



SUNDAY LINK



St Mary's Potton ♦ All Saints' Sutton ♦ St John's Cockayne Hatley
Sunday 19th March 2023, Mothering Sunday (Lent 4)

Website: www.pottonparishchurch.org.uk

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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)

Saturday 18th March

7pm Irish Quiz Night in the Church Hall.

Tuesday 21st March

12 noon Holy Communion in St. Marys Hall

Wednesday 22nd March

7.30pm St Mary's PCC

Friday 24th March

Deadline, **APCM** Reports to be given to David Tall

Saturday 25th March

10am –4pm Hearts for Moggerhanger, St John's Hospice. Nearly new Ladies and Children's in Number One King's Street by special permission.

Sunday 26th March

1pm Baptism of Mateo Antwie-Safee, St. Marys Potton

6pm Taize Service at St. John the Baptist Cockayne See p2 for more information.

Friday 31st March

12.45pm Potton Parish Lunch, Raising funds for St John's Hospice, Moggerhanger

2pm **Erection of the Easter Crosses in the Church Yard**

To Volunteer your help, contact David Tall

Saturday 1st April

3pm Passion Play, St. Marys Potton (See p.2 for details)

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 Mrs Joan Smith of Newtown

Father, by your guidance and grace may this Lent be a time of repentance and renewal, confirmation and discovery, and a time we draw closer to you

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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Going Deeper into God ♦ Transforming Communities ♦ Making new Disciples

Lent 2022

Please see previous issues of the Link or our website for details on our Lent activities including Deanery Lent Service Locations.

Taize Service for Lent

As part of the Deanery Lent Service programme St. John the Baptist will be hosting a Taize service at 6pm. If you have not been to a Taize service before this is the perfect opportunity to engage with this stilling and prayerful tradition. Please do give it a go!

Holy Week!

You should all have received a 'Holy Week Journey' invitation detailing all the services, but here are a ***few extra details and reminders for specific services*** which may be helpful.

Palm Sunday

This is a joint service at St. John the Baptist Cockayne Hatley **at 10am**. There **is no 9am at Sutton or 10:30 at Potton that day** (there is still a 9am Morning Prayer at Potton). Like last year we will be processing from half way up the farm track into the church. Please wear warm clothes as St. John's is a bit cool.

Vigil Service

The Vigil service on Holy Saturday 8pm is also at St. John the Baptist Cockayne Hatley. Whether permitting this will start outside and the church may be cool. Please dress appropriately. The service includes Holy Communion.

Easter Day Services

At St. Marys Potton this will be an All Age Communion service at 10:30am, similar to our Treasure Box Communion. A more 'traditional' offering is available at All Saints Sutton at 9am.

Again, the full list of services can be found on the Holy Week Journey Invitation sheet attached with this week's link

Tickets for the Passion Play are now available!

(Saturday 1st April 2023 -3pm- St. Marys Potton)

Cameron's shop (Potton)

Tysoe shop (Potton)

or from David Tall.

Adults: £10.00 Children (under 16): FREE

Performed by the travelling group—**LAMPS**

Notices

Confirmation Classes!

We are pleased to announce we will be having Confirmation Classes running from 20th of April through to 1 June, all meeting at 7.30pm. Location TBC.

These will be open to anyone who want to be confirmed, those who wish to renew confirmation vows or anyone who wants a refresh in the basics of our faith.

The Confirmation Service will take place at St. Swithuns in Sandy on Wednesday 28th June at 7.30pm.

**"IRISH THEMED"
QUIZ EVENING**

TEAMS OF 4-6

MARCH
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St Mary's
Church Hall,
Potton

7pm - 10.30pm
QUIZ STARTING AT 7.30PM

Come and join in the fun of exercising your brain cells whilst tantalising your taste buds!!!

"Brush up on all those Irish facts"

Enjoy a supper of nibbles, Irish/veg Stew, cakes and a few cheeky tipples in the company of friends.

We will have a bar supplying beer, wine and soft drinks. No need to bring your own!!

ONLY £15.00 PER PERSON
[PAY ON THE DOOR]

Parish Lunch for St. Johns Hospice

31st March, 12:45pm, St. Marys Hall

Cost is £9pp. Two courses, menu choice.
Raffle, please bring a prize.

Hearts for Moggerhanger

On Saturday March 25th, from 10am till 4pm, **Hearts for Moggerhanger** are holding another **Nearly New Sale of Children's and Ladies clothing items**, in the former popular restaurant, Number One King Street!

Donations of clothing can be taken to Tysoe's for collection in the meantime.

Requests from Jo Hollington **(Sutton Church)**

1 **Plants Pots** are needed in preparation for the Sutton Plant Sale 2023 (weekend of 20th/21st May)

2 **Jam Jars** are needed for homemade Marmalade and Jam to be sold in All Saints. Jars should be clean, not chipped and if possible come with their lids.

You can leave any donations in the porch at All Saints Sutton.

Sound Desk Operators (St. Marys)

A few people have kindly come forward to help run the sound desk at St. Marys. Please could you make yourselves known to Dave Thompson for training and Rosemary Kimber for getting you on the rota. Thank you very much.

Upcoming APCMs

A reminder that we have two APCMs (*like AGMs*) coming up soon.

30 April—St. Marys Potton APCM

A Message from Rev. Alex About Our Vision Day

Our Vision Day at St. John the Baptist Cockayne Hatley on the 29th of April is fast approaching and I wanted to share with you my excitement for this important day and encourage you to continue saving the date!

On this day we will be praying and doing some important work. We'll be thinking about who we are as a team of churches and as individual parish churches. At the same time each church will be prayerfully deciding what their priorities are for the next two years. will be aided in all this by Rev. Paul Davies from the Flourishing Churches Team who will lead the day for us.

This is a tall order for the day and so it will be necessary to have a further two meetings open to everyone to refine and clarify what was decided (These will probably be called Refining Meetings). Then everything decided will be brought back to PCCs so that they can work on these priorities.

We appreciate that on paper this might look like a dry bureaucratic process, but actually I believe it will be really exciting and energising. Indeed, I think the process could really benefit us and I'm looking forward to what comes out of it.

29 April, 10am Start, St. John the Baptist, Bring a packed lunch!

Regular Groups

Craft and Chatter

Every other Friday (Unless Notified) (Green Bin Day in Potton!) Next dates: March 3, 17 & 31st

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. 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

March 2023 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
5th March <small>2nd Sunday of Lent</small>	Morning Prayer		Holy Communion	Family and Friends		
12th March <small>3rd Sunday of Lent</small>		Holy Communion with Guest Speaker ***	Service of the Word	Holy Communion With Guest speaker ***	NightLight Also on Zoom s.e.banks@btinternet.com for ZoomCode	
19th March <small>Mothering Sunday</small>	Morning Prayer		Holy Communion	Communion with Treasure Boxes ***		
26th March <small>5th Sunday of Lent</small>	Morning Prayer		Service of the Word	Choral Communion ***		Evening Prayer

Potton Sunday Rota

	<u>Sidespersons</u>	<u>Reading 1</u>	Reading 2	<u>Prayers</u>	<u>Refreshments</u>	<u>Sound</u>
2 ND Sunday in Lent 5.3.23	Families and Friends					
3 rd Sunday in Lent 12.3.23	Roger Gale George Howe	Dawn Kerridge Exodus, 17:1-7	Paulette Romans, 5:1-11	Kim Gutteridge	Jane Le Sueur Susan Colledge	
Mothering Sunday 19.3.23	Liz Price George Price	_____	_____	_____	Sarah Banks Pat Thwaites	
Passion Sunday 23.3.23	Katy Savage	David Tall Ezekiel, 37:1-14	Katy Savage Romans, 8:6-11	Hazel Rozanska	Linda Joyce Jakes	

Zoom Code & Link for these services

Meeting ID: 815 0338 3687

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

**St Marys Church Hall
Communion Services**

(all 12 noon)

21 Mar 23

18 Apr 23

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.

Guest Preachers

Our series of guest preachers has concluded! We will invite more to join us over winter and early spring.

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