



Sunday Link



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

19 August 2018 - Trinity 12

Diary

Monday 20 August

9am Morning Prayer at Cockayne Hatley
7.30pm Fundraising meeting at The Rising Sun

Tuesday 21 August

9am Morning Prayer at Potton

Wednesday 22 August

11.30 Funeral of Paul Dobson at Bedford Crematorium (by Rev Fiona Gibson)

Thursday 23 August

9am Morning Prayer at Sutton

Friday 24 August

8.15am Gill on Biggles FM Thought
9am Morning Prayer at Potton
2.45 Sutton Friday Service (Holy Communion)
6.30 Party on Potton 'The Big Weekend' starts!
7.30 Craft and Chatter, St Mary's Hall

Sunday 26 August

10.30 Churches Together Service in the Party on Potton Big Marquee on the Henry Smith Playing Fields followed by 12 noon the Big Posh Picnic on Henry Smith Playing Fields. Join us on the St Mary's Table!!

Monday 27 August

7pm Party on Potton 'The Big Weekend' ends with 'Snow White and the Seven Pottonians' in the Big Marquee

News and Events

NEXT SUNDAY 26 AUG: St Mary's 10.30 service will take place in the Big Marquee on the Henry Smith Playing Fields as Potton's three churches (Anglicans, Baptists and Salvation Army) join together for a service of Praise and Thanksgiving. There will be a service of Holy Communion at 9am in St Mary's.

POSH PICNIC: after the churches together service, we'll join the Posh Picnic - gather from 12 noon. Picnic starts at 1pm! Bring your own tables, chairs, chandeliers and picnics! Party on Potton will award a prize to the poshest picnic!

PET SERVICE: For the first time, St Mary's will be holding a Pet Blessing Service in the Potton Show marquee on St Mary's Field on Sunday 9 September after the end of the Show. The service will start at 6.30pm and all animals are welcome. It is good to give thanks for all God's gifts to us, and there is much to give thanks for in the gift of companionship and love that our pets are. (please be aware that being together with lots of other animals may prove stressful for your pet)

CONFIRMATION COURSE STARTING SOON! for Confirmation on Sunday 28 October at 10.30am in our Benefice (St Mary's Potton) by the Bishop of Bedford. If you would like to consider Confirming your faith this year, please get in touch with Gill. A 6-week course called "Start" will be on Mondays & Tuesdays as follows: 3, 4, and 24 September, and 1, 2 and 8 October in St Mary's Hall. It is a fantastic course with handbooks, videos, activity sheets and will run from 7.45 to 9pm prompt on these dates.

Please pray

- for anyone affected by the Genoa bridge collapse: that the bereaved families find the strength to face life in the future and that lessons are learnt in all countries about the importance of careful, well-planned construction.
- for the young people who have received, or are waiting for, exam results: that in the midst of their celebrations or disappointment they understand that their worth does not depend on academic success.
- for everyone who is reflecting on what to do with their future: may they be filled with hope as they find the practical help and support necessary to discern the right path.

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

FOR OUR LINK CHARITY: PTSD999

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: will now be made at church services but will no longer be published on Sunday Link in accordance with new Data Protection legislation;

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE BEREAVED: We pray for the friends and family of Molly Keech, Frederick (Den) Balaam, Leonora Joy and Paul Dobson and all those who are bereaved or remembering anniversaries of death at this time.

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

Ministry Team

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Mr Simon Gutteridge 01767 260306
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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, 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 word up for more details)

Children's Treasure Boxes: every third Sunday at Potton during Shorter Communion;
Craft & Chatter: alternate Fridays 7.30pm
St Mary's Hall (262287)

Friends & Family Service: every first Sunday at Potton

First Steps: Mums, babies and toddlers, Fridays 9.30-11.30 in term time (260430)
Morning Prayer: in church 9am on Monday (C/H), Tuesday (P), Thursday (S) & Friday (P) (260782).

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

Housegroups: three new groups to be launched in September! Gill for info.

Potton Mothers' Union (261206)

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

19 August 2018

TRINITY 12

1 Kings 2:10-12 & 3:3-14

Ephesians 5:15-20

John 6:51-58

9am Benefice Holy Communion

Sutton

Rev Gill Smith

Potton

9am Morning Prayer

LLW Janet Baillie

10.30 Holy Communion with

Children's Treasure Boxes

Sutton

9am Holy Communion - as above

Cockayne Hatley

6pm Evensong

Rev Gill Smith

Next week's services

26 August 2018

TRINITY 12

1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43

Ephesians 6:10-20

John 6:56-69

9am Benefice Holy Communion
Potton - Rev Gill Smith

Potton

9am Holy Communion - as above
10.30 Churches Together Service
in the Party on Potton Big Marquee
Henry Smith Playing Fields

Sutton

9am Service of the Word
Reader Simon Gutteridge

Cockayne Hatley

6pm Evensong

LLW Paulet Brown-Wilsher

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