

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



Weekly newsletter 17 April 2026



From Hilary:



The Easter season continues with the story, this week, of the disciples returning home to Emmaus from Jerusalem on the day of resurrection, their personal encounter with the risen Jesus and how they recognise him. That recognition will be a source of inspiration for both the healing service at Gamlingay and the service at Everton which precedes the APCM. [Click here to download this week's Thrive \[transfiguration\] sheet](#). For copies of previous sheets, [see the newsletter of 27th March](#).

I will be taking some time off in the following week, so **there is no midweek communion at Gamlingay** this coming Wednesday, though I may be seen around the village as we are not planning to go away.

Looking forward to May

The Sunday that begins Rogation week (10th May) will now be a shared morning Eucharist at Gamlingay at the usual 9.30am time, to be led by Revd. Rachel Blanchflower of the Bluebell benefice.

Plans are in discussion for a Rogation-tide walk between the two parish churches, perhaps on that day? Expressions of interest are requested regarding what might work for those who would like to take part. A walk after lunch on the following Sunday (17th) to end with Evensong at Everton would also be possible. A query has been made as to the viability of the intended services on the 5th Sunday which happens to be Trinity Sunday. As this is a festival it was planned to offer worship in all three churches of the Benefice, however the morning service may now be a shared one at Gamlingay. A 6pm service at Hatley St George will be some form of musical offering - could be Taizé compline style, or plainsong evensong, or something else, depending on availability of personnel.

NEWS FROM EVERTON

Soup and Social took place this last Tuesday with soup from Hilary although she wasn't able to be present for personal reasons.

APCM this Sunday 19th April following the morning service. A valiant effort is being made to produce the APCM report to be circulated before Sunday, watch this space for whether that is achieved. Church members are encouraged to attend and learn about the past year and the one we are now over a quarter of the way into and then share lunch.

RIP Raymond Knell whose ashes were interred at St Mary's, Everton on Tuesday, and much gratitude to his family for generous donations to church funds. Family members have also offered to help to keep the churchyard tidy, again many thanks. Discussions will follow to adhere to the churchyard plan.

NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY

Simple Lunch will take place this next Tuesday 21st with input from Hilary although she is otherwise 'on leave' this week.

Memory Lane will take place the following Tuesday 28th, 2-4pm at the Ecohub. No decision on activity that day but it may include some gentle Tai Chi with Richard Miller.

The Friends of St Mary's held their AGM on 15th May, with the welcome decision that their constitution does in fact allow use of funds to support church insurance bills and the running costs of the roof alarm. Decisions are awaited on the future of the group, as most of the current office holders are hoping to finish and there are no obvious new trustees.

We do still have places available for the church 'Discovery Day' on 9th May, but each group will be limited to 12 participants so don't delay – book yours now!

ST. MARY'S CHURCH GAMLINGAY

'DISCOVERY DAY'

Saturday 9th May - Morning: 10am or Afternoon: 2.30pm

How much do you know about Gamlingay's beautiful, ancient Parish Church?

Thanks, in large part, to Philip Gorton's extensive research and recording during his years with us, we are able to share some fascinating insights into the construction, past use, adaptations and idiosyncrasies of the building. Both groups will be led by David Elcome who has become very knowledgeable about the building itself, and Valerie Miller who will talk about the various service-related items to be found inside.

**COME AND JOIN A GUIDED TOUR – you may be surprised about what you discover!
Even some of our regular church attenders may be unaware of all its hidden secrets.**

**Afterwards, enjoy tea/coffee and home-made cakes, in the church or outside if the weather allows.
Inclusive cost: £10 per head payable in advance.**

**Each group will be limited to 12 participants and places must be pre-booked either by email:
brenda.elcome@ymail.com or by phone: 01767 650489**

GUILD OF ST MARY



Visitors are invited to attend our special meeting on Monday 20th April (advertised below). This is an excellent opportunity to learn, develop or update vital emergency skills so do join us if you can.

HOW ARE YOUR EMERGENCY FIRST AID SKILLS?

Would you be able to administer CPR if necessary?

Do you know where to find and how to use a de-fibrillator?

Could you help someone who was choking?

On 20th April the **Guild of St. Mary** will be welcoming a team from St. John's Ambulance who will be coming to talk to us and offer some basic training in emergency first aid. These are vital skills with which we should all have some familiarity, and we are inviting anyone who would like to join us to come to the Church Hall at 7.30pm.

Those who are physically able to take part in the training are encouraged to wear trousers as some kneeling on the floor will be necessary. For those unable to do this there will be much value in observing and learning the techniques.

It would be helpful (though not essential) to know how many participants to expect. If you are thinking of coming, please speak to Valerie or Brenda at church or email: liz@liz-huckle.co.uk

As always, our fee for visitors at Guild meetings will be £5 which includes refreshments.

ALL WELCOME

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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.

April

Sunday 19th April: Easter 3 (second Sunday after Easter)

9.30am Parish Eucharist with healing time at St. Mary's, Gamlingay
11.15 Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Everton, followed by APCM at the Village Hall

NB: No Wednesday Eucharist on 22nd April.

Sunday 26th April: Easter 4 (third Sunday after Easter)

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

May

Sunday 3rd May: Easter 5 (4th Sunday after Easter)

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

Sunday 10th May: Easter 6 (5th after Easter) Rogation Days Monday-Wednesday

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

Thursday 14th May: Ascension Day Service(s) TBC

Sunday 17th May: Easter 7 (Sunday after Ascension)

9.30am Parish Eucharist with healing time at St. Mary's, Gamlingay
4.00pm Evensong at St. Mary's, Everton

Sunday 24th May: Day of Pentecost - Whit Sunday

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

Sunday 31st May: Trinity Sunday - Festival services at ? all three churches

9.30am Benefice Eucharist at St. Mary's, Gamlingay
11.15am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Everton – under discussion, may be shared with Gamlingay
6.00pm Informal Evening Service of music for Trinity Sunday at Hatley St. George.

*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.*