

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



Weekly newsletter 2 January 2026



From Hilary:

So, New Year 2026 begins with prayers, for all of us, for many blessings upon all that the coming year may hold, expected and unexpected. We pray for God's grace to accompany us, helping us to keep our balance in good times and in bad.

The season of Epiphany begins this Sunday (a couple of days early by the Calendar) with the feast of Epiphany itself, subtitled 'the Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles'. The Orthodox Church celebrates this as Christmas. The birth story of Matthew tells us of the visit of 'Wise Men from the East (the Bible doesn't say they are Kings, nor specifically that there are three of them, those traditions will be explored at the church services on Sunday) but the core of the story goes beyond these details, reminding us of the disclosing in time of who the eternal God is, not only on earth in time but also as the Way for all time and eternity.

There was a full calendar of Christmas services, as well as two funerals; many thanks and well done indeed to everyone involved in decorating, cleaning, presenting and tidying up. The three churches looked lovely. The best attended carol service, in terms of the proportion of the community who turned out, was definitely at Hatley St George, with delicious refreshments enjoyed afterwards. Many thanks to the musicians who again made this service special in such a small place. The church looked lovely, huge gratitude to everyone for that - Sarah and family and Penny deserve special mention. The best attended service overall was Gamlingay Christingle, with over 200 adults and children all excited for Christmas. The service in Everton was lovely but a much smaller affair. Many thanks to those who made Christingles for Everton and Gamlingay, and especially to the donors of the oranges - The Farm Shop in Gamlingay and Doreen's contact in Everton. A special thank you also to John Boocock and the bell-ringers at Gamlingay for their wonderful Christmas carol chiming which was very much appreciated.



CHRISTMAS IN THE PARISHES

Some pictures from the churches.



NEWS FROM EVERTON

The Church Clock awaits another visit from the Cumbrian Clock Company, since it stopped just after the pre-Christmas visit. Many thanks to Mike for taking up communications with them.

The Church Organ behaved itself for which much gratitude, although at the price of an alarmingly large bill which turned up just before Christmas.

NEWS FROM HATLEY ST GEORGE

The funeral of Mary Giardiello took place in the week before Christmas week followed by burial at Tadlow.

NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY

New Year Concert takes place on **Sunday at 3pm**. Thank you to those offering refreshments and to everyone a warm welcome, do come along and bring friends.

First Memory Lane of the year meets on **27th January** - theme still to be confirmed.

Simple Lunches commence on first and third Tuesdays, beginning on the 6th. Unfortunately, this means they coincide with the Everton Soup and Socials which likewise commence on the 6th and will be on alternating Tuesdays. Hilary will be missing from Everton until the next time there are five Tuesdays in the month - not until March.

Churchyard work will continue with volunteers, weather permitting.

Funeral of Doreen Daphne Howell will take place on **Wednesday 7th January, 11am** to be followed by burial in Everton churchyard.

REMINDER: We do need contributions in the form of 'heavy nibbles' towards the refreshments following Sunday's concert. Small savoury or sweet finger food items will be very gratefully received at church on Sunday morning or when you come in the afternoon. **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.

January

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
3pm New Year Concert at St Mary's Gamlingay

Sunday 11th January - Epiphany 1 (Baptism of Christ)

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

Sunday 18th January - Epiphany 2, Start of Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

9.30am Parish Eucharist Unity and Healing time at St. Mary's, Gamlingay
4pm Evensong at St. Mary's, Everton

Sunday 25th January - Epiphany 3

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

February

Sunday 1st February Epiphany 4 Celebrating the Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)

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

Sunday 8th February 2 before Lent

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

Sunday 15th February Sunday next before Lent

9.30am Parish Eucharist with healing time at St. Mary's, Gamlingay
4pm Evensong at St. Mary's, Everton

Wednesday 18th Ash Wednesday

9.30am Ash Wednesday Eucharist at St. Mary's, Gamlingay
7.00pm Ash Wednesday Eucharist at St. Mary's, Everton

Sunday 22nd First Sunday of Lent

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

*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.*

Hilary Young , Parish Priest	hilaryafyoung@gmail.com	650587
Chris Miller , LLM/Reader	cfm55@btinternet.com	650779
Ann Davis , Churchwarden and Gamlingay/Hatley PCC Secretary	anngamlingay@aol.com	07970 076972
Nick Ingles , Gamlingay/Hatley Treasurer	nickingles@me.com	07868 144830
Richard Astell , Everton Treasurer	richard@astell.co.uk	
Valerie Miller , Pastoral	vjm55@btinternet.com	650779
Jane Butcher , Everton contact	Janebutcher59@googlemail.com	

**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.