



# Sunday Link



St Mary's Potton ♦ All Saints Sutton ♦ St John's Cockayne

10 December 2017: Advent 2

## Diary

### Monday 11 December

No Morning Prayer at Cockayne Hatley  
6.30 Fundraising meeting at Rising Sun, followed by group dinner

### Tuesday 12 December

9am Morning Prayer at Potton  
7.30 Lay Ministry Team, The Rectory

### Wednesday 13 December

10.45-12 noon Potton Middle School Readers and Soloists rehearsing in church

### Thursday 14 December

No Morning Prayer at Sutton  
10am Potton Middle School Carol Service, St Mary's  
12 noon Interment of Ashes, Waldemar Hartwig, All Saints Sutton  
1pm Mothers' Union Lunch, St Mary's Hall  
2.30pm Mothers' Union Carol Service St Mary's Hall  
7.30pm PTSD999 Charity's Carol Service, Cockayne Hatley. All Welcome!

### Friday 15 December

9am Morning Prayer at Potton  
No First Steps (Christmas Break)  
12.45 Christmas Parish Lunch (ticket only)  
2.30 Sutton Christingle  
7.30 Sutton Bible Study

## News and Events

THANK YOU to Graham, Sam and Steven for erecting two Christmas trees at Potton, to Pippa and Dave for erecting the tree at Sutton and to Jane and Judith for decorating it so beautifully; Thank you to everyone at Friends & Family for decorating the Potton indoor tree and to Diane and Gloria for beautiful candlelit decorations in Cockayne Hatley. What a witness to Christ! THIS AFTERNOON: Potton Christingle 4.30pm. Huge thanks to the Beavers for making the 150+ Christingles!

SUTTON CHRISTINGLE will take place on Friday 15 December at 2.30pm. All Sutton School will attend. Father Christmas is coming! Everyone is very welcome! Enormous thanks to Ellie and Fay for planning and organizing the whole event!

SUTTON CAROL SERVICE will take place next Sunday, 17 December, at 4.30pm. Heartfelt thanks to Margaret for organizing it, and to all our readers.

COCKAYNE HATLEY is hosting the PTSD999 Charity's carol service on Thursday 14 December at 7.30pm, led by Rev Barbara with musical accompaniment by "Waterbeach Brass". Everyone is warmly invited, mulled wine will be served afterwards.

ST MARY'S CAROL SERVICE in memory and in honour of our wonderful choirmaster, David Barker, who died on 24th September. Planning this carol service was one of the last things he did in life. He loved Christmas music and this service will be very poignant. Do come along - let's make it a full house for David. Sunday 17th December at 6pm.

ADVANCE NOTICE: we are privileged that the Diocesan Director of Ministry, Rev Dr Canon Tim Bull is visiting our Benefice on Saturday 6 January to speak to us about faith from 10.30 to 12 noon. Please make it a priority to come to hear Canon Tim, an inspirational speaker and encourager. A wonderful start to the New Year. Watch out for posters with more details.

## Please pray....

- for David & Felicity at Potton, and baby Felicity at Cockayne Hatley, all being baptized today;
- with thanksgiving for St Mary's Singers as they say farewell after so many years, for the many singers, directors, soloists and musicians that have given their time and worked so hard to make beautiful music and performances together;
- for Pemdale, its residents and staff, that they will have joy in their hearts celebrating Christmas together;
- for world leaders, that they will focus on creating a global climate of peace, understanding, compassion and justice. We pray especially for those families who live in conflict areas, that they might find the security and hope that they need.
- for families, that, throughout Advent, they will journey together in hope, love and patience with each other as they prepare to celebrate Christmas. We pray that, as the days become busier and more pressurised, they will not lose sight of the meaning of Christmas.

### Let us pray for those who have asked for our prayers:

**Cockayne Hatley** Alice Steadman, Sylvia Wharton, Mary Gentle, Rosemary Cooper and Christine Arnold. **Sutton** Rowan Pearce, Ben Jones, Sara Bains and family, Peter Wildman and Trevor Ibbett. **Potton** Chris & Tony Boxall, Win Jamieson, Liz Snoswell, Una Wilson, Yvonne Drew, Andrew Craig, Vernon Godel, Dave & Fran Hodgson, Julia & Ray Bylett, Daniel Hutchinson, the Odell family, Jane Taylor, Ben Winter, the Sexton family, Tim Clarke, Alan Watson, Paula Evetts, Jefferson & Natalie Tarn, John Maguire and Sheila Hinkins.

**For the bereaved:** for the family and friends of Waldemar Hartwig, Alexander Rayner (new born) and all those remembering anniversaries of death at this time.

## Living God's Love with Generosity, Joy, Imagination and Courage

### Ministry Team

**RECTOR:**  
Rev Gill Smith 01767 260782  
The Rectory, Hatley Road, Potton  
(Day off - Wednesdays)

**ASSOCIATE PRIEST:**  
Rev Barbara Johnson, PTSD999  
Blue Hero Foundation Chaplain

**READERS:**  
Mr Simon Gutteridge 01767 260306  
Mr David Kilpatrick 01767 261328  
Mrs Maureen Munro (on placement)

**LAY MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT TEAM:**  
Janet Baillie, Wendy Chappell,  
Sally Davis, Daniel Hutchinson,  
Pippa Montgomery, Tina Mundy,  
Margaret Pryor, Hazel Rozanska,  
Jefferson Tarn, Natalie Tarn, Amy Taylor  
and Paulet Brown-Wilsher.

**Lay Leaders of Worship (LLWs):**  
Janet Baillie, Paulet Brown-Wilsher,  
Daniel Hutchinson, Margaret Pryor and  
Hazel Rozanska.

### Regular Services/Events

(see website or magazine for more details)

**Children's Treasure Boxes:** every third Sun at Potton during Shorter Communion;  
**Craft & Chatter:** alt Fridays (262287)

**Family & Friends Services:** every first Sunday at Potton

**First Steps:** Mums, babies and toddlers, Fridays 10.11.30 in term time (260430)

**Morning Prayer:** in church 9am on Mon (C/H), Tue (P), Thu (S) & Fri (P) (260782).

**NightLight:** Reflective night service first Sunday monthly 7.30-8.30pm

**Potton Housegroups:** alt Thursdays 10am (260565); Tuesdays 7.30pm (07801 931029)

**Potton Mothers' Union** (261206)

**Prayer Group:** Tuesdays 10.30 (260565)

**Soul Cinema:** children's film club 5pm on Mondays in term time (260782)

**St Mary's Bellringers** ring Sundays and practise Tuesdays 7.30pm

**St Mary's Choir** sing Sundays 10.30 and practise Thursdays 7pm

**Sutton Bible Study:** alternate Fridays (260532)

### This week's services

10 December 2017

Advent 2

Isaiah 40:1-11

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Mark 1:1-8

9am Benefice Holy Communion  
Potton - Rev Gill Smith

#### Potton

9am Holy Communion - as above  
10.30am Choral Communion  
Rev Gill Smith  
Including Baptism  
Rev Gill Smith

#### Sutton

9am BCP Mattins  
LLW Margaret Pryor

#### Cockayne Hatley

3pm Evensong  
Including Baptism  
Rev Gill Smith

### Next week's services

17 December 2017

Advent 3

Isaiah 64:1-4,8-end

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

John 1:6-8, 19-28

9am Benefice Holy Communion  
Sutton - Rev Gill Smith

#### Potton

9am Morning Prayer  
LLW Paulet Brown-Wilsher  
10.30am Shorter Communion  
Rev Gill Smith  
6pm Nine Lessons & Carols  
Rev Gill Smith

#### Sutton

9am Holy Communion  
Rev Gill Smith  
4.30pm Nine Lessons & Carols  
Reader Simon Gutteridge  
**Cockayne Hatley**  
3pm Evensong  
Reader David Kilpatrick

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