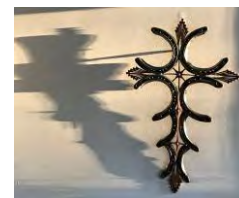


ST MARY'S GAMLINGAY, HATLEY ST GEORGE & ST MARY'S EVERTON



Weekly newsletter 14 March 2025



From Hilary:

Thank you to everyone who helped with the funerals last week. We still have one on the books at Everton, but the immediate activity 'on top' is Gamlingay's APCM which follows the Sunday service this week and will be followed by a 'bring and share' lunch. Click on these links for the [APCM Report](#) and the [Financial Statement](#), which has been signed in hard copy and the accounts have been approved by the external examiner ready for Sunday's meeting.

So how is Lent going so far for you? My prayer continues for holiness and re-creation for us all.

Apologies that this will be too late for anyone this week, but if you want more than the discussion times on our daily readings on the theme of 'Hope' which we already have planned, there are talks on Wednesday evenings at All Saints Buckden and St Mary's Offord, followed by a discussion and a meal. Details as follows;

Lent talks 6.30pm - address followed by discussion and food, followed by compline

12th March	St Mary's - <i>Fed by Ravens</i>
26th March	All Saints' - <i>Christ in Glory</i>
2nd April	St Mary's - <i>The Annunciation</i>
9th April	All Saints' - <i>Life Together</i>

Fr David welcomes anyone from the Deanery parishes to join the congregations of his churches. Please let me know if you would like to join these sessions. There was a hope for a commitment to the four evenings, however I think they work as stand-alone sessions also.

Lent Study

A day time group meets to discuss the week's readings for the Lent course, at the Rectory at 10.30am again this Monday
17th March

Check with Hilary for evenings, but it seems likely there will be a session on Monday evenings.



Families' material this week ([click here](#)) focuses on thinking about trust in God and being open to the call to live well.

A dear friend.....

Last Friday I, along with over 100 others, said goodbye to Alec Hissett in what I can only describe as a lovely service of thanksgiving and remembrance. Many fitting tributes were given to a man who gave of himself and his time so freely and willingly. I worked closely with Alec for virtually all the time he was with us at Gamlingay and we became good friends. He was an excellent and extremely efficient churchwarden and spent many years masterminding the restoration and repair of our beautiful church. A great deal of what you see around you in church today was down to Alec and his knowledgeable handling of church affairs. He always did things in such a calm manner without wishing to attract attention and for that he should be applauded. Valerie and I became good friends with Ros and Alec and we went on three holidays together although it was sometimes difficult keeping up with their rather athletic approach! It was also good to share the odd glass of red wine with Alec. I, and I am sure many of you reading this, will miss him terribly but it is comforting to know that he is now at peace with his Maker who he believed in so strongly. Thank you, Alec, for your friendship and all the good times we shared together.
Chris Miller.

NEWS FROM EVERTON

Congratulations - the first Sunday of Lent saw a lovely celebratory service which welcomed Eliza Astell into the church family at her baptism, appropriate for the 'Hope' theme for Lent this year.

Soup and Social takes place this week as usual, 12-2pm at the Village Hall

RIP Roger Collings whose funeral takes place on Monday 24th March at 2pm

NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY

The APCM follows the church service on Sunday this week. Voters need to be on the Electoral Roll which was published last week, but anyone is welcome to attend the meeting. Use these links for copies of the [APCM report](#) and the [financial statement](#), to be presented at the meeting.

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to bring for the shared lunch on Sunday, all are welcome.

NB: This coming week's midweek communion service will be shorter than usual as Hilary has to take Norman to Addenbrooke's Hospital for an appointment.

Simple Lunch this week was attended by 11 regulars and received donations of £22. In April we shall be returning to 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, so the next one is on April 1st.

Memory Lane meets on Tuesday next week at the EcoHub at 2pm with memory books and an Easter theme.

APCM, Sunday, 16th March, 11am after the service in Gamlingay.
There will be a Bring-and-Share Lunch after the meeting.

Quiz Night, 21st March, 7.30pm in the Church Hall.

Don't forget to update Jane with numbers in your teams before the event so the hall can be set up accordingly.

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.

Services in March

Sunday 16th 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 23rd March: Lent 3

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

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

Sunday 30th 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

Services and church events for April

Sunday 6th April: Lent 5

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

11.15am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Everton followed by APCM and lunch

Sunday 13th April: Palm Sunday - Holy Week begins

(some services TBC, see Newsletters for adjustments.)

9.30am Liturgy of the Palms at Everton

10.15am Liturgy of the Passion at Gamlingay followed by refreshments.

Monday 14th April

7pm Taize-style Compline at Gamlingay

Tuesday 15th April

7pm Taize-style Compline at Hatley St George

Wednesday 16th April

7pm Taize-style Compline at Everton

Maundy Thursday 17th April

7.30pm Maundy Eucharist with foot washing and reserve sacrament venue TBC
May be preceded by a community meal at 6pm venue TBC

Good Friday 18th April

12noon Vigil Service - readings and music for Good Friday at Gamlingay leading to

2pm Final Hour liturgy with communion from reserve sacrament

7.30pm Good Friday evening reflections TBC

Holy Saturday 19th April

7.30pm Vigil Service of Light with renewal of Baptism vows at Gamlingay

Sunday 20th April: Easter Day

9.30am Easter All Age Worship followed by egg hunt at Gamlingay

11.15am Easter All Age Worship followed by egg hunt at Everton

Sunday 27th April: Second Sunday of Easter (1 After)

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

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

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