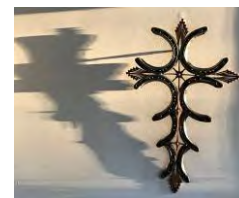


# ST MARY'S GAMLINGAY, HATLEY ST GEORGE & ST MARY'S EVERTON



## Weekly Newsletter 17 January 2025



### *From Hilary:*

This Sunday's Epiphany season story (those in Gamlingay church last Sunday will recognise!) is Jesus' first miracle as recounted in St John's Gospel - the one where he turns water into wine. It is a celebration occasion for which an abundance of the best wine is provided. At its most basic, this shows us that God is certainly not against parties, but this miracle is one of the signs pointing to who Jesus is, which is of course why we read about it during Epiphany.

**The full revision of Church Electoral Rolls** across the country takes place this year, which means a new Roll is started from scratch and everyone has to re-apply. To meet legal requirements, announcements have to be made in churches, and by other means, for the two weeks before the revision takes place. This week is the second announcement for Gamlingay. Timing is determined by the date of the APCM - Everton's date will be confirmed next week. [Please click on this link to download the application form.](#)

### **For Children and Families**

This week's material continues Epiphany with the Cana Wedding story. [Click on this link to download this week's family sheet.](#)

### *Norman's local goth birthday party*

Preparations are underway for this event which will be on Saturday 8th February at the Ecohub. There is an open invitation to those living locally to come to the Ecohub where we will be putting on an afternoon tea party with some musical entertainment and refreshments suitable for the occasion.

The event is being part-catered for by Hilary, with help from the church family. If you are able to offer anything in the way of food, please contact Brenda Elcome who is helping coordinate the 'bring and share' element of the occasion.

Hilary would love to hear from anyone who would like to play or sing. Decorations will include a Sheffield United (football team) theme - red and white stripes.

Norman does not want birthday presents, but it will be possible to donate to the churches of the Benefice either before or at the event - details as to how this may be done will be circulated.



## ***NEWS FROM EVERTON***

**The next Soup and Social** is this week - soups are already planned – the event is proving to be as popular and well supported as ever.

**The History Event** is being planned and publicized to take place on Friday 31st January. The PCC, supported by the Diocese and the wider community, is inviting attendance at the Village Hall for the event, and putting on an exhibition in church which will be open over the weekend. There will be music in the afternoon on both Saturday and Sunday, during which time the exhibition will be staffed from 2pm-4pm. Thank You to Everton PC for help in distributing invitations.

**Well done to the winners of the Christmas Card competition.....**



An overall winner was selected (see left) but didn't get printed because of technical problems which delayed the intended pre-Christmas preparation and distribution of invitations. Oak class presented Epiphany themed cards for the competition, with depictions of the three wise men, so it is one of those cards (by Rian) that we are using for the invitations. (See right)



## ***NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY***

**The New Year Charity Concert** was a wonderful event, with £260 raised for the Motor Neuron Disease Association. Special thanks to musicians Angela (clarinet), Debbie (bassoon) and Andrew (organ/keyboards) for making this happen and presenting such a wide range of wonderful music when, at one time, it looked like we might not have a concert at all. Well done to all those who pulled together at the last minute to ensure a hugely enjoyable event - it was much appreciated.

**Memory Lane is on 28<sup>th</sup> January** when we will be starting **Memory Books** and planning for the rest of the year.

**Simple Lunch** There is no Simple Lunch on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January, avoiding a clash with Everton. Discussions are underway as to whether Simple Lunch can migrate to the EcoHub on 4th Tuesdays to precede Memory Lane - if so, it will be likely to start at 1pm, watch this space.

### **Rest in Peace**

Norma Hood's funeral took place at St. Mary's, Gamlingay on Tuesday, thank you to everyone who helped to give Norma a great send-off.

Rebecca Stanton's funeral is being arranged for Thursday 30th January at St Mary's in Gamlingay.

Ray Sewell's funeral is being arranged for Tuesday 4th February at Bedford Crematorium.

## Important Notice

### **New Electoral Roll applications for Gamlingay and Hatley must be completed before 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

*Valerie Miller Electoral Roll Officer for Gamlingay with Hatley St George and East Hatley*  
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*(NB: [Click here for a PDF copy of the application form](#). It will need to be printed off, filled in and returned as a hard copy to Valerie (or brought to church). Alternatively, it could be scanned and returned by email.)*

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## GUILD OF ST MARY

### Open Meeting - All welcome!

Our next Guild meeting is on Monday 20th January, 7:30pm in the Church Hall. We will be welcoming Norman Young to talk to us about his extensive collection of cigarette cards and the fascinating stories behind them. If you are a member do please come if you can and encourage anyone else you know who might be interested, or who would just like to come along and meet us. As always, the charge is £3 for members and £5 for visitors to include tea/coffee, biscuits and a raffle ticket.



## 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> February: 4 Before Lent

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

### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.*

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