

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



Weekly newsletter 5 June 2026



From Hilary:

This last Monday we had the important shared PCC meeting that started to address all the issues that arise from the recently made announcement of my retirement at the end of July.

The shared group has appointed a standing committee from both PCCs. More details will follow on who's who and whom to contact for what during the vacancy - we shall be doing a bit of a practice run during July. Arrangements are being made for services until the end of July. My last Sunday will be 26th July, when I will preside at a 10 am Benefice service being planned for Gamlingay, to be followed by refreshments from noon, probably at the Eco Hub. There is a general invitation to this service, and also to the Evensong the previous Sunday which will be my last service in Everton.

In July I expect to be living in our new home in Godmanchester, where we are already settling in and Norman is now very much at home. I will be supporting the parishes with finding a pattern of services that is sustainable into what may be a significant vacancy - almost certainly beyond Christmas.

In theory I am on leave (planned some time ago) from Friday this week for two weeks. Revd. Rachel Blanchflower is kindly conducting the one communion service this coming Sunday (Trinity 1) but I don't yet have a named person to cover the following Sunday. I shall be conducting a funeral during the second week, which is why I say I am on leave 'in theory'. I also have several commitments on Tuesday, so it may not be much of a holiday this time. However, I am happy enough with that - I shall be able to take as much time as I like after the end of August when the Rectory will finally be vacated by me.

From Jane Orchiston, Parish Safeguarding Officer for Gamlingay with Hatley and Everton cum Tetworth

'It's Not Just Policy, It's Personal' is a campaign to raise awareness of how to recognise and report safeguarding concerns (*see posters via the links below*). The campaign is running from now until **14th June**. The resources are designed to build confidence in responding and taking appropriate action.

Two key recommendations from the Makin Report, published in 2024, focused on how the Church can have confidence that abuse, both current and non-recent, is being reported. The National Safeguarding Team have given careful consideration to how this could best be achieved and are running a two-week pilot campaign to raise awareness of how to report safeguarding concerns.

Safeguarding guidance and codes of conduct are statutory and must always be followed, but this campaign reminds us that these are not simply processes to be followed. At the centre of every safeguarding concern is a person who has taken the difficult step of disclosing harm or risk. Creating a safe space for people to report, and how we respond to them, matters.

[It's not just policy, it's personal.](#)

[Understanding how to respond to safeguarding concerns](#)

NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY

Simple Lunch took place last Tuesday. There were more helpers than customers, but food and fellowship was enjoyed by both. £15 was donated.

There will be at least one more Simple Lunch with Hilary, in a fortnight's time; plans for July and beyond will be shared in due course. At present Hilary makes two soups each time and will continue to make one for a while, but offers of a fortnightly or monthly soup of about 10 portions will be gratefully received - contact Jane Orchiston or Ann Davis to offer help.

Churchyard Green Week

Bioblitz sessions will take place during this next week in June - including a Swift Count in the evening, during which we will be offering cheese and wine in church. These wildlife audits will take place either on Tuesday 9th or (if weather prevents) on Thursday 11th.



SUMMER COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 6th June – 10.30 – 12.30
Gamlingay Church Hall



Please come and support this important fundraising event – enjoy tea, coffee, a wonderful array of home-made cakes and excellent company!



Browse a selection of second-hand books and quality bric-a-brac.
Perhaps buy some cakes to enjoy at home.
Chance your luck with the raffle and tombola



We look forward to your company!

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

June

1st – 14th June: Diocesan Safeguarding Awareness Campaign 'It's not just policy, it's personal'

Saturday 6th June

10.30 – 12.30 Summer Coffee Morning, Gamlingay Church Hall

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

9.30am Benefice Eucharist conducted by Revd Rachel Blanchflower at Gamlingay

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

Bishop Sarah's Enthronement at Ely

Sunday 28th June: Trinity 4

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

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

The following information has been sent to the Gazette for July and August

The dates this time are only for July, at the end of which Hilary will be retiring and no longer conducting services, apart from the one already booked in August as listed below. Other services are subject to availability of clergy to cover and may vary from the established pattern.

July

Sunday 5th July: Trinity 5

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

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

Sunday 12th July: Trinity 6

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

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

Sunday 19th July: Trinity 7

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

Time TBC Evensong at St. Mary's, Everton (Hilary's last service there)

Sunday 26th July Trinity 8

10am Farewell Benefice Eucharist at Gamlingay followed by refreshments at Eco Hub tbc

August

There will probably be a Eucharist in one of the Parish Churches each Sunday, with visiting clergy officiating. Richard Howe, Archdeacon, may well be with the Benefice quite often during this time, and it is hoped there will be a service in each church every Sunday, however plans are still being firmed up.

In the diary at time of going to press.....

Sunday 23rd August Trinity 12

9.30am Parish Eucharist with Baptism of baby Arthur at Gamlingay

Congregation members are invited to share celebratory refreshments in church afterwards

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.