

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



Weekly newsletter 8 May 2026



From Hilary:

This Sunday there is only one service for the Benefice, 9.30am at Gamlingay.

I will be in charge of my 3-year-old grandson and he's not really compatible with leading a church service at the moment. Revd. Rachel Blanchflower from The Bluebell Benefice has kindly agreed to conduct a Eucharist for this Benefice on that day.

Rogation and Ascension

The three days following this Sunday are designated Rogation days (prayers traditionally for the seed time looking forward to the harvest later in the year). Rogation is a season of intercession and hope; we will be praying for our communities and all that goes on in them providing for human needs. Our Benefice Rogation prayers will be the following Sunday (17th), when Evensong at Everton at 4pm will be a Rogation-themed service, following an afternoon tea for anyone who wishes to join. There will be more details about a Rogation walk between the churches in Gamlingay and Everton next time, but there will be tea at the end of the walk to lead into the evening service. *(See photo of last year's enjoyable Rogation Walk on the last page)*



This coming Thursday is Ascension Day which precedes the last Sunday of Easter the following week (17th May). The festival itself will be marked this year by a morning Eucharist at Gamlingay on Thursday 14th which will replace the usual Wednesday midweek Eucharist. The morning Eucharist on the Sunday (7th of Easter) will pick up the Ascension theme linked with Rogation.

Pentecost/Whitsun Sunday 24th May

Birthday celebrations at both Parish Churches for the Body of Christ (the Church) born on this day.

NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY

Simple Lunch took place this last Tuesday with less than half the attendance of the previous time, nevertheless much appreciated by those who were present. Ten participants, which included helpers, made the £29.60 donations gift-aid reclaimable. Thank you to everyone involved.

Discovery Day guided tours of the church take place on Saturday (tomorrow!). Eleven people are booked for the morning session and ten for the afternoon. With a maximum of 12 planned for each group this means there are still 3 places available. If you would like to take one of them up, please phone 01767 650489 or email: brenda.elcome@ymail.com on Friday or before 9.30am on Saturday morning.

NEWS FROM EVERTON

Soup and Social will take place on Tuesday with soup from Hilary



St. Mary's Church, Everton SPRING COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 16th May, 10am – 12 noon.



Please come and join us in the Village Hall

**Any donations of Cakes, Plants, Books or Raffle prizes, will be very welcome.
These can be brought to the Village Hall, on Friday the 15th, in the afternoon, between 3 and 4pm,
when we will be setting up.**

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 10th May: Easter 6 (5th 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 14th May:

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

Sunday 17th 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 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.

June

Sunday 7th June: Trinity 1 (Hilary on leave)

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

Sunday 14th June: Trinity 2 (Hilary on Leave) Services tbc

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

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

Sunday 21st June: Trinity 3

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

4.00pm Evensong at St. Mary's, Everton

Sunday 28th 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.*

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

Rogation Walk 2025

(Plus, the person taking the photo!)



Thrive

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