

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



Weekly newsletter 31 October 2025



From Hilary:

Special thanks to Les Oglesby for covering the services last Sunday. If anyone is interested in reading his sermon which mentions GAFCON and the Alliance, both of which are splits in the Church of England over doctrine derived from readings of the Bible, Les or I can supply copies.

This Sunday All Saints (1st November) and All Souls (2nd November) are celebrated together. There are lists in church for names of those to be remembered at a memorial time which will take place during the morning Communion services. These, and any other names added at the service, will be presented at Communion in each of the parish churches. The lists will continue to be available for additions during the day. Churches will, as usual, be open until dusk.

Remembrance

The church in Gamlingay is already decorated with poppies for next week's Remembrance Sunday service. Services will take place in both parish churches as advertised. Hatley St George church will be open with the opportunity to remember individually. Names of Hatley war dead will be read at Gamlingay War Memorial in the morning Remembrance Ceremony just before the 11am silence.

Halloween



A reminder, if you read this in time, that Hilary will be in church in Gamlingay with lights and some recorded light-themed music for half an hour from 6pm this Halloween with an opportunity to remember that light conquers darkness and love overcomes fear and death. All are welcome to come and light candles and/or bring non-spooky decorated pumpkins or other sources of light.



There might be some warm non-alcoholic punch if time allows preparation.

Deanery

The Deanery Synod meets on 12th November. Hilary may be the only representative of our Benefices as Ann is away - unless Jane B is able to attend this time. Anyone who would like to come along please let Hilary know.

Real Advent Calendar order goes in this week. Email Hilary if not on the sign-up lists in churches which will be removed this Sunday. 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

Everton Gift Day: The current total stands at £1,200. Thank you to all the donors, and to those who have helped distribute letters and envelopes and collect back the returns. It is not too late if there is anyone out there who has not contributed and would like to.

Church Project: Nothing new to report

Christmas Coffee Morning: The date is Saturday 29th November, 10am-12 noon with the usual stalls and refreshments. Church presence at the Thornton Arms in the afternoon still TBC, awaiting information from the pub.

Church Organ: A visit from Bishops was scheduled for this week. The cypher is much reduced; however it will probably still be detectable but hopefully fixed by Sunday.

Church Clock: Many thanks to Mike for communicating with the Cumbrian Clock Company. There is good hope for a visit this week, which should restore the chimes - report on any progress will follow.

NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY

Simple Lunch takes place this next week (4th November) in the church hall from 12.30 to 2pm.

Churchyard working party meets again on Wednesday of this coming week (5th November) 2.00pm-3.30pm.

Cambridge Scything Group meeting which was scheduled for the Church Hall on Sunday this week has been postponed.

NB the PTA fireworks are planned for this day 2nd November so be aware of noises and potential traffic congestion that evening.

November Memory Lane has been arranged for 18th November and will take place **at the Church Hall** directly following Simple Lunch. Band of Ukes will be entertaining us.

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!

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

NEWS FROM THE GUILD OF ST MARY

Four members of the Guild of St. Mary (one taking the photo!) spent a happy morning this week filling and wrapping 22 shoeboxes for onward transmission, via the charity Link to Hope, to the poorest families and elderly folk in Eastern European countries in time for Christmas.

Throughout the year all our wonderfully generous members and friends have been donating a vast array of suitable items which we hope will give pleasure and be of practical use to the recipients.

We are very grateful to Eileen for masterminding the operation and for storage!



THE GAMLINGAY FOOD PROJECT

You may have seen the Food Project's **CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL** in the November Gazette but, in case you haven't (or need a reminder!).....

"We would be grateful for donations of any Christmas related items, such as puddings, mince pies, stuffing, gravy, cranberry sauce, custard, sweets, Christmas crackers, wrapping paper and sticky tape."

We would also like to give out Advent Calendars to the children we support – donations welcome.

If in doubt, please speak to one of our wonderful volunteers. Thank you!"

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.

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 Gamlingay St. Mary

10.45am Meet at Gamlingay Cemetery War Memorial – Act of Remembrance Service to follow shared with GBC at Gamlingay St Mary around 11.15am

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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Please let Brenda Elcome have any articles or pictures for the newsletter by Wednesday afternoon to Brenda.elcome@ymail.com

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.