be served at Memory Lane instead.

Church is now open following replacement of the stolen CCTV cameras. A huge THANK YOU to Jane O for her work in getting this replacement in a timely fashion, with help from John Boocock.

Christmas Fair: Letters accompanying raffle tickets were prepared by a lovely group of helpers, THANK YOU to everyone who came along. Work was finished in good time, and many letters have already been taken for delivery. There are some roads and areas still to be distributed. The letters are in church, please do take some if you have some time to deliver.

Baptism of Eva Jane Wilkinson Smith will take place this Sunday.

Wedding Vows Renewal also takes place this Sunday at 2pm for Julie and Simon Ellis - congratulations on 35 years of marriage.

Congratulations to John Boocock on his special birthday last week, and to the team of ringers who rang a touch of Grandsire Triples at Gamlingay in honour of that.

Grand Draw ticket deliverers needed....

Many thanks to all who helped stuff envelopes with the Grand Draw raffle tickets. All that remains now is to get them delivered! Church is open again and the envelopes, in groups of streets, are ready to be collected by anyone who can help deliver them!

All help welcome! Ask your friends!



ONLY 3 WEEKS UNTIL...



Christmas Fair and Grand Draw
Saturday 7th December, 12 noon – 4.30pm
St. Mary's Church, Gamlingay.

PLEASE CAN YOU HELP?

- **Grand Draw:** We need to start collecting prizes for this – all donations gratefully accepted.
- **Christmas Hamper:** Donations are requested for the hamper, which forms one of the main prizes.
- **Filled Jar Tombola:** Please start collecting and filling your jars now!

*Donations for any of the above can be brought to church
or left in the porch at 61 Fairfield.*

- **Soft toys** (clean and in good condition) are needed for a Soft Toy Tombola.
Donations please to Anne Clarke in person or to 43 Blythe Way.
- **Bric-a-Brac:** We don't need much but if you have any good quality items that you think would sell,
Please bring them to church for Ann Davis who will be looking after the stall.
- **Cakes:** As always, we will need lots of cakes!
Please bring to church on the Friday afternoon or Saturday morning.

- **Man/woman power:**

If you are able to help with the setting up and clearing away (help which is desperately needed)
Please let Jane Orchiston know, in person or by phoning her on 07535005908

THANK YOU

We can't do it without you!

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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 24th November: Next Before Advent, Christ the King

- 9.30am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Gamlingay with Baptism
11.15am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Everton
2pm Renewal of Wedding vows at Gamlingay, Julie and Simon Ellis

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

Sunday 29th December Christmas 1

- 10am Benefice Eucharist at Gamlingay

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.

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

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.