

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



Weekly newsletter 18th April 2025



From Hilary:

Palm Sunday began Holy Week, ending Lent and taking us through, in worship, the final days of Jesus on Earth. Good Friday (today as this Newsletter comes out) is the pivotal time of Jesus' earthly ministry. The churches will be bare, the reserve sacrament consumed, and solemn music and reflections will remind us of the cost of redemption. Unlike the first disciples whose story we hear once more, we know that Easter is coming and the full resonance of its meaning throughout history can enter our worship on Sunday. This Saturday will be busy with decorating our churches for Easter Day worship, unlike that first Sabbath which was filled with grief and despair. We have spent Lent with thoughts of Living Hope, and it is with that hope that Good Friday and Holy Saturday are filled. Candles representing the Light of the World will be brought into church on Saturday evening or Sunday morning as, unlike the first followers of Jesus who took a while to understand, we know that we are walking in the light. May our Easter be Holy and Blessed, and 'may we who share Christ's risen life bring life to others'.

LIVING HOPE

Happy Easter everyone!

Special thanks.....

...to Tom at Seamers Funeral Directors for gifts of Easter Eggs for this year's church egg hunts.

NEWS FROM HATLEY ST GEORGE

The Holy Week Taize service was as well attended, as was the one at Gamlingay - both of which were much enjoyed. The service was very well received and prompted consideration of future similar style evening services.

NEWS FROM EVERTON

The new PCC (rather the same as the old one!) met this week, reappointed officers and planned activities for the future. We look forward to meeting up with Samuel Pedlar to review the survey results and map out the next actions.

Everton Parish Council has its AGM on 14th May, to which the church reports. The outcome of the survey and next steps should be available by then and the PCC looks forward to working with the wider community in shared concern for the church building.

The Church Clock is to be revisited. Anyone wishing to join a team to look at the clock and learn how it works should contact Hilary to be informed of when Cumbria Clock Company will be visiting again.

Churchyard: Plans for mowing the churchyard are in place - thank you to those who are going to look after paths and path edges. A plan will be available showing how areas are to be managed

Coffee Mornings: A huge **THANK YOU** to Dorothy and most especially Linda who are stepping back from the leading role they have taken in organising church coffee mornings. These have been both great social events and a means of adding much-needed income to boost church funds. From 2012 to 2024 over £19K has been raised by the team - an excellent achievement of which they are rightly proud and deserving of our repeated thanks. The PCC has been gifted material to help the next organisers and is setting out to build a new team (which will include many of the previous team we suspect!). Do contact Hilary or Beverley in the first instance if you would like to offer help.

NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY

Memory Lane meets next Tuesday, after Easter, when we will be planting up containers - for those who were there last year, replanting the ones used previously. There may be some Easter eggs too!

Churchyard: The recent CAG group identified the churchyard as a key area for wildlife management. Plans for mowing are being made, and help is needed for various maintenance tasks. If you are able to join in with the group that is taking this project forward, please be in touch - learning to use a scythe can, but need not be, part of this work. We are particularly looking for someone who can take on the marking out of areas and preparation of information material.

Coffee Morning – Saturday 26th April

We plan to have a few stalls – donations required as follows:

- **Plants and seedlings.**
- **Quality Bric-a-Brac – please no junk or ornaments!**
- **Cakes for the refreshments and for sale.**
- **Raffle prizes.**

NB: Help required from 3pm on the Friday afternoon to set up in the Church Hall – please come and lend a hand if you can.

Thank You and Happy Easter from the fundraising team!



RIP Alan Cole

Alan's funeral will take place on Tuesday 29th April, 11am at Linton Parish Church.

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.

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)

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

Services in May

Sunday and Festival services

Sunday 4th May Third after Easter

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

Sunday 11th May: Fourth after Easter

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

Sunday 18th May: Fifth Sunday after Easter

9.30am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Gamlingay with Healing time
4pm Evensong at St. Mary's, Everton

Saturday 24th May - Rogation prayers and invitation to walk between Gamlingay and Everton churches.
Details TBC

Sunday 25th May: Sixth Sunday after Easter – Rogationtide.

Welcoming Revd Paul Hutchinson to conduct services

9.30am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Gamlingay
11.15am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Everton
(Thursday 29th May Ascension Day - Evening Eucharist at Ely Cathedral)

Sunday 1st June: Sunday after Ascension

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

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