

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



Weekly newsletter 10 July 2026



From Hilary:

This Sunday there are again two Eucharists in the Benefice, one at each parish church, as has been our custom. This week has been hard going with the heat again, thank you to everyone who has contributed to making things work.

Plans are underway for music at the final services of my ministry here. Everton Evensong is to be rehearsed, if you would like to sing in the choir, please contact Andrew Smith or Chris Miller (or me). There will also be a choir at the morning service on the 26th, again please say if you would like to be a part of that.

Benefice preparations for vacancy

The shared Benefice PCC met on Monday and discussed plans for the handover. The process is ongoing to prepare for services into August and beyond. The proposed pattern has been approved by the PCCs and the task of finding clergy and laity to conduct the services is now underway.

The Newsletter, in its present form, will end this month, as I move on and Brenda is putting away her keyboard for this task. Huge thanks to Brenda and, for the first couple of years to Ian as well, for supporting the work of keeping the wider parish informed. As the vacancy begins, communication will be even more important. If you think you can help, please contact one of the Church Wardens (contact details on next page.)

The answer lies in the soil.....Why soil health matters....

Join Micky Astor at the Eco Hub at 6pm on 14th July for an inspiring evening. [Click here for the event poster.](#)

NEWS FROM EVERTON

The last Soup and Social of the season will be on Tuesday 21st. This unfortunately clashes, once again, with Gamlingay's Simple Lunch following the 5-Tuesday month just gone..

NEWS FROM HATLEY ST GEORGE

Saturday 25th is being looked at for an afternoon social/party followed by music and some prayers. Please let Hilary know if you might be able to attend.

NEWS FROM GAMLINGAY

It's Your Move session, postponed from a previous Friday, will now be on the morning of Tuesday 14th July. Please pray for all our Y6 children as they look forward to next year in new places of education.

Simple Lunch took place this last Tuesday 7th with a second soup provided (thank you Valerie!) to add to the one provided by Hilary. There were 15 people present and donations of £25 were received. Thank you, Jane W, for offering a soup for next time which will be Hilary's last.

RIP Ann Kirby whose funeral is being arranged at St Mary's by Shires, Sandy, for Friday 24th July at 2.30pm

RIP Shirley Laing whose funeral with Seamers took place at St Mary's at 2pm on Thursday of this week.

RIP Nick Bruce whose funeral with Seamers takes place on Monday 20th July at St Mary's

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!

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

Benefice Services and Events

July

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.*

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.