

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



Weekly newsletter 19 September 2025



From Hilary:

Thank you to Les for conducting the services this last weekend, much appreciated. Norman and I had a refreshing time at Scargill Movement Weekend, despite the journeys both ways (particularly back on Sunday) being rather long and irksome with roadwork holdups.

This coming Sunday is the feast of St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist, which we are celebrating at our services - 9.30am Eucharist with healing focus at Gamlingay; 4.00pm Evensong at Everton.

Matthew is the tax collector that Jesus calls from his despised task of collecting taxes from his own people for the occupying Roman administration of Jesus' time. No one likes paying taxes, and 'the tax man' is not a favourite anywhere, but in Jesus' time tax collectors were especially deeply despised, classed alongside 'sinners' as they would be lining their own pockets by collecting more than the tax the Romans required. However, Jesus' calling is not about generalities but about the individual, and Matthew's response is one of complete self-giving, even if he would not have known quite what he was letting himself in for.

NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY

Memory Lane takes place at the Ecohub this Tuesday 2 -4 pm. Soup and sandwiches are on offer beforehand, from about 1.15pm. Numbers will be needed for this, so do be in touch to express interest.

The next Simple Lunch will be on 7th October.

PCC meets on Monday evening. Discussions will include Hatley and Gamlingay Church buildings, events and finance and the churchyard.

Churchyard meeting will take place at the Rectory at 2.30pm on Wednesday this next week. There will be at least three of us, but all are welcome. Do let us know if you would be willing to help in the churchyard even if you can't or don't want to be at the meeting.

Gamlingay Village Show - Saturday 20th September

St. Mary's Tea Room



PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW LOCATION.....

If you are delivering cakes, coming as a helper or as a customer, please come to the school's main hall and NOT, as in previous years, to the classroom at the back.

We look forward to seeing you!

DIARY DATES:

Harvest Weekend:

Saturday 4th October – Art Exhibition in church.

Sunday 5th October – Harvest celebration service followed by *Musical Talents* – [click for info](#).

Quiz Night: 7th November

Christmas Fair: 6th December

Guild of St. Mary

Last Monday evening, members of The Guild of St. Mary, together with a couple of welcome visitors, were treated to a very therapeutic evening of laughter supplied by our speaker Sarah Harrison. Sarah is a successful author who has had around 30 books published. She is also a highly amusing and entertaining speaker with a lot of tales to tell and had us in stitches for the best part of an hour with her talk entitled 'You couldn't make it up!' We were told that a large percentage of the fees that she receives for her talks are donated to the charity Home Start, which we were very happy to support. She has other talks, and we are hopeful that we might be able to book her again in the not too distant future - watch this space!



NEWS FROM EVERTON

The Soup and Social community-led lunch this week was as enjoyable as ever, though with a relatively lower turnout than sometimes as, apparently, was the first one.

The PCC meets on Monday morning this next week and will be discussing, among other things, finance and events, the church fabric including the clock, organ, and building project group meeting.

Church Clock: The Cumbrian Clock Company has been contacted about the stopped clock and will visit in due course.

Benefice Services and Events

Midweek said Eucharist services take place at St Mary's in Gamlingay every Wednesday at 9.30am but watch for late cancellations.

Sunday 21st September - Trinity 14 / St Matthew Apostle, Evangelist

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

Sunday 28th September - Trinity 15

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

October

Sunday 5th October - Trinity 16 Harvest Festival Celebrations including Dedication Festival

9.30am All Age Parish Eucharist Harvest Celebration at St. Mary's, Gamlingay + Baptism
11.30am Harvest Festival Service Hatley St George
4pm Harvest Festival Service Everton

Sunday 12th October - Trinity 17

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

Sunday 19th October - Trinity 18

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

Sunday 26th October - Trinity 15 Bible Sunday

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

Advance Notice

Sunday 2nd November - Celebrating All Saints + Commemoration time

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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This newsletter is circulated by email each week to all on the Church Electoral Roll plus anyone else who gives their email details and requests it. It contains any news we have been given to share in our villages (Everton, Gamlingay and the Hatleys) plus news of what's going on in all three churches in the two parishes of the Benefice. Gamlingay with the Hatleys is one parish while Everton and Tetworth is the second linked parish in the current Benefice - both looked after by one parish priest.