



SUNDAY LINK



St Mary's Potton ♦ All Saints' Sutton ♦ St John's Cockayne Hatley
Sunday 2 April 2023, Palm Sunday

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)

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)

**See Holy Week Flyer for details of services.
(Available in Church)**

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, Joan, Dave T, Revd Alex; **Sutton:** Roger;
Cockayne Hatley: Tony;

For all those remembering their dearly departed.

Father, amidst the demands of life and work may we find the time to walk the journey of this most important week. Amen

Church Opening Times

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

Key Contacts

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SAFE GUARDING

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

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Last Few Days to Buy Your Passion Play Tickets

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

Our sales for this have been incredibly low. Please **buy your tickets now and do everything you can to promote this to your family and friends!**

Camerons shop (Potton)
Tysoe shop (Potton)
or from David Tall.

Adults: £10.00 Children (under 16): FREE

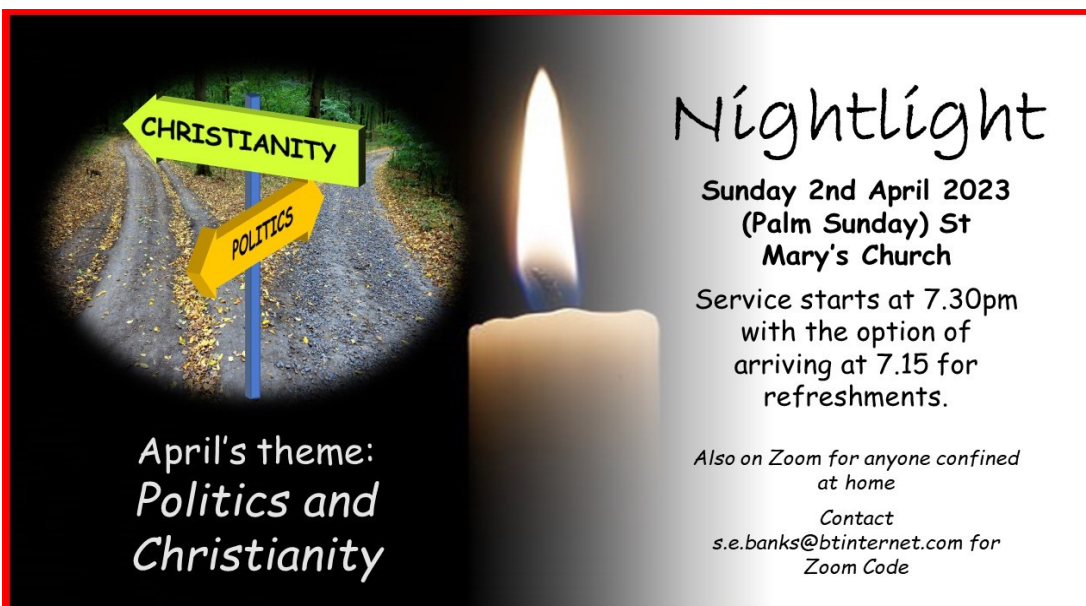
Palm Sunday—DON'T FORGET!

Sunday 2 April is 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. Johns is a bit cool!

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.



Nightlight

Sunday 2nd April 2023
(Palm Sunday) 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

April's theme:
Politics and Christianity

Please note that this month Nightlight is on the first Sunday as the Second Sunday is Easter Day!

A Successful Day for Hearts of Moggerhanger

Our Ladies Group raised the amazing sum of £2832.46 at their Nearly New Sale last Saturday. Very well done to you all! St John's Hospice will benefit once more from your hard work!

Notices

THANK YOU!

Rev. Alex would like to profusely thank all those who helped cover services in the brief time he was ill: Rdr. Rosemary Bentley, Rev. Canon Andrew Holford, Rev. Lynne Saddle and especially Rdr. Simon Guttridge and LLW Dawn Kerridge.

Your time was very much appreciated!

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.

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 APCMs (*like AGMs*) coming up soon.

30 April—St. Marys Potton APCM

SUNDAY LINK —Easter Break

The Sunday Link for Easter Day will be the last for a little while. Dave and Revd Alex will take a well earned break after recent health issues. You should then expect your next Sunday Link in your inbox on or around the 19th/ 20th of April.

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. We 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 31, Apr 14, 28

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

April 2023 Sunday Services and Rotas

Boxes in yellow indicate services that are a departure from our usual monthly pattern.

Date	Potton 9am	Cockayne Hatley 9am	Sutton 9am	Potton 10.30am	Potton 7.15pm Service starts at 7.30pm	Cockayne Hatley 4pm
2 April Palm Sunday	Morning Prayer	10am Joint Palm Sunday Service	Joint Service at Cockayne Hatley ←	Joint Service at Cockayne Hatley ←	NightLight Also on Zoom s.e.banks@btinternet.com for ZoomCode	
9 April Easter Day		No Service (Easter Vigil the night before)	Holy Communion	All Age Holy Communion (& Easter Egg Hunt) ***		
16 April Easter 2	Morning Prayer		Holy Communion	Holy Communion ***		
23 April Easter 3	Morning Prayer		Service of the Word	Choral Holy Communion ***		Evening Prayer
30 April Easter 4	Morning Prayer		Holy Communion	Holy Communion ***		

Potton Sunday Rota

	<u>Sidespersons</u>	<u>Reading 1</u>	Reading 2	<u>Prayers</u>	<u>Refreshments</u>
Palm Sunday 2.4.23	Service at Cockayne Hatley	_____	_____	_____	_____
Maunder Thursday 4.4.23		Rosemary Kimber Exodus, 12:1-4,11-14	Ros Tall 1 Corinthians, 11:23-26	Dawn Kerridge	
Easter Sunday 9.4.23	John Rozanski Joyce Jakes	Treasure Box Communion			Rosemary Kimber Sue Colledge
1 st Sunday after Easter 16.4.23	Sue Colledge Bill Colledge	Roger Gale Acts, 10:34-43	Hazel Rosanska Colossians 3:1-4	Simon Gutteridge	Ros Tall Judi Hobbs
2 nd Sunday after Easter 23.4.23	Ben Hall Laura Hall	Deborah Royal Act, 2:14a,36-41	Judi Hobbs 1 Peter, 1:17-23	David Tall	Vivienne Farrell Linda
3 rd Sunday after Easter 30.4.23	Mark Williams Mary Williams	David Kilpatrick Acts, 2:42-47	Peter Le Sueur 1 Peter, 2:19-25	Hazel Rosanska	Sarah Banks Jane Le Sueur

*Zoom Code & Link
for these services*

Meeting ID: 815 0338
3687

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

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.

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