



SUNDAY LINK



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

Sunday 18th February 2024, 1st Sunday of Lent

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**

Diary (For Sunday Worship please see final page)

Wednesday 14 February

7.30pm: Ash Wednesday Service, St. Marys Church Potton

Friday 16 February

12:45pm: Parish Lunch (Note change from monthly slot)

Tuesday 20 February

12 noon: Hall Communion

Saturday 24 February

10am-1pm: Link Café, Potton Community Centre Brook End

Thursday 29 March

4pm: Sutton PCC

Saturday 2 March

1pm: Wedding: Kayleigh Watson & David Skinner, St. Mary's Church Potton

Weekly Events

Details for First Steps & Craft and Chatter can be found later in the Link

Fridays 9.30am: **First Steps** (St. Mary's Hall)

Green Bin Fridays, 7.30pm: **Craft and Chatter** (St. Mary's Hall)

Thursdays in Term Time, 2.45pm: **Shine Together** (All Saints' Sutton)

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Prayer

Benefice: Rev Barbara;

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

Sutton: Roger;

Cockayne Hatley: Tony;

The dearly departed:

Pamela Tibbs

Heavenly Father,

your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert:

help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may be witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Church Opening Times

St Mary's Potton 10am—4pm daily

All Saints' Sutton 9am—4pm daily

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Lent 2024

*Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.
Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.*

Ash Wednesday

The traditional Ash Wednesday Service, which marks the formal start of Lent, will take place on **14th of February at 7.30pm in St. Marys Church, Potton**. Come and receive the sign of the cross in ash as we begin our Lenten journeys.

Morning Prayer

Lent is an excellent time to pick up some new prayer habits. Therefore a reminder that we hold Morning Prayer at 8.30 on the following days and places:

Wednesdays: St. John the Baptist, Cockayne Hatley

Thursdays: All Saints' Sutton

Fridays: St. Mary's Potton

Lent Study Groups

Last year we used Lent to launch study groups. As we come to Lent 2024, now might be a good time to join them if you haven't already:

Tuesday Group: *(Tuesdays at: 7.30, starting on 13 February.)* This group usually meets on a fortnightly basis, but will be switching to weekly for Lent. It will first take a look at Old Testament Prophets before turning to the Resurrection. The last session will be a meal together. Contact Dawn Kerridge for details including location.

Friday Group: *(Friday 16 Feb at 10:30am)*. This group is sticking to its monthly pattern, but Lent is still a good time to join them, as they start a new topic: The 12 Apostles. Contact Simon Guttridge for details including location.

Lent Evening Services

Each Sunday at 6pm in Lent, people will gather in different churches for worship and a sermon on the topic of Mark's Gospel given by guest preachers including our Archdeacon and Bishop of Bedford

18th February: St. Mary's, Potton

25th February: St. Swithuns, Sandy

3rd March: St. Andrews, Biggleswade

10th March: St. John's, Moggerhanger

17th March: St Edmund/ St. James, Blunham

Parish Lunch

Supporting St John's Hospice, Moggerhanger

16th February

At 12.45pm

St. Marys Church Hall

The cost is £10 for a tasty two-course meal with payment taken at the door.

Please support this enjoyable event for a very worthwhile cause.

Please note the change from its regular monthly slot.

Parking at the 10:30 - Sunday 18th

This Sunday volunteers from Potton Play House will be moving equipment into the Hall in preparation for their latest production. This will affect parking at the 10:30 service. The field will be available as usual, but due to recent wet weather a large section is still roped off.

Please can we encourage car sharing as much as possible please.

The Link Café

Connecting St. Mary's Church with the Community

A place for people of all ages to meet for friendship, refreshment and cake!

~~Saturday 27 January~~

Saturday 24 February

Saturday 30 March

Saturday 27 April

Saturday 25 May

10am – 1pm,
Community Centre Brook End, Potton



**Includes children's corner
with toys and fun craft
activities !**

Coming to the Deanery Lent Service?

St. Marys will host the first Deanery Lent Service on the 14th of February at 7.30pm. If you are coming and would like to read please contact Rev. Alex

The Next Guest Preacher

The next 'guest preacher slot' is at the 10.30am service, Potton church on the 25th of February. This will feature a recording of an interview, by Rev. Alex, of Mr. Mike Mullins, Spokesperson for Christian Climate Action. If there is anything you would like to ask please contact Alex. He can't guarantee it will make it into the interview, but questions are appreciated.

No 'Little Steps' on 23rd February

Due to it being half term and the Hall being unavailable - Little Steps will not be taking place on this date.

St. Marys Church Choir

It would be great to grow our church choir which is a huge worship asset for our whole Benefice.

Have **YOU** ever thought of giving it a go?

The choir are a friendly group and it is good fun!

All abilities welcome (being able to read music is obviously an advantage, but not essential).

We are mainly seeking Alto, Tenor and Bass voices, by which we mean people who sing in a medium to lower register. There is no 'audition' or anything like that. Just come along to a rehearsal and we'll take it from there. These are every Thursday evening at 7pm (except the last Thursday of the month)

Come and give it a go!

Contact Peter Le Sueur 01767 260193 or email pjlesueur@hotmail.co.uk

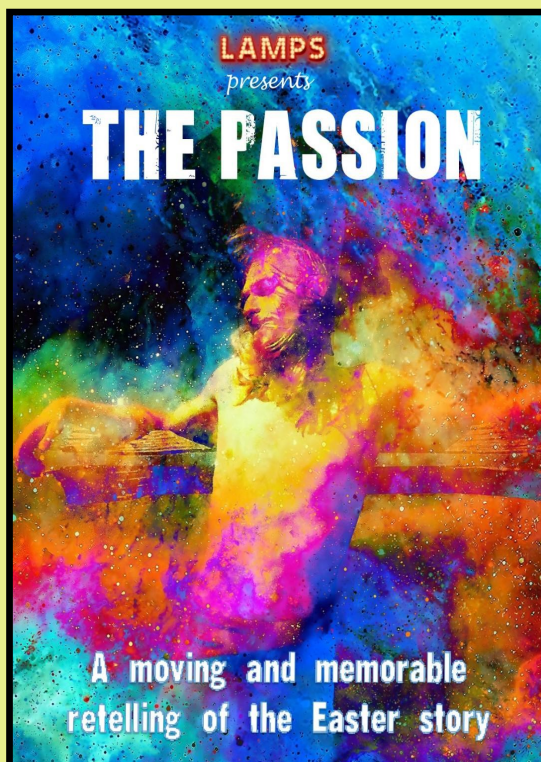
Sutton Lower School Vacancy!

Sutton Lower School will from September be Sutton Primary School!

Consequently, they are inviting applications for an Upper KS2 class teacher. If you know anyone who is interested please tell them to follow this link (my new term website)

<https://mynewterm.com/jobs/109626/EDV-2024-SCVLS-89931>

The closing date is the 26th February at 9am.



**Saturday 23 March 24, 7pm
St. Marys Church, Potton**

Tickets available from:
Camerons Newsagents, Potton
Tysoe Hardware shop, Potton
or David Tall

Adults: £12.50

Children (under 16): FREE

**Organised with grateful support
of local business:**

**Potton Post Office
Heat Street Heating Engineers**

Regular Groups

Craft and Chatter

Every other Friday (Unless Notified) (Green Bin Day in Potton!)

Craft and Chatter is an informal Craft Group. The meetings are at 7.30pm in St Mary's Church Hall.

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 9.30am to 11.30am in St Mary's Church Hall. Entry 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. **No meeting 23 Feb***

February 2024 Sunday Services and Rotas

Date January 2024	Potton 9am	Cockayne Hatley 9am	Sutton 9am	Potton 10.30am	Potton 7.15pm Service starts at 7.30pm	Cockayne Hatley 4pm
4 Feb Candlemass	Morning Prayer		Holy Communion	Family & Friends		
11 Feb Sunday before Lent		Holy Communion	Service of the Word	Holy Communion	NightLight Contact for Zoom Link	
18 Feb Lent 1	Morning Prayer		Holy Communion	Communion with Treasure Boxes ***		
25 Feb Lent 2	Morning Prayer		Service of the Word	Choral Communion ***		Evening Prayer

Potton Rota

	<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>
4.2.24 4 th Sunday after Epiphany	Friends and Families				Janet Kilpatrick	Louise Landon	Joyce Jakes	
11.2.24 Sunday next before Lent	Ros Tall David Tall	June Moore 2 Kings, 2:1-12	Ros Tall 2 Corinthians, 4: 13-25	Roger Gale	Adele Jackson	Jane Le Sueur	Heather gale Sue Colledge	John Hobbs
14.2.24 Ash Wednesday	John <u>Rosanski</u>	Hazel <u>Rozanska</u> Isaiah, 58:1-12	Rosemary Kimber 2 Corinthians, 5:20b-6:10	Simon Gutteridge	No flowers	No flowers	No refreshments	
18.2.24 1 st Sunday in Lent	Mark Williams Mary Williams	Treasure Box Communion			No flowers	No flowers	Vivienne Farrell Sarah Banks	Ben Hall
25.2.24 2 nd Sunday in Lent	Ben Hall Laura Hall	David Tall Genesis, 17:1- 7,15,16	Heather Gale Romans, 4:13-25	Hazel <u>Rozanska</u>	No flowers	No flowers	Ros Tall Jane Le Sueur	Paul Taylor

**St Marys
Church Hall
Communion
Services**

(all at 12 noon)

**20 February
19 March 2024
16 April 2024
21 May 2024
18 June 2024
16 July 2024**

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.

*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