

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



Weekly newsletter 24 October 2025



From Hilary:

Thank you so much to Ian for laying out the material this week for Brenda. Hilary and Norman are away this weekend and Monday, so some material here applies to the following weekend and may be repeated unchanged in the next Newsletter, depending on time available to Hilary.

Special thanks to Les Oglesby for covering the services this coming Sunday, the last of the 'After Trinity' ordinary time Sundays. This Sunday can traditionally be celebrated as Bible Sunday, as will be the case at both parish services this Sunday. Holy Scripture - the Bible - both links and divides Christians of all denominations. Although all Christians are guided and informed by the Bible, and scripture is central to Christian worship, the multiplicity of translations and the various approaches to use and interpretation of scripture has generated fierce controversy historically and continues to do so today. Importantly though, Christians are called to celebrate and proclaim what unites them in faith. Our faith is that the record of God's relationship with humanity is God-inspired, not a dead record of the past, but something that connects us with God in a live, active and transformational way. Now that's something worth celebrating!

Next Sunday

Because of the way that All Saints (1st November) and All Souls (2nd November) days fall this year, Sunday 2nd November will be celebrated as All Saints in both churches at the morning services, with a time for remembering by name those who are no longer alive. The churches will remain open throughout the day (of course) and memorial material will remain in place for reflection on Monday also in lieu of the memorial services which have been increasingly poorly attended in recent years.

There will be sign-up sheets in both churches this Sunday and on the day itself, and there will be cards available to write or draw on at the services to offer as memorials. Anyone unable to attend church to sign up and wishing to remember someone can email names to Hilary if they wish.

Remembrance

Services of remembrance will take place on the usual pattern in our parish churches. In Gamlingay a shared wreath will be laid by representatives of the two churches (St Mary's Parish Church and Gamlingay Baptist Church) at the parish ceremony at the war memorial followed by service at St Mary's. At Everton an act of remembrance will take place at the war memorial in the churchyard followed by a service in St Mary's Church.

Halloween

Hilary will be in church in Gamlingay with lights and some recorded light-themed music for half an hour on Halloween at 6pm. All welcome to come and light candles and bring non-spooky carved pumpkins if you like. There might be some warm fruit punch if time allows preparation.

Deanery

The Deanery Synod meets in November discussing the churches' response to environmental issues locally. It is hoped there will also be some input on Deanery finances - in particular the impossible challenge of 20% increase in share this year for our Benefice - discussions continue to be sought.

Real Advent Calendar orders will go in the first week of November. Email Hilary or sign up in churches. 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 coming week will be on a halloween theme, Hilary is away.

Everton Gift Day - still no final total.

Church Project - now key people are back from travels a date will soon be set for the first meeting, for setting priorities and establishing roles for a new group.

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

Sandy British Legion have made contact concerning a ceremony they have apparently held annually to honour the war graves in Everton Churchyard. If anyone has had contact in the past concerning this, Hilary would be pleased to know more. The ceremony is planned for Saturday 8th November, no time yet, all welcome.

NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY

PCC was due to meet on Monday this week but was not quorate as several members were not available for various reasons. Ann and Hilary covered immediate matters following on from the last meeting. The next meeting is in November.

Simple Lunch took place this last week with 10 participants and £23.50 donations.

Churchyard working party met this past week 2.00pm-3.30pm on Wednesday. Two of us progressed sorting out the wild area, concentrating on the spring bulb area. The remains of a garden planter were discovered, an aquilegia which was growing there has been left although it's not a native wild flower.

Memory Lane is this coming week 28th October, participants will be planting spring bulbs - bring a planter if possible.

BENEFICE SERVICES AND CHURCH EVENTS IN OCTOBER & NOVEMBER

Next 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

Sunday Services and events for November 2025

Sunday 2nd November Celebrating All Saints and All Souls - Remembrance time for the 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 following shared with GBC At Gamlingay St Mary around 11.15am
10.55 Everton Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial in the 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 Everton Christmas Coffee morning 10-12noon at the Village Hall

Sunday 30th November Advent Sunday

10am Benefice Eucharist and Advent Carols at Gamlingay St Mary

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 but needs to be checked any particular week, especially during holiday season

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!

*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 mail 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.

Please let Brenda Elcome have any articles or pictures for the newsletter by Tuesday evening to
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