

From Hilary,

As Brenda was unwell when this newsletter was in preparation it comes without her helpful layout and editorial input, with grateful thanks for what Brenda usually does.

This time of year as the year turns and the leaves fall can be gloomy, especially when living with loss, recent and in longer memory. Each person has their own grief and way of grieving, but thanks be to God, our common humanity can help to understand something of how one another feel, although never forgetting that no one can ever know exactly how another feels. For Christians, shared humanity is sanctified by the person of Jesus. Grief is part of life in this world, as Jesus taught and showed by example. But Jesus also teaches that life is more than the obvious and earthly. He speaks of real blessings to be found in grief. So we seek to turn our thoughts to things heavenly, not to pretend earthly things don't matter, nor that the separation and loss that death bring, but to look beyond, finding hope and the love of God we see in Jesus.

This Sunday, Remembrance Sunday. The churches are decorated with poppies for Remembrance, services will be as advertised in both parish churches, shortly after acts of remembrance at war memorials, when the the dead of two world wars and more are remembered and respected. **Hatley St George church will be open for anyone who wishes to be there on their own to remember.** Names of Hatley war dead will be read at Gamlingay War Memorial where they are also recorded, during the Remembrance Ceremony at 11am silence. Many thanks to Maree who will be playing the Last Post and Reveille at the Gamlingay ceremony - I'm told using an original world war bugle.

Halloween

Gamlingay church was open and lit, with music celebrating light, Hilary enjoyed some peaceful time alone with a warm (non alcoholic!) seasonal drink.

Does it matter that someone is praying in the light at Halloween, when darkness is celebrated (however innocently as in most cases)? That is my hope and faith.

Next year with enough personnel to deliver, we hope to be able to offer a few treats along with prayers to those wandering the streets in Gamlingay at Halloween.



Deanery

The Deanery Synod meets this coming week, 12th November, feedback next time.

Real Advent Calendars are here, 9 are spoken for with orders, and a further 6 will be going into the schools, there are a few spares, speak soon if you want one or they will be gone.

News from Everton

Church Organ - a visit from Bishops fixed the cypher, we await the long-promised full report on the organ now and into the future.

Ashes interment took place on Tuesday in Everton churchyard for **Jean Swindells (ex Barrett)** attended by her three adult children. Jeans ashes are interred with her first husband John's. Their family remember the church of their time with affection and greet those who will remember them. John was ordained to self supporting ministry in Everton before going on to stipendiary ministry in Huntingdon.

British Legion Remembrance members of the Sandy branch of the RBL will be in Everton Churchyard on Saturday (8th November) to honour the airmen who are buried there. Hilary will lead a short ceremony as tributes are laid.

News from Gamlingay

Simple Lunch had to be cancelled due to shortage of personnel through illness and annual leave. The next one is scheduled for 18th November, which is also the next Memory Lane meeting. As there is significant overlap in helpers and attendees, Memory Lane will take place at the Church Hall that week.

Churchyard working party met this week (5th November) 2.00pm-3.30pm on Wednesday to make more progress on the 'wild' area and possibly paths.

Services for November

This Sunday 9th November Remembrance Sunday

9.30am Said Eucharist at Gamlingay St Mary (**NB time confirmed here is correct**)

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

Advance Notice Services December into January

Sunday 7th December Advent 2

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

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

Sunday 14th December Advent 3

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

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

Sunday 21st December Advent 4

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

11.15am Parish Carols at Everton St Mary

6.00pm Candlelit Carol Service at St. Mary's, Gamlingay

7.00pm 22nd December

Carol Service at Hatley St George

Wednesday 24th December Christmas Eve

3.00pm Christingle Service at Everton

4.30pm Christingle service at Gamlingay preceded by Nativity Walk

11.30pm First Communion of Christmas (Midnight Mass) at Gamlingay St Mary

Thursday 25th December Christmas Day

9.00am Christmas Service at Hatley St George

10.00am Christmas Morning Eucharist at Gamlingay

10.00am Christmas Morning Service (Eucharist) at Everton

Sunday 28th December Christmas 1 Holy Innocents

10am Benefice Service at St Mary's Everton

Wednesday 31st December 9.30am Midweek Eucharist for New Year's Eve at Gamlingay

Sunday 4th January Celebrating The Epiphany

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

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

