



SUNDAY LINK



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

Sunday 3 December 2023, 1st Sunday of Advent

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**

For Sunday Worship Please see final page

- 9.30am** All Fridays, December (Rtn January)
First Steps, See Notes on Page 2 for full details
- 7.30pm** **Craft and Chatter**, See Page 2 for full details/dates

Diary (For Sunday Worship Please see final page)

6th December

- 9.30am** Internment of Ashes of Mr. Roy Geer,
 St. John the Baptist Cockayne Hatley
- 7.30pm** Potton PCC, in St Mary's Church

13th December

- 11am** Internment of Ashes of Mrs. Dianne Swanell,
 St John the Baptist Cockayne Hatley

15th December

- 2pm** Internment of Ashes of Mrs. Christine Harper,
 All Saints Sutton

19th December

- 12 Noon** Holy Communion, St. Marys Hall, Potton

Please note that details all Christmas events and services can be found in our Christmas Programme.

SAFEGUARDING CONTACTS

George Price (Potton): 07922421915 /gpoct1965@gmail.com

Johanna Hollington (Sutton): 01767 261910/
joannahollington@btinternet.com

Christine Armistead (Cockayne Hatley): 07850 594258 /
armisteadcm@gmail.com

Jeremy Hirst (Diocese): 01727 818107/
safeguarding@stalbans.anglican.org

Prayer

Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers:

Benefice: Rev Barbara;

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

Sutton: Roger;

Cockayne Hatley: Tony;

For all those remembering their dearly departed among them Irene Byrne & Peter Filsel.

We have also been notified of the passing of Dave Allen, of Newtown

For peace throughout our world.

Church Opening Times

St Mary's Potton 10am–4pm daily

All Saints' Sutton 9am–4pm daily

Key Contacts

Revd. Alex Wheatley: 01767 764062
alex.wheatley.lector@gmail.com (not available on Mondays)

Mrs. Hazel Rózańska (Churchwarden, Potton): 01480 393409

Mr David Tall (Churchwarden, Potton): 01767 261713

Mr. William Hollington:
(Churchwarden, Sutton): 01767 261910

Mrs Christine Armistead
(Churchwarden, Cockayne Hatley): 07850 594258

Rdr Simon Gutteridge: (Reader & Calendar Management): 01767 260306

Living Gods Love with Generosity, Joy, Imagination and Courage

Going Deeper into God ♦ Transforming Communities ♦ Making new Disciples



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

FRIENDS & FAMILY SERVICE

Sunday 3rd December 10.30-11.30 am

This month's theme is:

ADVENT

Bible Story * Prayer * Music * Friendship * Christmas Crafts * Advent

Sewing * Knitting and Crochet * Christmas Colouring*

* Cake * Tea and Coffee * Surprise Treat*

Our Christmas Tree Needs You!

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16



Friends and Family in Advent

This will be a great morning for the Children, making all sorts of Christmas items to take home to decorate their house or maybe their bedroom!

But one of the main jobs for the children is to decorate St Mary's Christmas Tree with some of the decorations they have made.

There will be Mums and Dads helping to reach the top of the tree but it's all good fun!

As the poster says:

"Our Christmas Tree Needs You" so come and join in the fun at the service on December 3rd!!

Last Red Kite Concert of the Year

The concert entitled 'Untold Stories' was originally scheduled for the 5th of November, but due to illness was postponed to **Sunday 3 December at 5pm**. Tickets issued for the November slot will still be valid and some may still be available: <https://redkiteconcerts.com/>

Wrap up warm!

"Sarah O'Flynn and Clare O'Connell continue their creative collaboration with a mesmerising programme of music for flute and cello woven with rich story-telling."

Special Advent

Afternoon Tea

The monthly Afternoon Tea at All Saints Sutton will this month have an Advent/ Christmas theme.

Join us at 3pm on Wednesday 6th of December.

Regular Groups

Craft and Chatter

Every other Friday (Unless Notified) (Green Bin Day in Potton!) Next dates: TBA

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.

NB. There are no Craft and Chatter meetings in December except for Members Christmas party on Dec 8th

First Steps Every Friday, including Half Term week. 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.

Special Christmas Parish Lunch

Tickets are no longer available, but to enquire about ticket returns, please call 01767 260193.

This special 2 course lunch will cost just £18 and take place on 15th December at 12.45pm.

Raffle Prizes

Raffle prizes can be donated for this lunch. The Christmas Raffle is the highlight of the year so please be generous!

Check donated food item expiry dates please!

Visit from Bishop Alan (Bishop of St. Albans)

On the 10th of December Bishop Alan will be taking the 9am service at Cockayne Hatley and the 10:30am at Potton. He will also be preaching for us.

Craft and Chatter Christmas Arrangement

As shown on page 2, there will be no craft meetings in December but there will be a Christmas Party for the **regular members only**, on December 8th, usual time, 7.30pm

Christmas Food Bank Appeal

George Price will take another load of long-life food to Preen at Biggleswade on **Tuesday 19 December.**

Please leave donations in the box in the porches of St. Mary's Church and in All Saint's Church Sutton to help our local people in need.

Lets make an extra special effort to fill those containers before the 19th of December!



December's theme:
Tolerance



Nightlight

Sunday 10th December
2023 St Mary's Church

Service starts at 7.30pm
with the option of
arriving at 7.15pm for
refreshments

*Also on Zoom for anyone confined
at home*

Contact
s.e.banks@btinternet.com for
Zoom Code

Notes from David Tall

Childrens Society Donations

Thank you all for your donations to the Children's Society from "coffee money" on a Sunday morning. We have sent them a donation of £150.00.

CHRISTMAS MARKET STALL

St Mary's have taken a stall at the Seasonal Market on 9th December. Do come and visit the stall and if anybody has items to sell please pass them onto Ros Tall.

December 2023 Sunday Services and Rotas

You can find details of Christingles, Carol Services, Christmas Eve Services & and Christmas Day services in our Christmas Leaflet.

Date	Potton 9am	Cockayne Hatley 9am	Sutton 9am	Potton 10.30am	Potton 7.15pm Service starts at 7.30pm	Cockayne Hatley 4pm
3 Dec Advent 1	Morning Prayer		Holy Communion	Friends and Family Service		
10 Dec Advent 2		Holy Communion <i>with Bishop Alan</i>	Service of the Word	Holy Communion <i>with Bishop Alan</i>	NightLight Also with Zoom s.e.banks@btinter net.com for ZoomCode	
17 Dec Advent 3	Morning Prayer		Holy Communion	Communion with Treasure Boxes ***		
24 Dec Advent 4 <i>(See Christmas Brochure for Christmas Eve Services)</i>	Morning Prayer		Service of the Word	Choral Communion ***		No evening Prayer this month

	<u>Sidespersons</u>	<u>Reading 1</u>	<u>Reading 2</u>	<u>Prayers</u>	<u>Altar Flowers</u>	<u>Lady Chapel Flowers</u>	<u>Refreshments</u>	<u>Sound</u>
3.12.23 1 st Sunday of Advent	Friends and Families				No flowers in Advent	No flowers in Advent	Joyce Jakes	
10.12.23 2 nd Sunday of Advent	Sue Colledge Bill Colledge	June Moore Isaiah, 40:1-11	Dawn Kerridge 2 Peter: 3:8- 15a	Roger Gale	No flowers in Advent	No flowers in Advent	Ros Tall Vivienne Farrell	Paul Taylor
17.12.23 3 rd Sunday of Advent	Mark Williams Mary Williams	Treasure Box Communion			No flowers in Advent	No flowers in Advent	Rosemary Kimber Judi Hobbs	John Hobbs
24.12.23 4 th Sunday of Advent 10.30am service	Roger Gale George Howe	Kim Gutteridge 2 Samuel 7:1- 11,16	Simon Gutteridge Romans, 16:25-27	Dawn Kerridge	No flowers in Advent	No flowers in Advent		
Christmas Eve 24.12.23 11.30pm service	David Tall Ros Tall	Rosemary Kimber, Isaiah, 52:7-10	Peter Le Seuer Hebrews, 1:1- 4	David Tall	Flower Ladies	Flower Ladies	No refreshments	
Christmas Day 25.12.23	John Rozanski	David Kilpatrick					No refreshments	

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.

**St Marys Church
Hall
Communion
Services
(all 12 noon)
19 December
16 January
20 February**

*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 reply and let us know