

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



Weekly newsletter 3 July 2026



From Hilary:

With Norman now formally 'in residence' at our new home in Godmanchester, I am back and forth to the parish, waking up at night, for a moment not sure which place I am in as I stop overnight in Gamlingay on some occasions and on others return to our new home. I will be formally changing address at my retirement, but the Rectory will still be 'in use' as a house clearance gets properly underway.

This Sunday there are two Eucharists in the Benefice, one at each parish church, as has been our custom. It looks as though those of us who struggle with the heat will be a good deal more comfortable than in the previous week, last Sunday was already a bit more manageable in our churches.

The sad news of the death of Philippa Martin-Jones in Addenbrooke's hospital this last week has been publicised in the community. She had connections in both parishes. There is no further information about a funeral, but our thoughts and prayers are very much with all who knew her, as we commend her to God's loving care.

Please pray for Revd. Sharon Byrne to be licensed at Buckden as Priest-in-Charge of the Benefice of Buckden with the Offords on Tuesday 7th July. We give thanks with the people of the Benefice for Sharon's appointment.

Benefice preparations for vacancy

The shared Benefice PCC meets on Monday and will be discussing handover progress as outlined in the last Newsletter. There will be decisions on how communications will be maintained as well as many practical considerations relating to administration in the parishes after the end of July.

NEWS FROM HATLEY ST GEORGE

Nothing further has been decided on a 'last service at Hatley' - though safe to say, if this happens, it probably won't be on a Sunday. Might a Saturday afternoon social/party followed by music and some prayers work? Please let Hilary know your thoughts.

NEWS FROM EVERTON



Community 'Brunch and Brew' – Saturday 4th July

11am-1pm at the Village Hall, all welcome, contributions to refreshments also welcome.

NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY

Provision of refreshments for Hilary's retirement celebration:

There is now a sign-up sheet at the back of church for contributions of finger food and drinks for Hilary and Norman's Farewell and Celebration Party to be held in the Church Hall after the morning service on 26th July. Invitations have been issued to all who receive the newsletter as well as more widely in the community and beyond. We don't know exact numbers for catering purposes and are asking you all to please be generous and contribute what you can.

Thank you!

It's Your Move session planned for last Friday had to be postponed because of the heat, meaning that very few Y6 children were in school. The hope is that the session will transfer - possibly to 14th July. Please pray for all our Y6 children as they look forward to next year in new places of education.

Simple Lunch will take place this coming week (Tuesday 7th) - any offers for a second soup? Hilary's new kitchen has an induction hob on which only one of the pressure cookers she owns will work.

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RIP Ann Kirby whose funeral is being arranged at St Mary's by Shires, Sandy. No details available as yet.

RIP Shirley Laing whose funeral will take place at St Mary's at 2pm on (this) Thursday 9th July

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Benefice Services and Events

July

Sunday 5th July: Trinity 5

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

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

Wednesday 8th July, Midweek Eucharist

9.30am A said service of Holy Communion at St. Mary's, Gamlingay, all being well.

Sunday 12th July: Trinity 6

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

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

Wednesday 15th, Midweek Eucharist

9.30am A said service of Holy Communion at St. Mary's, Gamlingay, all being well.

Sunday 19th July: Trinity 7

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

5 pm Evensong at St. Mary's, Everton (Hilary's last service there) followed by

Wednesday 22nd July, Midweek Eucharist refreshments.

9.30am A said service of Holy Communion at St. Mary's, Gamlingay, all being well.

Sunday 26th July Trinity 8

10am Farewell Benefice Eucharist at Gamlingay followed by refreshments in Church Hall

NB: No midweek Eucharist this or following weeks - arrangements underway for some form of prayer/worship

August services to be announced

Sunday 23rd August Trinity 12

10am Benefice 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.*

**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.