

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



## Weekly newsletter 28 February 2025



### *From Hilary:*

Thank you for good wishes - the virus, although drastically debilitating for a couple of days, was relatively short-lived.

### **RIP Alec Hissett**

Most Newsletter readers will already know that Alec went home peacefully to God in the early hours of last Saturday morning. Our love and prayers continue with Ros and her family as we, with them, mourn that Alec is no longer with us, as well as being glad for all that he has been and has given. There will be many tributes to come for a man who was such a major contributor to the life of St Mary's in Gamlingay during his time here. I am personally grateful for his wise and able support as a churchwarden during my time; also, the repair work on the roof, damaged during the lead theft, stands as a lasting testament to Alec's ability and commitment. Alec was a key member and major contributor to the task group that arranged and oversaw the work through from grant applications to the final sign-off. We all owe him a debt of gratitude.

### *A message from Ros.....*

Ros would like to thank everyone for all the love, sympathy and kind messages they have sent about Alec.

The funeral will take place next Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> March, 11am at St. Mary's Church in Gamlingay, followed by a gathering at the EcoHub.

It would be much appreciated if those attending could wear something red.

Donations in Alec's memory will go to a prostate cancer charity.



### **Concert at Ely Cathedral**

Forgive a 'proud mum' moment advertising a concert in Ely Cathedral at 7.30pm on Saturday 15th March, offering the opportunity to hear a top orchestra, conducted by David Young, accompanying Cambridge choirs in Vaughan Williams' *Sea Symphony*. Full details at [www.cmp.cam.ac.uk](http://www.cmp.cam.ac.uk).

**This Sunday 2nd March**, the last before Lent (Quinquagesima), expands on last week's theme of God's power in creation by focusing on the glory of God. This is seen in the account of the transfiguration of Jesus witnessed by the disciples, alongside the story of Moses whose face shines from his encounter with God.

**Children and Families** material will look at the story of how Jesus is seen by his disciples briefly in his glory on the mountaintop before he goes to his death. This account prepares for Lent where Christians take time to look at their lives in the light of the fasting and temptations of Jesus (these are next week's theme).

**The new Church Electoral Roll** for Gamlingay and Hatley will be on display this weekend in preparation for the APCM, which takes place on Sunday 16th March. The report to the APCM will, we hope, be published by next weekend.

There is still time to return forms for Everton where the roll closes next week and will be displayed from March 23rd in time for Sunday April 6th.

Corrections (only) can be made between roll closure and the APCMs.

### **Lent Course**

I have booklets on order for this course which we will be following during Lent. Only one is spoken for so far, hopefully copies will be available in churches this Sunday.

Please sign up for daytime or evening sessions, we will organise these according to availability of participants. There is also plenty of on-line support for the course.



## ***NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY***

**Simple Lunch** will be next week (correction to last week's misinformation) on Tuesday 11th March.

**Memory Lane** group met this last week and started on Memory Books - collecting personal pictures and information - starting with some self-portraits. This will be an ongoing activity.

### **Rest in Peace**

The funeral of Frederick Bosworth (known as Fred) takes place at St Mary's at noon on Ash Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March.

Alec Hissett's funeral will take place on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March, 11am at St. Mary's Gamlingay.

### ***FUNDRAISING NEWS***

If you have not yet had the opportunity to mark Norman Young's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday by donating to church funds and would like to do so, please see the link below:

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/normansbirthday?utm\\_term=MwmddN82j&utm\\_medium=FA&utm\\_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/normansbirthday?utm_term=MwmddN82j&utm_medium=FA&utm_source=CL)

**The Quiz Night** on 21st March is now being widely advertised.

**NB: There will, of course, be a raffle for which prizes are requested, please!**

**A Coffee Morning** with stalls is planned for Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> April, 10am to 12 noon.

This is an advance notice that, as always, we will be looking for help with the provision and serving of refreshments.

# NEWS FROM EVERTON

**Soup Lunch** takes place this week on 4th March (Shrove Tuesday) as part of saying 'Farewell' to **Alan Pattle RIP** whose funeral is that day at 11am. The start time has been put back by half an hour to leave time for the service which is followed by burial in Everton churchyard.

**Next week** for the first Sunday in Lent the Sunday Communion service will incorporate the baptism (Christening) of Eliza Astell. This feels particularly appropriate with the 'Hope' theme for Lent this year - so good to be celebrating the beginning as well as marking the end of life.

## Benefice Services and Church Events

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

### Sunday and Festival services in March

#### Sunday 2nd March: Sunday next before Lent (Quinquagesima)

9.30am All-age Eucharist at St. Mary's, Gamlingay

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

#### Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March Ash Wednesday

9.30am Ash Wednesday Eucharist at St. Mary's, Gamlingay with ashes

12 noon Funeral of Frederick Bosworth at St Mary's, Gamlingay

7.30pm Ash Wednesday Eucharist at St Mary's Everton with ashes (may be a said service)

#### Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March

11am Funeral of Alec Hissett at St Mary's, Gamlingay

#### Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March: Lent 1

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

11.15am Parish Eucharist with Baptism of Eliza Astell at St. Mary's, Everton

#### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March: Lent 2

9.30am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Gamlingay with a focus on healing followed by APCM and lunch

4pm Evensong at St. Mary's, Everton

#### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March: Lent 3

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

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

#### Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March: Lent 4 - Mothering Sunday

9.30am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Gamlingay with posy distribution

11.15am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Everton with posy distribution

*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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