

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



## Weekly newsletter 1 May 2026



### *From Hilary:*

This Sunday, as we approach the end of the Easter season, there are Baptisms in the Eucharists at both parish churches. We shall be using the white festival booklets for both occasions, with the Baptism on an additional sheet replacing the confession, absolution and sermon, as our church families welcome two young children, together with those who will promise to help them belong to the community into which they are being baptised.



Next Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> May, there is only one service for the Benefice at 9.30am in Gamlingay. I will be in charge of my 3-year-old grandson that day, and Rachel Blanchflower from The Bluebell Benefice has kindly agreed to conduct the Eucharist for us.

The three days following that Sunday are designated Rogation days (prayers traditionally for the seed time looking forward to the harvest later in the year). The Thursday of that week is Ascension Day, which used to be a major festival but, falling in the week as it always does, it has become a poorly attended service. With that in mind, the festival will be marked this year by a morning Eucharist at Gamlingay which will take the place of the usual Wednesday morning service.

The following Sunday (17<sup>th</sup>) is a third Sunday which has customarily been the one on which the Everton service is an Evensong. It is proposed to make that a Rogation-themed service to follow afternoon tea for anyone who wishes to join, but specifically for those doing a Rogation walk between the churches in Gamlingay and Everton. Location in Everton and exact timing of the tea is yet to be confirmed - any offers?

## ***NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY***

**Memory Lane** took place this last Tuesday at the Ecohub with games and refreshments. Numbers were low, but those present appreciated the event.

**St. Mary's, Gamlingay 'Discovery Day' – THIS SATURDAY, 9th May 1.00 am or 2.30 pm.**

There are still a few places left in the morning group, it would be good to fill them if you or anyone you know might be interested. [Click here for the information flyer.](#)

## S.O.S!

Next Saturday we will be 'showing off' our beloved church to a number of visitors and we are aiming to have it looking as spick and span as possible. To this end there will be two cleaning sessions next week. **Please** consider if you could come and lend a hand for a while – many hands make light work and just think how noble it will make you feel!

**Wednesday morning 10.30am – 12 noon**

**Thursday afternoon: 2pm – 4pm**

## ***NEWS FROM EVERTON***

**Soup and Social** took place on Tuesday with soup from Hilary. Numbers were a little down, but good food and company were enjoyed as usual.

### **APCM**

Well done to everyone involved at Everton as a new PCC was formed for this coming year, which will see the parishes into vacancy.

The small APCM meeting re-elected all who had served previously. After much heart-searching, two of the PCC agreed to be elected as Church Wardens, knowing that named people for Diocesan communications would become essential when there is no incumbent and neither of them could carry the role alone. The new PCC met briefly to appoint officers, and co-opted Leslie Howe to join them, Leslie not being eligible to be elected as he has only recently joined the electoral roll.

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**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)**

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.

### May

#### **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May: Easter 5** (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter)

9.30am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Gamlingay with Baptism of Tobias Elijah Seaman  
11.15am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Everton with Baptism of Owen Harry Christian-Allan

#### **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May: Easter 6** (5<sup>th</sup> after Easter) Rogation Days Monday-Wednesday

9.30am Shared Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Gamlingay. led by Revd. Rachel Blanchflower

**NB No Wednesday Eucharist this week.**

#### **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May:**

9.30am Ascension Day service at St. Mary's, Gamlingay

#### **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May: Easter 7** (Sunday after Ascension)

9.30am Parish Eucharist with healing time at St. Mary's, Gamlingay  
Rogation Walk from St. Mary's Gamlingay to Everton in the afternoon, meeting for tea before Evensong.  
4.00pm Evensong at St. Mary's, Everton

#### **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

### June

#### **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June: Trinity 1** (Hilary on leave)

9.30am or 10am time and location TBC - Benefice Eucharist conducted by Revd Rachel Blanchflower

#### **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June: Trinity 2** (Hilary on Leave)

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

#### **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June: Trinity 3**

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

#### **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June: Trinity 4**

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.*

### Thrive

Use these links to download this week's Thrive [transfiguration] sheet ([3rd May](#)) and for last two week's ([19th April](#) and [26th April](#)).

For copies of the six previous sheets (from 15th February), see the newsletter of [27th March](#).