



SUNDAY LINK



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

Sunday 28 April Easter 5

Websites:

Potton: www.pottonparishchurch.org.uk

Sutton: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7396/>

Cockayne Hatley: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7398/>

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

Diary (For Sunday Worship please see final page)

Saturday 27 April

10am—1pm: Link Café, Potton Community Centre, Brook End.

2pm: Bradshaw Renewal of Vows, St Mary's Potton.

Sunday 28 April

4.30pm: Locrian Concert in aid of St. Mary's Church (see p.3)

Wednesday 1 May

3pm—4.30pm: Afternoon Tea, All Saints Sutton

Wednesday 8 May

10:30am—12: Quiet Space, St. John's Cockayne Hatley (see p.3)

Thursday 9 May

7.30pm: Ascension Day Service, St. Mary's Potton

Sunday 12 May

10:30am: Baptism of Matthew Wood, St. Mary's Potton

Prayer

Benefice: Rev Barbara;

Potton: Chris, Dave & Fran, Rob & Lynn & Family, Paula, Sandra, Pam, Felicity, Vivienne, Joyce, Susan & Maggie, Mark, Nigel, Pam, James, Richard, Ade, Pat, Shelly

Sutton: Roger;

Cockayne Hatley

The dearly departed: Tony, Michael, Marie

Risen Christ,

your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Church Opening Times

St Mary's Potton 10am—4pm daily

All Saints' Sutton 9am—4pm daily

Weekly Events

Details for First Steps & Craft and Chatter can be found later in the Link

Fridays 9.30am: First Steps (St. Mary's Hall)

Green Bin Fridays 7.30pm: Craft and Chatter (St. Mary's Hall)

Thursdays in Term Time 2.45pm: Shine Together (All Saints' Sutton)

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Living Gods Love with Generosity, Joy, Imagination and Courage

Going Deeper into God ♦ Transforming Communities ♦ Making new Disciples

The Link Café

Connecting St. Mary's Church with the Community

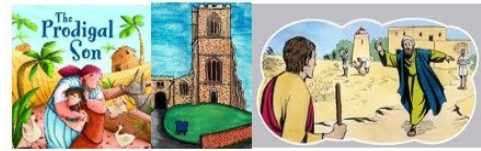
A place for people of all ages to meet for friendship, refreshment and cake!

~~Saturday 27 January~~
~~Saturday 24 February~~
~~Saturday 30 March~~
Saturday 27 April
Saturday 25 May

10am – 1pm,
Community Centre Brook End, Potton



Includes children's corner
with toys and fun craft
activities!



St Mary's Church, Hatley Road, Potton, SG19 2RP

FRIENDS & FAMILY SERVICE

Sunday 5th May 10.30-11.30 am

This month's theme is:

THE PRODIGAL SON

*Bible Story * Prayer * Music * Church Band* Prodigal Son Craft*

*Sewing & Crochet * Tea * Coffee * Cakes * Surprise Treat *

*The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.
I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'*

Luke 15:21



Locrian Chamber Choir
Directed by John Edwards

Feel the Spirit

Featuring

Rutter Feel The Spirit
Pergolesi Magnificat,
Thompson Alleluia
The Element String Quartet

**Sunday 28th April at
4.30pm**

Tickets £12

Under 16s Free

St Mary's Church,
Potton, SG19 2RP

Tickets available from Cameron's Newsagents,
Potton, or from Ronnie 07801 736332

Car parking available

**ALL SAINTS CHURCH
SUTTON**

**AFTERNOON
TEA**



**FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH
at 3 p.m.**

**3rd April
1st May
5th June
3rd July**

ALL WELCOME

St. Mary's Potton Reviewing 2023 **(The APCM)**

This big meeting, reviewing last year and electing leadership for the coming year is scheduled very soon for St. Mary's Potton. In fact there are two meetings:

The Annual Parishioners' Meeting

(formerly The Easter Vestry Meeting).

This meeting elects our Church Wardens.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

This is the principal meeting in which, amongst other items, the End of Year Accounts for 2023 and a report of all St Mary's activities in 2023 are distributed. Its also here that PCC Members are elected.

Both these meetings will be held following the Friends and Family Service on 5th May. Please do attend as it's a very special and important moment in our year.

Appropriate paperwork is on the PCC notice board in St. Marys Church.

HOWEVER, if any Parishioner would like to see a copy of the Accounts before the meeting please contact David Tall. (This is to save on printing costs).

Quiet Space at St. John The Baptist **Cockayne Hatley**

Jesus, we read, went away alone from the business of his life to pray. Inspired by this - St John's is offering a time of quiet in your busy life:

- to meditate;
- to pray silently - 'bending the knee of your heart' (Manasseh v 11);
- to contemplate prayerfully a psalm - 'Psalms bring our hearts and minds into the presence of the living God' (Merton)
- to walk in the churchyard with an open mind, open heart, open eyes and ears as you become more deeply aware of God's presence in your life.

The Church will be open on the 2nd Wednesday from April to September from 10.30 to noon.



SUTTON
PLANT SALE

Saturday and Sunday
18th/19th May 2024
The Old Rectory Sutton SG19 2NB
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

All Day
CREAM TEAS

Sunday 19th May at 3 p.m.
DUCK RACE
Tickets available from Potton BP Garage



GARDEN RAILWAY

For info contact Jo Hollington on 01767 261910
or email joannahollington@btinternet.com

Proceeds to All Saints Church and Sutton Village Hall

A Service Marking an Important Change to Our Local Mother's Union

On **Thursday, 9th May**, after many decades, the Mothers' Union in Potton will transfer from being a branch to a group and we will be **holding a service in the church hall at 2.30pm** to recognize the change over. The service will be followed by refreshments and a look at all the archive material of past Mothers' Union meetings. The change will mean that the finances will be run from the Diocese rather than the branch but otherwise the meetings will run as normal.

Mother's Union Annual Tea Party

The **13th of June** will be Potton Mother's Union annual tea party in the Kimber's barn to raise money for Mothers' Union projects. The cost will be £6 and it will start at 4.00pm. Everyone will be welcome.

The Return of the St. Marys Potton Summer Banquet!

The wonderful Events Team at St. Mary's Potton will be hosting a Summer Banquet on 1st June, in the Church Hall. An opportunity to wear ones glad rags as we enjoy a formal meal together. The cost will be £30. There will be a sign up sheet in church.

Regular Groups

Craft and Chatter

Every other Friday (Unless Notified) **March 15th; April 12th; April 26th**

Craft and Chatter is an informal Craft Group. The meetings are at 7.30pm in St Mary's Church Hall.

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



THY KINGDOM COME

What Is It?

Thy Kingdom Come (TKC) is a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus.

How Will We Be Taking Part?

Once again St. Marys will be teaming up with our friends at Salvation Army Potton.

The week will begin with an **Ascension Day service** at 7:30pm on 18 May at St. Marys with some of our friends from the Salvation Army, possibly in attendance.

Then each evening (excluding Sunday 12th) that follows, there will be a service of **Evening Prayer** at 6.00pm, using material produced for Thy Kingdom Come. The location is TBC. in future Links.

On **Sunday the 12th of May** the sermon will focus on the Kingdom as we celebrate both Christian Aid Week and Thy Kingdom Come. Then in the evening, Nightlight's theme will also be informed by this period - meeting at its usual time of 7:30 (7:15 for tea & coffee).

The period will then end with **a united Pentecost Lunch**. Both churches will have their own services at 10:30am, but after our service at St. Mary's we will informally process to the Salvation Army Citadel for lunch to celebrate the global church's birthday! (Please confirm your attendance by 12th of May: sign up sheet on the welcome desk. It is also hoped that this might be a fundraiser for Christian Aid.

What About a Personal Practice?

There are all sorts of things you could do:

- Download the Thy Kingdom Come App and use it each day.
- Choose three people in your life and commit to praying each day that they might come closer to the faith and Jesus.
- Use this as an opportunity to explore new prayer practices such as the Orthodox Jesus Prayer, Jesuit Examen or Contemplative Prayer.

We strongly encourage you to participate however you can.

Do ask Rev. Alex for more details.

"In praying 'Thy Kingdom Come' we all commit to playing our part in the renewal of the nations and the transformation of communities."

Archbishop Justin Welby

April 2024 Sunday Services and Rotas

Date	Potton 9am	Cockayne Hatley 9am	Sutton 9am	Potton 10.30am	Potton 7.15pm Service starts at 7.30pm	Cockayne Hatley 4pm
7 April Easter 2	Morning Prayer		Holy Communion	Family & Friends		
14 April Easter 3		Holy Communion ***	Service of the Word	Holy Communion ***	NightLight <i>Contact for Zoom Link</i>	
21 April Easter 4	Morning Prayer		Holy Communion	Communion with Treasure Boxes ***		
28 April Easter 5	Morning Prayer		Service of the Word	Choral Communion ***		No service

Potton Rota

	<u>Sidespersons</u>	<u>Reading 1</u>	Reading 2	<u>Prayers</u>	<u>Altar Flowers</u>	<u>Lady Chapel Flowers</u>	<u>Refreshments</u>	<u>Sound</u>
7.4.24 2 nd Sunday in Easter	Friends and Families				Ros Tall	Ros tall	Joyce Jakes	
14.4.24 3 rd Sunday in Easter	Roger Gale George Howe	Deborah Royal Acts, 3:12-19	Judi Hobbs 1 John, 3:1-7	Dawn Kerridge	Judi Hobbs	Judi Hobbs	Judi Hobbs Sue Colledge	John Hobbs
21.4.24 4 th Sunday in Easter	Ben Hall Laura Hall	Treasure Box Communion			Rosemary Kimber	Rosemary Kimber	Rosemary Kimber Sarah Banks	Paul Taylor
28.4.24 5 th Sunday in Easter	Bill Colledge Sue Colledge	Peter Le Sueur Acts, 8:26-40	David Kilpatrick 1 John, 4:7- 21	Kim Gutteridge	Denise	June Moore	Heather Gale Jane Le Sueur	Ben Hall

**St Mary's
Church Hall
Communion
Services
(all at 12 noon)**

**21 May 24
18 June 24
16 July 24**

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.

*These services can be shown on zoom **BY REQUEST** Zoom Code & Link for these services*

Meeting ID: 815 0338 3687

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81503383687>

***If at any time you wish to unsubscribe from these emails then please contact Rev. Alex
(see page 1 for contact details)***