



SUNDAY LINK



St Mary's Potton ♦ All Saints' Sutton ♦ St John's Cockayne Hatley
Sunday January 15th 2023, 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Website: www.pottonparishchurch.org.uk

Facebook: St Mary's Church, Potton, SG19 2RP

Diary

For Sunday Worship Please see final page

- 9.30am** All Fridays, October, November, December First Steps, See Page 3 for full details
- 7.30pm** **Craft and Chatter**, See Page 3 for full details/dates
- 2.45pm** Every Thursday Shine Together, Sutton (Contact Dawn Kerridge for full details)

Monday 23rd January

- Time TBA** Traveller Funeral in St Mary's Church.
A few Stewards to help please. More details soon

Tuesday 24th January

- 2pm** Funeral of The Revd Gillian Orpin, a regular friend to St Mary's Church, will be held at St John's Church in Moggerhanger

Friday 27th January

- 8.15am** Nick Wilson, St Mary's Organist, on BigglesFM with "Thought for the Day" with Alan Waring's Breakfast Show 104.8Mhz on your FM Tuner Dial

Saturday 28th January

- 11.30pm** Burn's Night Celebration and Dinner
St Mary's Church Hall, Potton See Poster on Page 3

29th January

- 1pm** Baptism of Aurelio Purdy at St. Marys Potton

Tuesday 31st January

- 2pm** Funeral of former St John's Churchwarden Gloria Crossley at St. John's Church, Cockayne Hatley

Prayer

Please pray for those who are sick and have asked for our prayers:

Benefice: Rev Barbara; **Potton:** Chris, Dave & Fran & Susan, Rob & Lynn & Family, Paula, Pam, Felicity, Lee, Vivienne, Joyce, Susan, Maggie, Mark, Nigel, Pam, James; **Sutton:** Roger; **Cockayne Hatley:** Tony;

For all those remembering their dearly departed and at this time, we remember our dear friend Gloria Crossley who died on New Years Day and Rev. Gillian Orpin who also died recently and who gave us much support during the Interregnum.

Church Opening Times

St Mary's Potton 10am—4pm daily
All Saints' Sutton 9am—4pm daily

Key Contacts

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SAFE GUARDING

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Notices



Sergeants Ray Neal and Gerry Barker

FUNERAL OF GERRY BARKER

On January 5th in St Mary's Church Potton, we said a fond farewell to one of our oldest members. Gerry Barker was 91 but died suddenly after a fall and a short illness in December last year. He is pictured here with his lifelong friend, Ray Neal, both crew members on RAF Shackleton Coastal Command Patrols in the early 1950s during their National Service. Unfortunately, Ray was not able to make the journey from his home in Nottingham due to his own health issues. Over 100 people came to pay their respects and we were pleased to have a small Veteran's Guard of Honour from the Biggleswade Military Veterans Club and the British Legion in Church for the Service. A collection was taken for St John's Hospice, amounting to nearly £450. The reception was held at the John O'Gaunt Golf Club where Gerry had been a member.

Blue Skies to you now Gerry, you've done your bit for your Country, your Town and of course to your Family!

Gloria Crossley's Funeral

Hopefully all of us received Rev. Alex's message that Gloria Crossley, a former Churchwarden at St. Johns Cockayne Hatley sadly passed away in the early hours of New Years Day.

Please continue to pray for husband Tony and all the family.

Her funeral will take place on
Tuesday

**31st January at 11am at St.
John's, Cockayne Hatley.**

Rev. Gillian Orpin's Funeral

Many of us will remember Rev. Orpin from the many times she took services in our churches. Sadly Rev. Orpin died recently. Please pray for her son and all the family.

it would be good if some of us could go along to her funeral.

This will take place at **St John's church in
Moggerhanger on Tuesday 24th January
at 2pm.**

It will be followed by a wake at
Moggerhanger Park.

Sound System Volunteers

We now only have two people on the rota for running the sound system. We therefore need some more volunteers. This REALLY IS a relatively straightforward task and training will be given.

It's really important that we have the sound system running for our more hard of hearing members so please consider volunteering.

Unfortunately if we don't get any volunteers, there may be Sundays when we won't have microphones or the T loop for Hearing Aid Users.

More Notices

A ST MARY'S CHURCH EVENTS PRESENTATION



Join us for an evening Celebrating Burns Night 2023

Saturday 28th January 2023
at St Mary's Church Hall - Potton

Doors open at 7.00pm
Dinner starts at 7.30pm

Tickets £20.00ea

Price includes
3-course menu with coffee and shortbread.
[Accompanied with a Wee-Dram!!]

Please reserve your tickets on the registration sheet found in the church,
or, call Rosemary on 07753 638278,
or, scan the QR code below for online purchase



Candles for Ukraine

The Sandy Rotary Club are collecting used and new candles to send to Ukraine to provide heat and light. There is a need for both as Putin has knocked out so much of the power grid.

You can drop off your candles at St. Marys and All Saints from Sunday 15th Jan and also Coach House in Potton and Tesco in Sandy.

The collection will conclude at the end of February

Regular Groups

Craft and Chatter

Every other Friday (Unless Notified) (*Green Bin Day in Potton!*), *December meeting 9th*

Craft and Chatter, is an informal Craft Group. The meetings are at 7.30pm in St Mary's Church Hall, Hatley Road, Potton, SG19 2RP. Bring along your current project and socialise with like minded new friends. Entry is £3 which includes refreshments. Plenty of room for new members so why not give it a try? Find us on Facebook for further details. www.facebook.com/craftandchatter . All proceeds to St Mary's Church funds.

First Steps Every Friday, including Half Term week (No meetings after Dec 9th to Jan 6th)

Meetings are from 9.30am to 11.30am in St Mary's Church Hall, Hatley Road, Potton, SG19 2RP, opposite the church. Entry cost is only £2.00 per family and includes tea/coffee, cake, snacks, chatter and for the little ones, lots of toys to play with! For further information, contact Sandy on 01767 260430.

Items for Publication in Sunday Link

Any items submitted for publication in the Sunday Link for the forthcoming weekend, are requested to send them in on the previous Sunday, or at the very latest, Monday. Late material cannot be guaranteed. Do not send in PDF format, but as Word text or a compatible text, or jpg. Thank you. Please send to Dave at:

g3oxg@aol.com

January's Sunday Services and Rotas

Date January 2023	Potton 9am	Cockayne Hatley 9am	Sutton 9am	Potton 10.30am	Potton 7.15pm Service starts at 7.30pm	Cockayne Hatley 3pm
1 Jan	NO Morning Prayer		Morning Prayer	Holy Communion Rev. Barbra Ebeling	NO NightLight ↓	
8 Jan		Holy Communion ***	Service of the Word	Holy Communion ***	NightLight Also on Zoom s.e.banks@btinternet.com for ZoomCode	
15 Jan	Morning Prayer		Holy Communion	Communion with Treasure Boxes ***		
22 Jan	Morning Prayer		Holy Communion	Choral Communion ***		Evening Prayer
29 Jan	Morning Prayer		Holy Communion	Holy Communion ***		

Potton Sunday Rota

	Sidespersons	Reading 1	Reading 2	Prayers	Refreshments	Sound
1.1.23 1 st Sunday after Christmas	John <u>Rosanski</u> Ros Tall	Ros Tall Isaiah, 9: 2-7	Dawn Kerridge Titus, 2: 11-14	Hazel <u>Rosanska</u>		
8.1.23 1 st Sunday after Epiphany	Ben Hall Laura hall	Judi Hobbs Jeremiah, 31: 7-14	Deborah Royal Ephesians, 1: 3-14	Hazel <u>Rosanska</u>	Judi Hobbs Rosemary Kimber	John Hobbs
15.1.23 2 nd Sunday after Epiphany	Katy Savage				Pat Thwaites Vivienne Farrell	Paul Taylor
22.1.23 3 rd Sunday after Epiphany	Roger Gale and ?	Nick Wilson Isaiah, 9: 1-4	Graham Daniels 1 Corinthians, 1: 10-18	Simon Gutteridge	Sue Colledge <u>Colledge</u> Ros Tall	
29.1.23 4 th Sunday after Epiphany	John <u>Rosanski</u> June Moore	Kim Gutteridge 1 Kings, 17: 8-16	Peter Le Sueur, 1 Corinthians, 1: 18-31	Dawn Kerridge	Linda Rosemary Kimber	

*Zoom Code & Link
for these services*

Meeting ID: 815 0338
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[https://
us02web.zoom.us/
j/81503383687](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81503383687)

**St Marys Church
Hall
Communion Ser-
vices
(all 12 noon)
17 Jan 23
21 Feb 23**

Guest Preachers

22 January: (All Saints & St. Marys) - Archdeacon Dave Middlebrook

12 February: (St. Johns & St. Marys) Padre Terry Wright of Chicksands RAF Base

Polite Covid Safety Notice We ask that if you have symptom of Coronavirus consider staying at home and letting us know how you are. **If you should get a positive test result in the 48 hours after a service or event** please let us know and we can pass the message on (probably by email) so people can make their own assessments.

If at any time you wish to unsubscribe from these emails then please reply and let us know