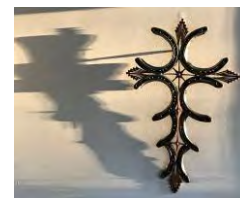


ST MARY'S GAMLINGAY, HATLEY ST GEORGE & ST MARY'S EVERTON



Weekly newsletter 28 November 2025



From Hilary:

This Sunday, Advent Sunday, is a 5th Sunday and we are joining forces between our parishes, meeting in Gamlingay for a morning Eucharist at 10am with some special music for Advent.

Advent material will be available in church and online. We have not made arrangements for an Advent Group this year, but do contact Hilary if you would like to meet in person, maybe once or twice rather than every week?

The first Sunday theme in Advent is Patriarchs/Hope. [The Jesse symbols](#), as used last year, are attached for anyone interested in using them again this year. More than ever, whatever we do, it feels important to observe Advent rather than allowing the commercial world to push us into consumerism and rushing at things. May peace be with us with blessings for good waiting.

For those who would like to follow an Angel theme, I offer for this week the Angel who moves Elijah on when he gives up, exhausted and afraid, after confronting Jezebel and dealing with her false prophets [1 Kings 19.1-7]. This angel provides sustenance and prompts action - move on, don't hang around languishing in self-pity and fear.

NEWS FROM EVERTON

Christmas Coffee Morning takes place this Saturday 10-12 with a prompt ending needed as the hall is in use afterwards, so the raffle will be drawn at or around 11.30am.

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

This Saturday, 29th November in Everton Village Hall, 10am – 12 noon

Please come and join us for delicious refreshments, stalls,
good company and much more.

All welcome – we'd love to see you!



Community Soup and Social this last week was busy, with the usual good food. There were deep commiserations with Rod, who was bravely there following Lin's death at the weekend. The next Soup and Social on 9th December will be the last this year. It will be a special Christmas meal which needs to be booked.

The Church Clock may be adjusted to run nearer to time thanks to Mike and Nigel for liaising with Cumbrian Clock Company, but it will not be striking before Christmas and is awaiting the return of the engineer who is dealing with it.

Everton Heath Primary School children were a delight to share Advent with, as we thought together about what Christmas means, and how to wait well. The school will be in church on December 16th and 17th at 1.30pm for their Christmas presentation.

RIP Lin Jarvis who died in St John's Hospice last Saturday. At Lin's request there will not be a funeral, but she and the family continue in our prayers. No decision has been made concerning Lin's ashes.

NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY

Simple Lunch takes place this coming week on Tuesday December 2nd,

Churchyard working party will hopefully take place on Wednesday.

Christmas Fair publicity is being distributed, and raffle tickets are being returned. Very well done and huge thanks to those who delivered them to homes in Gamlingay - all had gone by Sunday.

Reminder – Village Christmas Lights Switch-On is this weekend **Saturday 29th November**, with crafts in the church porch provided by the organisers.

Gamlingay Village Primary School key Stage 1 will have heard about Advent and Christingle as this Newsletter was going to press.



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



Just one more week now!

We would still welcome offers of help with any of the following:

- Donations for the Grand Draw and food hamper - can be taken to Jane at 61 Fairfield - please leave items in the box in the porch.
- Help setting up on Friday, 5th December from 3.30 pm. Many hands make light work, if you are available to help please contact one of the team.
- Donations for the Chocolate and Bottle Tombola - please give to Ros, 45 Fairfield in time for her to ticket them.

Many thanks for all the support you've all shown throughout the year!

And don't forget **CAKES!**



As always, we are relying on all our wonderful bakers to supply the cakes, etc., needed for the refreshments at the Christmas Fair.



If possible, please bring your items to church on the Friday afternoon after 3.30pm or on Saturday morning so that we can get them displayed and priced.

THANK YOU!

CHRISTINGLE MAKING



Christingle making will take place on Tuesday, 23rd December at 3pm in church. Many hands make light work so please come and help if you can.

And one for the diary: New Year Concert at St. Mary's Gamlingay – 4th January 2026

Do you need financial advice?

The Citizens Advice Bureau offering money advice on Mondays in
The Backroom Café at the Baptist Church.

(NB: Service information can be found on the next page.)

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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.

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

Saturday 29th November -

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

Sunday 30th November- Advent Sunday

10am Benefice Eucharist and Advent music at Gamlingay St Mary

December into January

Saturday 6th December

12 noon – 4pm Christmas Fair and Grand Draw at Gamlingay

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

Monday 22nd December

7.00pm 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

Afternoon Charity Concert in St Mary's Gamlingay

*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.*