

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



## Weekly newsletter 23 January 2026



### *From Hilary:*

This Sunday, Epiphany 3, continues the theme of revelation. This year it also happens to be the Sunday on which the Church celebrates the Conversion of Paul, the readings for which will be used on Sunday in the Benefice churches. So, unusually, the week of prayer for Christian Unity has two Sundays, this coming one being the end and last Sunday having been the beginning. Let us continue to pray and act for that visible unity in diversity that is the Spirit's gift to God's people.

### **Deanery Treasurer Wanted - please think!**

As mentioned last week, the crisis this year with Deanery finances has been very much to do with the absence of a Deanery Treasurer. Please think seriously if you, or someone you know with some financial understanding (ideally a retired accountant?) and who is conversant with Church of England ways of working, might consider taking this role on. If so, please let Hilary or Ann know and discussions can begin.

**Reminder - Lent** begins on 18th February this year. So far only one person has spoken to Hilary concerning options for how to tackle this time when Christians traditionally focus on discipline and prayer, in order to grow in relationship with God in Christ, in preparation for the great Easter festival.

There will be some form of meeting each week during Lent. Should this be online or in person? Daytime or evening? Or both? The Rectory is available but please offer any other suggestion(s) if appropriate, for in-person meeting. Think particularly about committing to something for these six weeks.

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## ***NEWS FROM EVERTON***

**Soup and Social** this last week was well attended, with all four soups eaten up by participants. The next one will be on 3rd February, again coinciding with Simple Lunch in Gamlingay.

**Clock:** The visit by engineers has had to be postponed due to ill health but is still expected to take place in the near future. Meanwhile the clock remains silent and not keeping time.

# ***NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY***

**First Memory Lane** of the year meets this coming Tuesday, **27th January** with various games to provide a focus for a social gathering. And there will be cake!

**Simple Lunch** this last week, again coinciding with the Soup and Social at Everton, was a small but well-enjoyed affair, with donations of £15.66

**Climate Action Group** met this week with Hilary in attendance. For those interested, there is a lot being planned. The group now has keen Social Media connectors, so watch Facebook for more information, including what's going on in the meadow area at the end of the cemetery.

**Cambridge Scything Group** (a fledgling organisation connecting areas for meadow management using traditional cutting methods with people keen to learn and use scything skills) continues to support work in the churchyards and council grass spaces such as Millbridge Brook Meadows. Dates for this next season are being published – do ask if you are interested.

**Churchyard** work had to be missed again on Wednesday due to the very wet weather.

**However**, there is also a significant issue that's come up for people weeding the path, which is that **dog dirt** is being left in the middle of the walkway.

**PLEASE TACKLE ANYONE YOU SEE with a dog in the churchyard** and ask them to help identify the culprits - or challenge them if they look like they are the guilty party. The PC has provided temporary notices for display in the hope of tackling the problem. We know there are many responsible dog owners who would not dream of leaving their dog's mess around, and that it is a few who are giving a bad name to everyone, however we need to deal with this issue for the sake of everyone who uses the path, especially those who walk that way with children.

## **Gamlingay with Hatley St George and East Hatley Electoral Roll Revision**

**Notice is hereby given that the Church Electoral Roll for Gamlingay and the Hatleys will be revised by the Parochial Church Council beginning on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January and ending on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February.**

**This is not a full renewal so if you are on the electoral roll and wish to stay on you do not need to do anything.**

**However, if you wish to be added to the roll, please contact Valerie Miller by email [vjm55@btinternet.com](mailto:vjm55@btinternet.com) or in person. There are copies of the application form in church or Valerie will send you one.**

**If you are on the electoral roll and wish to be removed from the roll or if your contact details have changed please contact Valerie.**

**After 14<sup>th</sup> February the Roll will be closed for amendments until after the Annual Meeting on 8th March 2026.**

**Thank you**

***Valerie Miller Electoral Roll Officer***



## QUIZ NIGHT WITH IAN PARKER

**Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> February, 7.30pm - St Mary's Church Hall**

Teams are invited to book in by emailing [janeorch@hotmail.com](mailto:janeorch@hotmail.com)  
Maximum of 6 to a team. £5 per head.

Bring your own drink. Some nibbles provided.

This event has proved very popular in the past, so please book in as soon as possible, before it gets advertised to the wider public.

There will be a raffle and a game of Heads and Tails.

Many thanks to Ian for agreeing to be Quiz Master again.

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### 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 25<sup>th</sup> January - Epiphany 3, celebrating the Conversion of Paul**

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

#### February

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February Epiphany 4 Celebrating the Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)**

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

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2 before Lent**

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

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February Sunday next before Lent**

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

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday**

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

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> First Sunday of Lent**

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

**NB: March/April dates are in preparation and should be available next week.**

*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.*

**Please let Brenda Elcome have any articles or pictures for the newsletter by Wednesday afternoon to [Brenda.elcome@ymail.com](mailto:Brenda.elcome@ymail.com)**