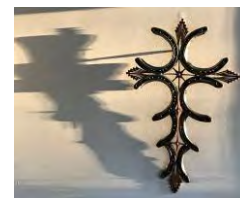


ST MARY'S GAMLINGAY, HATLEY ST GEORGE & ST MARY'S EVERTON



Weekly newsletter 15 May 2026



From Hilary:

Special thanks to Revd. Rachel Blanchflower for leading the Benefice worship at Gamlingay last week.

Next week's Newsletter, for the Sunday of Pentecost, will be a double issue to include information for two weeks. There will be no Newsletter the following week which will precede the last festival of this church year - Trinity Sunday, which is also a 5th Sunday.

Here is a reminder that contributions are always welcome, giving information on events past and future of interest to people of our two parishes.

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

This Sunday 17th May

Rogation prayers will be part of both services in our Parish churches. This is the Sunday after Ascension and the last of the Sundays of Easter.

The morning service at Gamlingay will be, as has been the custom on a third Sunday of the month, a service of Wholeness and Healing as well as including Rogation prayers. It is also Bell Sunday (the nearest Sunday to St Dunstan's day). St Dunstan is the patron saint of bell ringers for his interest and experimentation with developing bell metal. The first hymn at the morning service was written for a bell dedication ceremony and goes to a well-known tune; it is very suitable for a Rogation occasion when we give thanks and pray for the flourishing of many aspects of human endeavour.

There will be tea/coffee/squash and cake in Everton church from 3.30pm before Evensong at 4pm where Chris will lead us in a Rogation themed service.

Contact Hilary or Ann to coordinate cars for those who would like to join a walk between the churches with prayers on the way. There may be a stop at the pub in Everton if time allows. Departure will be from St Mary's in Gamlingay around 1pm.



Next Sunday - Pentecost/Whitsun

Birthday celebrations will be offered at both Parish Churches - members of the Body of Christ which came into being with the empowering of the first disciples by the Holy Spirit, beginning the worldwide movement called Church.

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NEWS FROM EVERTON

Soup and Social took place on Tuesday with four birthdays celebrated.

Everton Annual Parish Council Meeting took place on Wednesday this week, including a report from the Church. The meeting concluded with the unveiling of a board listing all the past Parish Council Chairmen, donated by an anonymous benefactor and installed on the Village Hall wall.



NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY

Simple Lunch takes place this coming Tuesday 19th May.

A Grant has been awarded to the church for dealing with the asbestos roof of one of the sheds in the grounds of the Church Hall - well done to Ann for getting the application together, and many thanks to the Wind Turbine fund.

Christian Aid Week, 11 – 17 May



Although we have been unable to organize the delivery of envelopes around the villages this year, we are still anxious to support Christian Aid week as much as we can. Envelopes are available at the back of church for anyone who would like to pick one up. When filled they can be brought back to church on Sunday or put

through the door of the Rectory at any time. At Hatley they can be left at the Post Office. Do please contribute if you can, in support of this year's appeal to support indigenous communities in Guatemala struggling to survive a climate crisis which is killing their precious crops.

Fundraising News

As can be seen from the photo, the sun shone beautifully for us on our **Discovery Day** last Saturday. Two groups, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, thoroughly enjoyed guided tours of the church which took them, initially, around the outside where they learned about the construction, additions, oddities and adaptations that have taken place throughout the ages and then inside where they were introduced to more structural 'oddities' as well as a whole variety of church accoutrements ranging from a hidden, winding staircase to the different coloured vestments used at services. After all that they were more than ready to relax with tea/coffee and delicious home-made cakes! It was lovely to welcome old friends and make some new



ones and we hope that it may be possible to repeat the experience in the Autumn – watch this space! The day resulted in a profit for church funds of £265 which included some extra donations for which we are very grateful. Thank you so much to David and Valerie for leading the groups, to the providers of refreshments and to all who came and supported us.

(Many apologies that we didn't think to take a photo of the morning group!)

SUMMER COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 6th June – 10.30 – 12.30 – Gamlingay Church Hall

Our next fundraising event is a Coffee Morning which is taking the place of the usual Summer Fete which, for a variety of reasons, we are unable to undertake this year. Please come along and support the event and encourage friends and neighbours to join us as well.

CAN YOU HELP IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING WAYS?

*We will be setting up on Friday 5th June at 3pm – please come and help if you can.
Helpers will also be needed to clear everything away afterwards.*

We are, as always, relying on our wonderful bakers for a supply of cakes both for the refreshments and for selling to take away.



*There will be a few stalls for which donations are requested as follows:
Items suitable for a Tombola.
Raffle prizes
Plants
Bric-a-Brac- good quality items only please!*



NB: Cakes and Plants can be brought to the Church Hall after 3pm on the Friday or early on Saturday morning. Other donations can be brought to church on Sunday.

Thank you!

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 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.
4pm 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 TBC

9.30am Benefice Eucharist at St. Mary's, Gamlingay
11.15am Parish Eucharist at St. Mary's, Everton
6pm 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
4pm 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

THRIVE

Use this link to download this week's Thrive [transfiguration] sheet ([17th May](#)).