



SUNDAY LINK



St Mary's Potton ♦ All Saints' Sutton ♦ St John's Cockayne Hatley
Sunday 19th February 2023, Last Sunday 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** 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)

Tuesday 21st February

- 12 noon** Hall Communion Service, St. Marys Hall

Wednesday 22 February

- 7.30pm** Ash Wednesday Service, St. Marys Potton

Friday 24th February

- 12.45pm** Potton Parish Lunch, in aid of St John's Hospice, Moggerhanger. In St Mary's Church Hall, cost £9 pp
- 8.15am** Nick Wilson, St Mary's Organist, on BigglesFM with "Thought for the Day" with Alan Waring's Breakfast Show 104.8Mhz on your FM Tuner Dial

Saturday 25th February

- 10am** Blunham Parish Church, MK44 3NQ
Annual Big Book Sale. A big selection of books and refreshments available. Proceeds towards Church

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.

Father guide us as prepare for the season of Lent.

Church Opening Times

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

Key Contacts

Rev. Alex Wheatley: 01767 764062
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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

Notices

Congratulations Paulet!

We just want to congratulate Paulet Brown-Wilsher who will be ordained as a Deacon this summer! She will serve her curacy at Ashwell, Hinxworth and Newnham with Rev. Chris Campbell. We will be sad to see you go, but we are also thrilled for you! Wonderful news!

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.



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



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.

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.

as tins, jars and strong plastics. Please do not donate items in plastic wrapping etc

News from Rosemary

Two items of interest from Rosemary, please mark in your diaries and calendars:

1. Friday, 3rd March - The World Day of Prayer service will be held in St Mary's Church Hall at 2.30pm. The service has been written by the women of Taiwan. This used to be the Women's World Day of Prayer but it is now for everyone. Please come and listen about the lives of Christians in Taiwan. The service will be followed by refreshments.

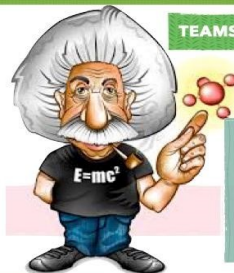
2. Saturday, 18th March - The Events team are holding an Irish Quiz in the church hall starting at 7.00pm. During the evening a 2 course Irish meal will be served. Teams of up to 6. The cost will be £15. Please sign up on the sheet on the sides mans table. If you haven't got a team and would like to come, we'll make up teams. (It's a good way to meet people)

"IRISH THEMED" QUIZ EVENING

TEAMS OF 4-6

MARCH

18



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]



More Notices

Lent 2023

Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.

Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.

22nd February – Ash Wednesday

The traditional service that begins this season of repentance.

7.30pm – St. Marys, Potton

Morning Prayer

Simple services of morning prayer to help you pray through Lent. These will begin on 1st March and conclude on 31st of March.

Wednesdays 9am – All Saints Sutton

Thursdays 9am – St. Marys Potton

Fridays 9am – St. John the Baptist Cockayne Hatley

Lent Groups

This year we look at Jesus' last days as told in the Gospel of Luke. We journey with him from his arrival in Jerusalem up to and including his crucifixion.

Sign up sheets are out in St. Mays & All Saints. Alternatively you can contact Rev. Alex There will be a choice of three groups:

Group 1: Tuesdays, 7:30pm with Dawn Kerridge

Group 2: Thursday 7:30pm with Amy Taylor

Group 3: Fridays, 11am with Simon Gutteridge

At least one of the groups will be able to be accessed remotely via the internet (but will be meeting in person as well). Locations TBC

Lent Evening Services (6pm)

Each Sunday in Lent at 6pm people will gather in different churches for varying expressions of worship and a sermon on the topic of mission.

26th February: St. Mary Magdalene, Roxton

5th March: St. Marys, Eaton Socon

12th March: St. Lawrence, Willington

19th March: St. Swithun's, Sandy

26th March: St. John the Baptist, Cockayne Hatley

Information about Holy Week services will come out later in Lent.

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 roles 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 or stand in elections or stand for any offices you must ensure you are on the electoral roll.

St Mary's will be hosting

a performance

by LAMPS,

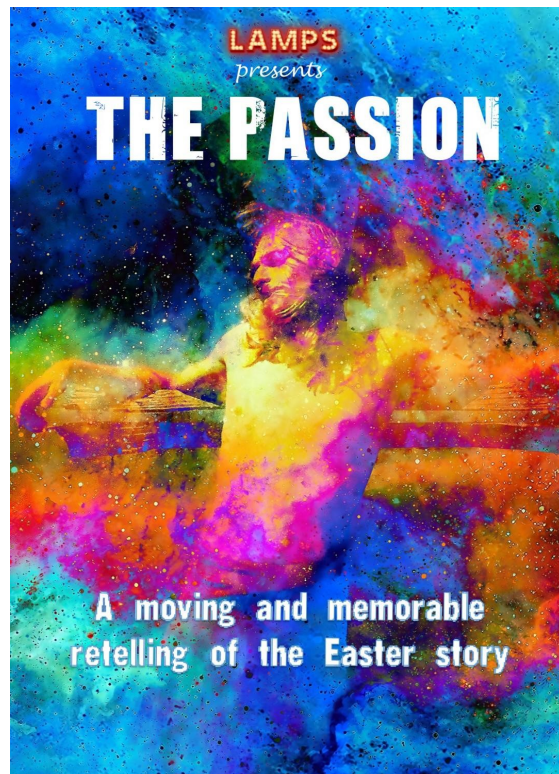
of **The Passion** on

Saturday 1st April 2023 at 3pm.

Tickets will be £10.00 for adults
and free to U16

Tickets can be purchased through
David Tall, in the first instance

**PUT THIS DATE ON
YOUR CALENDARS**



Regular Groups

Craft and Chatter

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

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 February 2023	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 for ZoomCode	
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 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