

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



Weekly newsletter 17 October 2025



From Hilary:

Brenda is not available to edit next week's Newsletter. Many thanks, as always, to her for what she does and to Ian for stepping in to edit the next issue in Brenda's absence.

NB: Please send items for next week's newsletter to iangparker@hotmail.com

Archbishop of Canterbury

The protracted procedure for appointing has, as everyone will know, resulted in the appointment of Dame Sarah Mullally, a former nurse, as Archbishop Designate, due to take up her role in January. Our prayers continue for her and the whole church in these troubled times. It will be a difficult task for her to lead a fractured denomination in which not all will accept female leadership and even those who might in principle, may not all want this particular woman. We seem to have moved into a time of general insecurity in which blame is the first, and often only, response and that usually gets directed at those in leadership, whether or not they have the power to change things. Blame is such an unhealthy response - it sets the blamer free from looking for solutions and taking responsibility. So let us refrain from looking for scapegoats, and instead find the good, the true and the beautiful to think on, and work at changing the things we can change - mostly that's ourselves and our responses. We pray for ourselves and one another that God's law be fulfilled in integrity of a love that is not 'soft' stuff, but rather the very fabric of life which took Jesus to the cross and on to resurrection. We now look forward to the completion of due processes in the hope that there will be a new Bishop of Ely appointment announcement next month as the timetable indicates.

Deanery

Clergy in post (3) are being asked their views on the appointment of a new Area Dean now that Nicki Bland has retired (her parishes comprise one of the groups in vacancy). In the interim, the Archdeacon (Richard H) will cover the formal functions of an Area Dean. Arrangements are being made for pastoral oversight/support of the Benefices (3) in vacancy in the north of our Deanery by Rev Canon Philip Howson, and Philip is also available alongside the Archdeacon to support the other Clergy and parishes. Meetings for discussion on the way forward are being organized. The first meeting, of the remnant clergy chapter, took place last week, with plans for another meeting with Philip and Richard in the near future.

Real Advent Calendar orders are beginning to come in. Publicity material and sign-up sheets really will be at the back of the parish churches this week, having not made it there this last Sunday despite being put out ready to go. Hilary will order in a couple of weeks' time. Calendars from this order will cost £4.95 each - up to £2 less than individual orders depending on where bought. These are not available in supermarkets.

NEWS FROM EVERTON

Soup and Social this last week, with a harvest theme, was much appreciated.

Everton Gift Day results are still not finalized - receipts so far look well down on previous years, but it may well be that there is more to come.

Church Project: Availabilities of key people are being waited on as a date is being set for the first meeting, at which priorities and roles will be established and a group formed.

Harvest Celebration - thank you to Jane B and Jonathan for collecting and delivering harvest donations, again to the Prebend Centre in Bedford. Donations were well down this year, but what was taken was appreciated.

The school harvest collection took place on Thursday, more information next time on this.

Christmas Coffee Morning will be on Saturday 29th November, 10am-12 noon with the usual stalls and refreshments. Church presence at the Thornton Arms in the afternoon is still TBC.

RIP Margret Westergreen-Thorne whose family-only funeral and burial took place this week at church on Friday. The family is grateful for being able to respect Margret's wishes to be private in grieving and farewell. Margret will be remembered at our memorial service at the beginning of November along with all the others who will be remembered at that time from the past year and previously by request.

NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY

Task groups for churchyard and events/fundraising met this week, with special thanks to those who are prepared to give their time to plan future activities.

Events are being organised and will be publicised elsewhere, special thanks to Jane O for leading this group.

Churchyard working parties are being planned to take place on alternate Wednesdays 2.00pm - 3.30pm beginning this next week on 22nd October. Contact Hilary or Ann to offer participation.

Memory Lane this month is on the 28th October planting spring bulbs - participants are encouraged to bring a planter if possible.

Next Simple Lunch is on 21st October.

Save the date.....

Stuffing Party for Grand Draw - Friday, 14th November, 7pm in the Church Hall

Christmas Fair and Grand Draw - Saturday, 6th December, 12 noon – 4pm.

Christingle Making - Tuesday, 23rd December - 3pm in church



QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 7th November – 7.30pm in Gamlingay Church Hall
Cost: £5 per head – pay on the day – bring your own drink.
As usual, there will be a raffle and a game of heads and tails.



NOW FULLY BOOKED!

Guild of St. Mary **Monday 20th October, 7.30pm in Gamlingay Church Hall**

The next meeting of the Guild of St. Mary is another open meeting when we are delighted to be welcoming Professor Nick Wareham who will be talking to us about "Understanding the causes and prevention of diabetes". This is a subject which is likely to be of interest to many people and visitors are welcome to come along and join our regular members. The cost for visitors is £5 which includes a raffle ticket and refreshments.

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 especially during holiday seasons.

October

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 19 - Bible Sunday

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

November

Sunday 2nd November - Celebrating All Saints and All Souls – Remembrance time for departed at both services

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

Sunday 9th November Remembrance Sunday

9.30am Said Eucharist at Hatley St. George or Gamlingay St. Mary TBC
10.45am Meet at Gamlingay Cemetery War Memorial – Act of Remembrance Service to follow shared with GBC at Gamlingay St Mary
10.55am Everton Act of Remembrance at War Memorial in churchyard followed by church service.

Sunday 16th November - Trinity 22 (2 before Advent)

9.30am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Gamlingay with Healing time
4.00pm Evensong at St. Mary's, Everton

Sunday 23rd November - Trinity 15 - Christ the King (Sunday next before Advent)

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

Saturday 29th November -

10 am -12noon Everton Christmas Coffee Morning in the Village Hall

Sunday 30th November - Advent Sunday

10am Benefice Eucharist and Advent Carols at Gamlingay St Mary

*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.