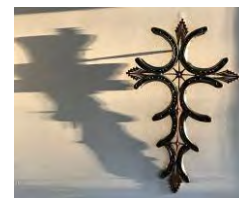


ST MARY'S GAMLINGAY, HATLEY ST GEORGE & ST MARY'S EVERTON



Weekly newsletter 16 May 2025



From Hilary:

Thank you to everyone who has helped with taking out and gathering envelopes for the Christian Aid collection this year. As you read this there is still time, collection should be completed by this Sunday (18th), so do bring your envelopes to church or deliver them to one of the collection points listed on the envelopes. Although we often find some envelopes being returned after the Sunday at the end of the designated week, we can't legally give them out after this date. At the time of writing (Tuesday) there are some roads still waiting for delivery (*see below*) – Please take from the back of church if you can help.



A reminder that Christian Aid this year is particularly collecting to support farmers in Guatemala impacted by climate change, enabling them to make the necessary changes in their farming practices to produce organic fertilisers, conserve water and select resilient crops to cope with increasing heat and drought.

Gazette and Dates

Something has again gone wrong with dates in the Gazette which do not appear in the publication as they were sent. Easter services were muddled, and May services are a repeat of April dates. Let's hope June's will be as sent – a copy of that is included at the end of this newsletter.

Marking Rogation

Saturday 24th May - a short gathering service at Gamlingay church at 10.30am and an ending service at 12.30pm at Everton church to which all are welcome, whether walking between the churches or not. Special thanks to Revd. Paul Hutchinson from St Neots who will lead prayers and accompany walkers in Hilary's absence. The walk is via The Cinques and part of the Greensand Ridge way from Gamlingay to Everton.

The Thornton pub in Everton is serving until 3pm on that afternoon, and all are invited to gather there after the church prayers. It will be very helpful to the pub if they have an indication of numbers – please sign up in church or message Hilary

Saturday 31st May - a community-led 'Beating the Bounds' Walk for Rogation will include a picnic and prayers at lunchtime. Those wishing to take part need to book in with Margot, see Hatley information below.

Festival of The Ascension

The festival itself falls on Thursday - this year on 29th May. Benefice celebration on that day will be at Ely Cathedral at the evening service there. Lifts are available, contact Hilary in the first instance to express interest. The Sunday after Ascension will also remember the festival in our parish churches.

Looking ahead to June

Pentecost / Whitsun celebrates the birth of the Church, this year on 8th June, marking the gifting of the Holy Spirit emboldening the disciples to proclaim the Good News of who Jesus is and what that means for humanity.

Trinity Sunday 15th June is also RSCM Music Sunday, which will be marked at Gamlingay in the morning service alongside Trinity Sunday. There will more ways to engage with Music Sunday – more information next time.

NEWS FROM EVERTON

Soup and Social (community event) was as usual a success on this last Tuesday 13th May. The next will be on Tuesday 27th which Hilary, unfortunately, will be unable to attend.

VE Day celebrations on Thursday were hugely enjoyed by those present - Helen has been thanked for all her work by grateful attendees.



PCC Church Survey information was analysed by Samuel Pedlar and reviewed with him by the PCC this last week. A plan is being formulated to set up a project for repairs and improvements to the church building. The first step is to gather those who have offered help.

Everton Parish Council AGM has received a report from Hilary.

Wedding: Thank you to everyone who helped to make Joshua and Claudia's service at St Mary's a special day for them. Prayers will be with them for their life together.

NEWS FROM HATLEY

Beating the Bounds Village Walk

Saturday 31st May 2025

Meet at either.....

9.30 am at Hatley Village Hall for the 12-mile walk, OR

1pm at the corner of Hayley Wood for the 5-mile walk

Registration required, contact Hilary or Nichola if you are thinking of joining.



NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY

Simple Lunch: The next lunch is this coming Tuesday 20th although Hilary will not be there.

Churchyard: Thank you to the people who have agreed to come and help rake the churchyard, more information next time.

Quinquennial Inspection on the church building (reported on earlier this year) has been analysed with the architect (Gethin Harvey from Caroe) this week and plans for addressing issues recognised in the report are underway. Gethin congratulated the PCC on what had been done since the last report and emphasised that most of the issues in the report are part of a longer term plan to care for the building rather than instantly urgent. The urgent issues are either dealt with already or are being dealt with. This gives an opportunity to address plans for improving the access and usability of the building, as well as taking forward plans for meeting net zero targets.



FUNDRAISING NEWS

Bingo Night - don't forget to join us for a fun night tonight, Friday, 16th May at the Church Hall from 7.30pm. Bingo cards are included in the £8.00 entry fee.

Our next event is the **Midsummer Fair** on Saturday, 21st June from 12 noon to 4pm.
([See poster via this link](#))

We will need help to set up and clear down.

Has anyone got a barbecue they could lend us?

We will also need quite a few gazebos and people to staff stalls.

Please let us know soon if you can offer any help.

ALSO!! [Summer Solstice Ceilidh](#) – 7.30 pm. 21 June 2025 in the Eco Hub, organised by the Friends of St Mary's

GUILD OF ST MARY



The next Guild meeting is on Monday 19th May, 7.30pm in the Church Hall. This will be an Open Meeting at which visitors will be very welcome. Norman Young is our speaker on the subject of Antiques about which he has had a lifelong interest and practical involvement.

Members are reminded that the £15 annual subscriptions are due to be paid this month but there will then be no further meeting charges. Visitors will be charged £5 when they attend, which includes refreshments and a raffle ticket.

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. **NB: No service on Wednesday 21st May.**

Sunday 18th May: Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

NB There will be no Wednesday Eucharist at Gamlingay on 21st May.

Saturday 24th May - Rogation prayers and walk time between Gamlingay and Everton churches.
10.30am: Gamlingay prayers in church; 12.30pm: Everton prayers in church.

Sunday 25th May: Sixth Sunday of 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

The Parish celebration for Ascension Day joins the Evening Eucharist at Ely Cathedral.
Lifts available, please ask

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

*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@ymail.com

Dates below as sent to Gamlingay Gazette two weeks ago for publication next month.

NB this list does not include Music Sunday for which no plans had been made at time of publication and is as sent including typos.

Services and church events for June 2025 some TBC see church newsletters

Sunday and Festival services

Sunday 1st June 7 of Easter, Sunday after Ascension

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

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

Sunday 8th June Day of Pentecost/Whit Sunday

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

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

6.00pm Reflective Evening service at Hatley TBC

Sunday 15th June Trinity Sunday

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

4.00pm Evensong at St. Mary's, Everton

Sunday 22nd June Trinity 1

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

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

Sunday 29th June Trinity 2 Peter and Paul Apostles

10am Benefice service service of Holy Communion at Everton

Time TBC if a Reflective afternoon/evening service at Gamlingay TBC

Sunday 6th July Trinity 3

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

11.15am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Everton. Followed by Garden Party at Woodbury Hall

Other services and church events

Wednesday Midweek Eucharists

9.30am A said service of Holy Communion will normally be celebrated at
St. Mary's, Gamlingay on Wednesdays in June