

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



Weekly newsletter 6 February 2026



From Hilary:

This Sunday is one of the two between Candlemas and when Lent begins the countdown to Easter. Chris Miller will be preaching at both churches (thank you Chris) as there is a brief opportunity to catch breath before the season begins with Ash Wednesday services on 18th February.

Apologies for any omissions in this week's Newsletter, it has been a challenging time domestically. Thanks be to God for all that's been.

LENT

The course material will be announced on Sunday, when anyone wishing to participate is encouraged to make themselves known - a small group will be meeting on a weekday afternoon, and this Newsletter will carry material to allow additional participation privately/remotely.

Prayers continue for the new Bishop of Ely

Sarah Clark, previously Acting Bishop of Durham and Suffragan Bishop of Jarrow in the Diocese of Durham, will be formally placed in post in the Summer. The full announcement went out with last week's Newsletter (in case you missed it, [click on this link](#)).

We praise and thank you, God of the journey, for all your gifts to us in the past.

We look to you as fellow traveller and faithful companion on the way ahead.

Strengthen, bless and guide Bishop Sarah by your Holy Spirit as she prepares for this calling, that with her we may serve you as generous and visible people of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Funding

The implications of funding changes reported in the last Newsletter will no doubt be part of forthcoming gathered discussions.

NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY

It was a joy to welcome the Sheppard family and friends last Sunday as their three children Daisy, Gabriella and Archie were baptized - we welcome you!

Simple Lunch this past Tuesday received donations of £35 and was enjoyed by 12 of us. The company, as much as the food, is appreciated by those who attend. The next one is on the 17th February.

Preparations continue for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 8th March.

The PCC meets next week to continue work on the reports. The Electoral Roll is in preparation and will be closed before the APCM – *see below*.....

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 25th January and ending on Saturday 14th 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 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 14th February the Roll will be closed for amendments until after the Annual Meeting on 8th March 2026.

Thank you

Valerie Miller Electoral Roll Officer

Fundraising news

The Quiz is now full, apart from one team which may be complete on the night anyway after accommodating a couple of people who are not part of a full team. Don't forget to bring your own drink and £1 coins for Heads and Tails. See you all there!

The **Task Group for Fundraising** meets on Monday, 9th February, 7.30pm at Valerie's house. If you would like to join us, or offer ideas for discussion, that would be most welcome.

NEWS FROM EVERTON

Soup and Social was its usual success; Hilary was not able to attend this time.

PCC meeting had to be postponed due to unavoidable last-minute issues for two members. A new date is being arranged.

The Church Clock was attended by a Cumbrian Clock Co representative this week and was keeping time and striking at the time of writing.

Churchyard: A report on the churchyard as a designated County Wildlife Site has been received and a summary will be published. We are proud to have a site of importance, and will be responding to the advice to care for it and encourage the growth of important wild flower species.

The New Buildings Group met on Friday and planned some further consultation with the whole village to gauge the enthusiasm for work on the church.

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The Big Blunham Book Sale

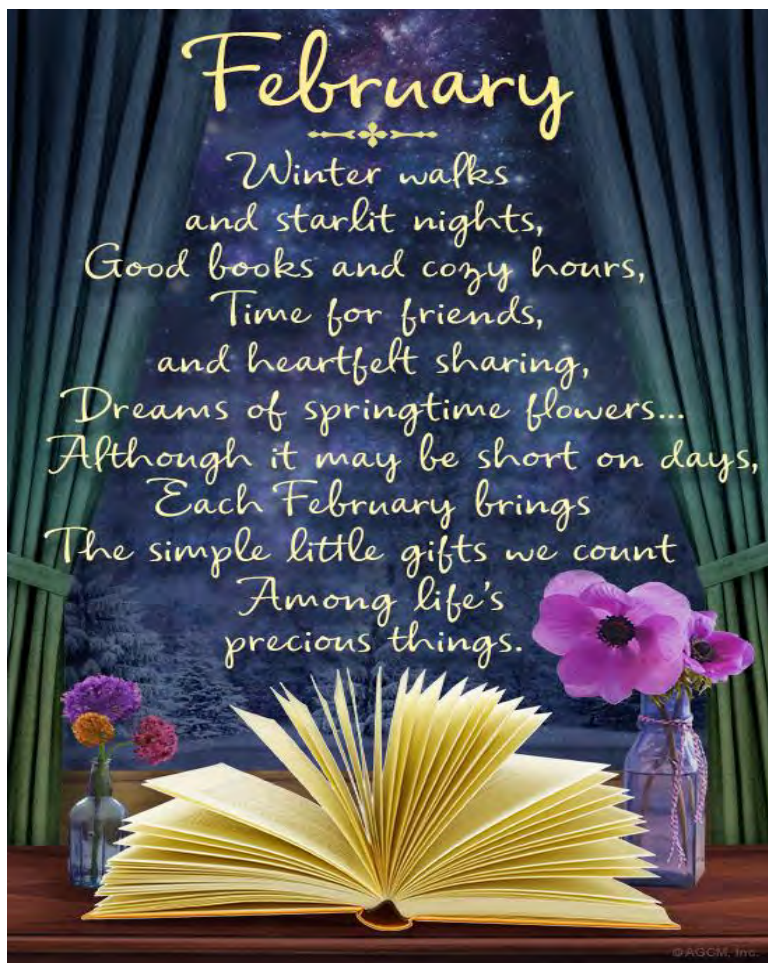
Will be held on Saturday 28th February 2026. 10.00 am to 3.00 pm in Blunham Parish Church, MK44 3NQ,

There will be an enormous selection of nearly new books - specialist and fiction sorted into categories.

Homemade soup, homemade cakes, hot dogs, teas and coffees served all day. All profits to Blunham Church Fabric Fund.

For further details please ring Sue and Peter Holden 01767 640572

Looking on the bright side!



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

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.

February

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

March

Sunday 1st March: Lent 2

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

Sunday 8th March: Lent 3

9.30am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Gamlingay followed by APCM and lunch
4.00pm Evensong at St. Mary's, Everton

Sunday 15th March: (Lent 4) Mothering/Refreshment Sunday

9.30am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Gamlingay with posy distribution
11.15am Family Service (no Eucharist) at St. Mary's, Everton with posy distribution

Sunday 22nd March: Lent 5

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

Sunday 29th March: Palm Sunday (clocks forward) Holy Week Begins

9.30am Liturgy of the Palms at St. Mary's Everton
10.00am Liturgy of the Passion at St Mary's Gamlingay

Taize-style Compline services in each of the Benefice churches as follows

Monday 30th March: Gamlingay TBC

Tuesday 31st March: Hatley TBC

Wednesday 1st April: Everton TBC

2nd April Maundy Thursday, Maundy Service with washing of feet and stripping of altars

7.00pm St. Mary's, Gamlingay.

April 3rd Good Friday: Memorials of the Crucifixion in the churches of the Benefice - details TBC

April 4th Holy Saturday

7.00pm Service of light and Renewal of Baptism Vows with Easter vigil readings

April 5th Easter Sunday, Festival Eucharist/Communion in all three churches

8.00am Hatley St. George
9.30am St Mary's, Gamlingay,
11.15am 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.*