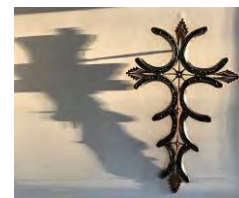


ST MARY'S GAMLINGAY, HATLEY ST GEORGE & ST MARY'S EVERTON



Weekly Newsletter 10 January 2025



From Hilary:

The Epiphany season ends its second week with Epiphany 2 this Sunday and continues for the rest of January. This week's narrative jumps forward in the Gospel timeline from birth stories to celebrating and remembering the baptism of Jesus - the beginning of his ministry and a key point at which his identity, destiny and purpose is shown to the world.

As a new year progresses, church Annual Meetings, not due until later in the Spring, are in preparation.

NB: The **Electoral Rolls** are due for the 5-year full revision this year. Gamlingay with Hatleys has an earlier APCM than Everton, so statutory announcements are due this week to meet legal requirements. (*See page 2*) Everton announcements will follow in a week or two.

For Children and Families

This week's material is about the Baptism of Christ – it offers an opportunity to think about our own Baptism and what it symbolises. Click here download the sheet '[Epiphany 2025 \[2\] - families](#)'.

NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY

The New Year Charity Concert goes ahead at St Mary's this Sunday after all and promises to be an enjoyable event. Music is provided in support of the MND Association and the church, to brighten a dull time of year. Special thanks to Angela Crisp and friends for making this happen when it looked doubtful due to unexpected personnel issues. Do encourage anyone you know who loves music with a classical flavour to come along to this live concert. (*See poster attached.*)

NB: Refreshments will be in the form of wine and nibbles/canapes. Any donations, of what have become known amongst us as 'heavy nibbles' (i.e. more substantial than crisps etc.) would be very gratefully received!

Memory Lane this month, on the fourth Tuesday of January, i.e. the 28th, will be about starting Memory Books and planning for the rest of the year.

Simple Lunch will not take place in the church hall this Tuesday (14th January) as originally intended because of Norma Hood's funeral. (*See next page*)

The Task Group for Fundraising meets next week to discuss the future programme. If you're interested in helping, please come along to the Rectory at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 14th January.

Rest in Peace

Norma Hood's funeral takes place in Gamlingay on Tuesday 14th January at 12.30pm, followed by refreshments at the Ecohub. The Community Choir will be in attendance, and Simple Lunch clients are encouraged to join the family at the Ecohub.

Rebecca Stanton's funeral information will follow when details are confirmed.

Important Notice

New Electoral Roll applications must be completed before 16th February by all who wish to be on the new Roll

In every parish there must be a church Electoral Roll on which the names of lay (i.e. not clergy) persons are entered. In accordance with the Church Representation Rules, 2025 is a year in which an entirely new Electoral Roll must be prepared in advance of the Annual Church meeting in **every parish** in the Church of England.

Under the rules notice must be given in every church in the parish not less than two months before the Annual Meeting.

Whether or not a person has their name entered on the existing Electoral Roll, anyone wishing to be enrolled on the new Roll must complete a new application.

Under Church Representation Rules no one may be elected as a lay representative to a PCC or Deanery Synod, unless his or her name is on the Electoral Roll.

Under the Church Representation Rules, a lay person is entitled to have his or her name entered on the Roll, if the person – (a) is baptised, (b) is aged 16 or over, and (c) has made one of the following three declarations and duly applied for enrolment.

- The first declaration is that the person is a member of the Church of England or of a Church in communion with it and is resident in the parish.
- The second declaration is that the person is a member of the Church of England or of a Church in communion with it, is not resident in the parish, but has habitually attended public worship in the parish during the preceding six months.
- The third declaration is that the person is a member of good standing in a Church which is not in communion with the Church of England but subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity and is also a member of the Church of England and has habitually attended public worship in the parish during the preceding six months

The PCC of the parish of **Gamlingay with Hatley St George and East Hatley** has set the Annual Meeting for 16 March 2025.

I would be very grateful if all of you wishing to go on the new Electoral Roll would please complete a form by **16 February 2025**. The new roll will be effective from 22 February 2025. Forms may be obtained from me or Gamlingay church.

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NEWS FROM EVERTON

The first Soup and Social of 2025 took place this week and was as popular and well supported as ever. Thank you from me (Hilary) for a celebration that caught me totally by surprise.

Planning for 31st January History Event was furthered at PCC on Monday for what promises to be an exciting and informative event. Special thanks to Samuel Pedlar for his invaluable input. Invitations are in preparation and will be going out with thanks to Everton PC for their help with this. Details of the event will follow as the past, present and possible future of the community and St Mary's church are explored.

Benefice Services and Church Events for January and February

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

Sunday 12th January: 1 after Epiphany

9.30am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Gamlingay
11.15am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Everton
3pm New Year Charity Concert, St Mary's Gamlingay. Refreshments included, tickets on door.

Tuesday 14th January

12.30pm Funeral for Norma Hood at St. Mary's, Gamlingay

Sunday 19th January: 2 after Epiphany

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

Sunday 26th January: 3 after Epiphany

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

Friday 31st January –

7pm-9pm History Event at Everton Village Hall

Saturday 1st February

2 – 4pm Everton Church open, Exhibition staffed, with music

Sunday 2nd February Candlemas/Presentation of Christ

9.30am All-age Eucharist at St. Mary's, Gamlingay
11.15am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Everton plus Open Afternoon with music

Saturday 8th February – Celebration Party for Norman Young (fundraising for Benefice churches)

2.30–4.30 pm -At Gamlingay Ecohub - General invitation extended to community

Sunday 9th February: 4 Before Lent

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

Wednesday 16th February: 3 Before Lent (Septuagesima)

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

Sunday 23rd February: 2 Before Lent (Sexagesimal)

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

The Big Blunham Book Sale

Will be held on Saturday 22nd February 2025. 10.00 am to 3 pm in Blunham Parish Church, MK44 3NQ,

There will be an enormous selection of nearly new books - specialist and fiction sorted into categories.

Homemade soup, homemade cakes, hot dogs, teas and coffees served all day. All profits to Blunham Church Fabric Fund. For further details please ring Sue and Peter Holden 01767 640572

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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