

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



Weekly newsletter 28 March 2025



From Hilary:

This 4th Sunday of Lent - pretty much half way through this penitential season - we shall celebrate as [Mothering Sunday](#) or Refreshment Sunday as it is sometimes known. Although it is a 5th Sunday there are two services this week, as it is not a good time to be asking people to worship in other than their 'own' church.

Don't forget- everything will feel an hour earlier on Sunday as clocks are adjusted to British Summer Time over Saturday night. Those who forget will turn up as the service is well underway!

At the risk of being thought pedantic or kill-joy, I am sticking to my guns in insisting that we are **not** in church celebrating Mother's Day - although we shall not be forgetting mothers. We will be encouraged, on Mothering Sunday, to appreciate family life at its best in all the ways it is manifest, including through mothers. The nurturing nature of God is both fatherly and motherly, and it is this that we celebrate as we remember mothers and others on Mothering Sunday.

Thank you to the posy makers and flower providers. Posies will be available in the churches, to be given to all who care for others, not only those who have born and brought up children.

LENT STUDY

[The Lent Hope thoughts](#) this week have been about Togetherness, fitting for the week leading to Mothering Sunday. This coming week we focus on Noticing.

The daytime Group meets to discuss the week's readings for the Lent course at the Rectory on Monday 31st March at 10.30am, and there is opportunity for discussion also in the evening that day.



In case there is any interest, here are the remaining Lent talks on Wednesday evenings at All Saints Buckden and St Mary's Offord, followed by a discussion and a meal. Dates, locations and topics are as follows:

2nd April	St Mary's - The Annunciation
9th April	All Saints' - Life Together

NEWS FROM EVERTON

Soup and Social takes place this coming week April 1st, 12 - 2pm at the Village Hall

The APCM takes place after the 11.15am church service next Sunday 6th April, in the Village Hall followed by lunch.

NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY

Simple Lunch is again on the second Tuesday this month, i.e. April 8th. In May it will revert to the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month.

Memory Lane met this week continuing with Memory Books and playing with a new game OuiSi which encourages the making of connections. Next month's meeting is the Tuesday after Easter, when we will be planting up containers - for those who were there last year, replanting those used previously.

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who made the Quiz Night such a success. (*See below*)

Fundraising News

A fun-filled **Quiz Evening** last Friday raised £562.00 for church funds. Many thanks to Ian for his Quiz and masterly hosting and to all those who contributed.

Next up is the **Coffee Morning** with stalls on Saturday, 26th April in the Church Hall.

NB: Fundraising will be more important than ever this year – anyone who would like to join the planning group would be very welcome. Our next gathering is Tuesday, 1st April at the Rectory, 7.30pm. Why not pop in and see what you think!

GUILD OF ST MARY

Over the last few years membership of the Guild of St. Mary has dwindled somewhat but at our recent AGM the current members voted unanimously to keep going, with a few adjustments but, more or less, in the same well-established and much-loved fashion.

We meet in the church hall, on the third Monday of each month at 7.30pm. We offer a variety of activities including occasional speakers, good company and always, of course, tea/coffee and biscuits.

Meetings with speakers are usually advertised as 'Open Meetings' when anyone is welcome to attend. However, all our meetings are open to visitors who might like to come and join us ladies and see what we get up to! Our charge for visitors is £5, which includes refreshments and a raffle ticket.

NB: There will be no meeting in April as it would fall on Easter Monday.



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 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 (*details for Holy Week now confirmed*)

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

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 at St Mary's Gamlingay,
Following meal from 6pm at the Church Hall - sign-up required.
Service will be followed by stripping of altars in all the churches and vigil
in Gamlingay

Good Friday 18th April

10.30am Good Friday reflections at Everton.
12noon Vigil Service - readings and music for Good Friday at Gamlingay leading to
2pm Final Hour liturgy with communion from reserve sacrament

Holy Saturday 19th April Churches decorated for Easter.

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

Sunday 20th April: Easter Day

8am Said BCP Easter Day service (with Easter eggs) at Hatley
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: 2nd Sunday of Easter (1 After) (*May be a combined service with visiting priest TBC*)

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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