



SUNDAY LINK



St Mary's Potton ♦ All Saints' Sutton ♦ St John's Cockayne Hatley
Sunday 5th February 2023, 3rd Before Lent

Website: www.pottonparishchurch.org.uk

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

Diary

For Sunday Worship Please see final page

- 9.30am** Every Friday, Throughout the year
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)

10.30am

Sunday 5th February
Friends and Family Service.
Theme Candlemas
See Poster below



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

FRIENDS & FAMILY SERVICE

Sunday 5th February 10.30-11.30 am

This month's theme is:

CANDLEMAS

Bible Story Prayer Music Church Band Friendship
Candle Window Art Sewing Knitting and Crochet
Tea Coffee Home-made Cakes Surprise Treat

*'In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see
your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.'*

Matthew 5:16



Saturday 25th February

10am till 3pm

Blunham Church Annual Big Book
See Poster on Page 2

SAFE GUARDING

George Price is the Safeguarding Officer for the Parish and Local Recruiter for the Benefice. George can be contacted at: 07922421915

or email: gpoct1965@gmail.com

Diocese contact: Jeremy Hirst 01727 818107

Or email: safeguarding@stalbans.

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

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

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

Mr David Tall (Churchwarden, Potton): 01767 261713

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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

Notices

Some Sad News

I'm afraid I must inform you that we have had a significant theft from St. Marys. The majority of our silverware has been taken from the safe including our most regularly used communion items and even the shell we use to baptise with.

I'm sure you will have lots of questions, but unfortunately there are still some things that we are uncertain about We do know that the theft took place on 27 January between 12:40 and 3.50pm while the church was open.

We have of course informed the police, our insurers and the Archdeacon who sends his thoughts and prayers. As I write Scene of Crime Officers are looking round the church, but I am not confident we will recover the silverware. We have looked through the CCTV that St. Marys House have and they will of course give the footage to the police. I thank them for their assistance in this matter.

Going forward It would be prudent if we could have a full log of who has what key.

Can I ask to let Hazel know what keys you have and she can record this.

This will help when we begin changing locks etc.

The church will be locked until we can get some of the internal locks changed. Those who need to access the church are asked to speak to key holders

It is worth us remembering that we do not know the circumstances of the person who has taken these items. This may have been done from a place of desperation or simply not having better prospects than carer criminality. Indeed I bid you pray for him.

Some Good News!

Congratulations to the Parish Lunch Team who in 2022 raised £5500 for St. Johns Hospice at Moggerhanger. This is a phenomenal missional achievement! Thank you for all your hard work!



Giant Book Sale

and
Coffee Morning

Saturday 25th February

10:00 – 3:00pm

Blunham Parish Church
(MK44 3NQ)

Refreshments
Coffee/tea with home-made cakes
Home-made soup & a Raffle

In support of our Church Fabric Fund

For further information please ring
Sue and Peter Holden 01767 640572



Blunham Church Annual Big Book Sale

As usual, we have been asked to publicise this event

To be held on Saturday 25th February 2023. 10.00 am to 3.00 pm in Blunham Parish Church, MK44 3NQ, See poster opposite

More Notices



February's
theme:
Compassion

Nightlight

**Sunday 12th February
2023 St Mary's Church**

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

*Also on Zoom for anyone confined
at home*

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

An Afternoon Service for Ash Wednesday?

Ash Wednesday is on the 22nd of
February.

As per previous years there will be a
service at 7:30pm in the evening.
However we are aware that for many
people evenings can be difficult and
the hill to St. Marys a real challenge.

Rev. Alex would therefore like to
know if there is sufficient interest in
also having a service at St. Marys
Parish Hall at 1pm (the only time he can
offer) on the same day. This would
replace the Hall Communion Service
the Day before.

If this is something you would like,
please can you express an interest by
contacting Rev. Alex (contact details
on last page of Link)

When Shall We Run Lent Groups?

We're hoping to run two Lent groups
this year.

Before we set the times and places we
would like to find out when we might
get the most people. We are NOT
asking people to sign up at this stage.
We just want to know what the best
times to advertise are.

Please see the tick sheet at the back
of St. Marys and All Saints or contact
Rev. Alex.

A Change in Time for Evening Prayer at St. John the Baptist

Evening prayer takes place at St. John the
Baptist Cockayne Hatley on the fourth
Sunday of the month. However from 26
February onwards, these services will take
place at 4pm instead of 3pm.

Do join us in this beautiful space for
evening prayer.

The Preen Foodbank Collection has Returned.

Drop off points at both St. Marys and All Saints. These will be available whenever the churches are open. (We appreciate that food could go missing, but we do not have space to store it prior to collection)

Please only donate food that is in a hard and durable container such as tins, jars and strong plastics. Please do not donate items in plastic wrapping etc as our church mice could nibble through them! Also please do not donate fresh food.

Candles for Ukraine

This collection will finish at the end of February so there is still time to drop off your new and used candles at All Saints or St. Marys.

Advance Notice of APCMs

Annual Parochial Church Meetings (or APCM) are important occasions where we review and celebrate what has happened in the previous year. Its also the time where we elect people to various rôles in the church. These are important occasions and we ask you to save the date where you can! Details of elections will emerge closer to the time.

All Saints Sutton: 5 March – 10:30am

St. John the Baptist Cockayne Hatley: 16 March—2:30pm

St. Marys Potton: 30 April – 12 noon

If you wish to vote in elections or stand for any offices you must ensure you are on the electoral roll.

Regular Groups

Craft and Chatter

Every other Friday (Unless Notified) (Green Bin Day in Potton!) February Dates: 3rd and 17th

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

February 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 February	Morning Prayer		Holy Communion	Family and Friends		
12th February		Holy Communion ***	Service of the Word	Holy Communion ***	NightLight Also on Zoom s.e.banks@btinternet.com	
19th February	Morning Prayer		Holy Communion	Communion with Treasure Boxes ***		
26th February <small>1st Sunday of Lent</small>	Morning Prayer		Service of the Word	Choral Communion ***		Evening Prayer

Potton Sunday Rota

	<u>Sidespersons</u>	<u>Reading 1</u>	<u>Reading 2</u>	<u>Prayers</u>	<u>Refreshments</u>	<u>Sound</u>
5.2.23	Roger Gale				Joyce Jakes	
12.2.23 2 nd Sunday before Lent	Sue Colledge Bill Colledge	Sue Colledge Genesis, 1 : 1-2,3	Bill Colledge Romans, 8: 8-15	Roger Gale	Sarah Banks Pat Thwaites	
19.2.23 Sunday before Lent	David Tall Ros Tall				Judi Hobbs Rosemary Kimber	
22.2.23 Ash Wednesday		David Tall Joel, 2: 1-2,12-17	Rosemary Kimber 2 Corinthians, 5: 20b – 6,10	Hazel Rosanska	None	
26.2.23 1 st Sunday of Lent	John Rosanski June Moore	Simon Gutteridge Genesis, 2:15- 17 3,1-7	June Moore Romans, 5: 12-19	David Kilpatrick	Vivienne Farrell Jane Le Sueur	

*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
Services
(all 12 noon)**
21 Feb 23
21 Mar 23
18 Apr 23

Guest Preachers

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

12 March: (St. Johns & St. Marys) Bea Grace (St. Johns Hospice Chaplain)

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