



SUNDAY LINK



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

18 June 2017: Trinity 1

Diary

Monday 19 June

9am Morning Prayer at Cockayne Hatley
2pm Funeral of Stanley Smith, St Mary's and Stratton Way Cemetery, Biggleswade
5pm Soul Cinema: Toy Story
7.30 Potton PCC, The Rectory

Tuesday 20 June

9am Morning Prayer at Potton
10.30 Prayer Group, 17 Spencer Close
11.30 Collective Worship, Sutton School
7.30 Housegroup, The Rectory

Thursday 22 June

No Morning Prayer at Sutton

Friday 23 June

8.15am Gill on Biggles FM Thought for the Day
9am Morning Prayer at Potton
10am First Steps, St Mary's Hall
2pm Opening of new PTSD999 office
3pm Blessing of "Whispering Willows" outdoor classroom, Sutton School
6pm Wedding rehearsal, Natalie & Craig

Saturday 24 June

9.30-10am MU Wave of Prayer, St Mary's
1pm Wedding, Natalie & Craig, St Mary's

Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father. Bless all fathers as they care for their families. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience; support them in the work they have to do, protecting those who look to them, as we look to you for love and salvation, through Jesus Christ our rock and defender. **Amen.**

News and Events

HAPPY FATHERS' DAY! Today we thank God for our fathers on earth, gifts from our Father in Heaven. We thank God that he gave us fathers to be our first teachers about the protective and providential love of God. We honour them today, those with us and those in heaven; **THE BIBLE IN 100 READINGS** continues this week with Paul to the Churches: Mon: 1 Timothy 3; Tue 1 Tim 6:3-21; Wed: 2 Tim 2; Thur: 2 Tim 3:10-ch4:5; Fri 1 Thessalonians: 4:13-5:11; **PTSD999 CHARITY OFFICE GRAND OPENING!** Everyone is warmly invited to the opening of the new office on **23 June at 2pm**. Offers of cakes and/or raffle prizes would be gratefully received. Unit 10 Valley Court, Lower Road, Croydon, SG8 0HF. Just 12 mins from Potton on the B1042. If you need a lift and can't find one do let Barbara or Gill know and we will try to help;

MOTHERS' UNION WAVE OF PRAYER in St Mary's at 9.30am **on Saturday, 24th June**. All are welcome. It will last about half an hour and there will be refreshments afterwards in the church.

THANK YOU! to Hazel, John, Geoff, Grace, Sophie and Elsa, who all helped to clean up the chancel at St Mary's so that we can begin to use it again as the roof repairs continue. There is much work still to be done, including repair of unsound stonework exposed by the theft. "God works all things together for the good of those who love him" Romans 8.28

Hymn phrase for the week: "I am weak, but thou art mighty, hold me with thy powerful hand" from *Guide me O Thou Great Redeemer, (William Williams 1717-1791), inspired by Exodus 13ff*

Please pray ...

- for all fathers everywhere, and for the gift of fatherhood in our lives in the image of God;
- for Jefferson to stay free from setbacks as he awaits his double transplant;
- for Tom and Louise, married yesterday at St Mary's, and their daughter Lillia Rose;
- for grace to understand cultures and ways of life that are different from our own;
- for a deeper understanding of human life: that every life may be protected and cherished;
- for those who do not value the God-given life of others: that they may be given grace to see as God sees, and love as God loves us;
- for those affected by the Grenfell Tower fire in London this week: that God will be close to those who weep, who are exhausted, who are devastated; give them strength and courage in the days, months and years ahead, and bring them close to him;

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

The PTSD999 Charity; **Cockayne Hatley:** Alice Steadman, Sylvia Wharton, Mary Gentle; **Sutton:** Rowan Pearce, Ben Jones, Peter Wildman. **Potton:** Win Jamieson, David Barker, Marjorie Wanstall; Yvonne Drew, Andrew Craig, Vernon Godel, Dave & Fran Hodgson, Julia & Ray Bylett, Derek Whitfield; Daniel Hutchinson, the Odell family, Jane Taylor, Garry Holland; Graham Willans, Ben Winter; the Sexton family, Tim Clarke, Alan Watson, Edward Keating, Simon Durance, Gary Hayes & family; Paula Evetts, Jefferson & Natalie Tarn, Hazel Rozanska. **For the bereaved,** for the family and friends of Josette Mingo, John Chatwin, Stanley Smith and those remembering anniversaries of death.

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

Ministry Team

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

Lay Leaders of Worship (LLWs)
Janet Baillie, Paulet Brown-Wilsher, Daniel Hutchinson, Margaret Pryor, 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 (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

18 June 2017

TRINITY 1

FATHERS' DAY

"Paul to the Churches"
Romans 8

9am Benefice Holy Communion Sutton—Rev Gill Smith

Potton

9am Morning Prayer
LLW Paulet Wilsher

10.30 Shorter Holy Communion with Fathers' Day gifts
Rev Gill Smith

Sutton

9am Holy Communion—as above

**Cockayne Hatley
No Service**

Next Week's Services

25 June 2017

TRINITY 2

"Paul to the Leaders"
1 Timothy 3

9am Benefice Holy Communion Potton—Rev Gill Smith

**3pm
Choral Evensong
at
St John's Cockayne Hatley**

We join together with our brothers and sisters at Cockayne Hatley celebrating with them their Patronal Festival

followed at **4pm** by a sumptuous Afternoon Tea!

No 9am at Sutton or 10.30 at Potton this week

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