



SUNDAY LINK



St Mary's Potton ♦ All Saints' Sutton ♦ St John's Cockayne Hatley
Sunday 28th May 2023, Pentecost!

Website: www.pottonparishchurch.org.uk

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Diary

For Sunday Worship Please see final page

9.30am All Fridays, June, July, August, September
First Steps, See Page 2 for full details

7.30pm Craft and Chatter, See Page 2 for full details/dates

2.45pm Every Thursday Shine Together, Sutton
(Contact Dawn Kerridge for full details)

12.30pm **Friday 26th May**
Potton Parish Lunch reminder, starts at 12.45pm so don't be late. Sorry, due to rising costs, we are having to put the price up to £10, but it's still very good value!

Friday 2nd June
No First Steps this week as Church Hall is booked for a 3 day Potton Playhouse production

1.30pm **Saturday 3rd June**
Wedding of Johanna Hare and Alistair Johnson
St Mary's Church, Potton

5-6pm **Sunday July 2nd**
Red Kite Concerts, present **Blue and Sentimental**, a presentation of 1920s and 1930s Music, beautiful melodies and rhythmic rags by Pete Horsfall and Colin Good at St John's Church, Cockayne Hatley.
Booking details available soon

3pm **Thursday 15th July**
Wedding of Dinah Smith and JimBoy Parker
St Mary's Church, Potton

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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Diocese contact: Jeremy Hirst 01727 818107

Or email: safeguarding@stalbens.anglican.org

Prayer

Please pray for those who are sick and have asked for our prayers:

Benefice: Rev Barbara; **Potton:** Chris, Dave & Fran, Rob & Lynn & Family, Paula, Sandra, Pam, Felicity, Lee, Vivienne, Joyce, Susan, Maggie, Mark, Nigel, Pam, James; Joan **Sutton:** Roger;
Cockayne Hatley: Tony;

For all those remembering their dearly departed. Today we remember: Merisa Jackson, Roger Catt

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us your holy fire; strengthen your children with the gift of faith, revive your Church with the breath of love, and renew the face of the earth. Amen

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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Going Deeper into God ♦ Transforming Communities ♦ Making new Disciples



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

FRIENDS & FAMILY SERVICE

Sunday 4th June 10.30-11.30 am

This month's theme is:

PENTECOST

Bible Story * Prayer * Music * Church Band * Friendship *

Pentecost Window Art * Sewing * Knitting and Crochet *


Colouring * Tea * Coffee * Home-made Cakes * Surprise Treat

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Acts 2 : 4




Sutton Plant Sale and Duck Race



What an amazing weekend!

A big thank you to everyone who helped in any way - those who helped with the teas, the plant stalls, the car park and all those who baked cakes and scones.




Thank you to Sutton Village Hall, Sutton W.I., the Friends of Sutton School, the PCC and Friends of Sutton Church for all their support to make the weekend a truly village event.

Thanks also to all those who helped set up and clear away.

Watch this space to find out how much has been raised.

William and Jo Hollington



First Steps June 2nd

Sorry, there will not be the usual Friday gathering as the Hall is booked for a 3 day Potton Playhouse production

Potton Parish Lunch-Friday 26th May

The Lunch starts at 12.45pm so don't be late. Sorry, due to rising costs, we are having to put the price up to £10, but it's still very good value!

Summer Preaching

We will soon be entering a long period in the church calendar called 'Ordinary Time' (basically a time when we don't have a season like Lent or Easter). During this time there is flexibility for things like preaching series etc. Rev. Alex is beginning to think about this and is wondering if there are any particular themes or ideas you would like to explore.

For example would a series looking at peoples faith in the workplace be helpful or perhaps an exploration of a particular book of the Bible.

If you have any ideas do get in contact with Rev. Alex. He cannot promise he will do it, but ideas are appreciated!

Regular Groups

Craft and Chatter

Every other Friday (Unless Notified) (Green Bin Day in Potton!) Next dates: May 26, June 9 & 23

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. **No Meeting June 2nd**

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



What Is It?

Thy Kingdom Come (TKC) is a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from **Ascension** to **Pentecost** for more people to come to know Jesus.

How Will We Be Taking Part?

St. Marys will be teaming up with our friends at Salvation Army Potton.

The week began with a united **Ascension Day service** at **7:30pm on 18 May** at St. Marys with our friends from the Salvation Army.

Then at each evening that follows there will be a service of **Evening Prayer** at **6.30pm** using material produced for Thy Kingdom Come. These will **alternate between St. Marys and the Salvation Army Citadel** in the following configuration: (Please note change from previous Links)

- Wednesday 24 May: St. Mary
- Thursday 25 May: Salvation Army
- Friday 26 May: St. Mary
- Saturday 27 May: Salvation Army

The period will then end with **a united Pentecost service** at **6pm on Sunday 28th May at the Salvation Army Citadel** (morning services run as normal.)

In addition, our Sunday Morning services on the 21st of May and the Shine Together Service on 25th of May will both have Thy Kingdom Come as their theme.

What About a Personal Practice?

There are all sorts of things you could do:

- Download the Thy Kingdom Come App and use it each day.
- Choose three people in your life and commit to praying each day that they might come closer to the faith and Jesus.
- Use this as an opportunity to explore new prayer practices such as the Orthodox Jesus Prayer, Jesuit Examen or Contemplative Prayer.

"In praying 'Thy Kingdom Come' we all commit to playing our part in the renewal of the nations and the transformation of communities."

Archbishop Justin Welby

Last Chance for Books

Since Lent there has been a selection of books available to take in St. Marys. After Pentecost service this will be tidied away so please grab any remaining titles you want before then!



Christian Aid Week! **14th-20th May 2023**

This is the week we fundraise and pray for the important work of Christian Aid This is a wonderful International Development Charity determined to end the injustice of poverty.

This year we have collected
£334.71

We believe all collections have now been counted

This will be our target to beat next year!

Could you be our next Christian Aid Rep(s) **for St. Marys Potton**

At last week's 10;30 service at St. Mary Rev. Alex asked if anyone felt drawn to act as our Christian Aid Rep. In the past this has been about organising the door to door collections during Christian Aid Week. However it has become increasingly apparent this is not an appropriate fundraising method.

Consequently a future Rep's role will likely involve encouraging & supporting volunteers to organise fundraising events and so scheduling a week of activities.

The role may also involve coordinating campaigning efforts throughout the year, collecting signatures for MP letters, hosting a campaign craft table at family and friends and so on.

Of course there is space to make this role your own.
It could be shared amongst a small group of people.

You just need the passion for Christian Aid and in particular for combating climate change.

Please speak to Rev. Alex for further information.

May 2023 Sunday Services and Rotas

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

Date May 2023	Potton 9am	Cockayne Hatley 9am	Sutton 9am	Potton 10.30am	Potton 7.15pm Service starts at 7.30pm	Cockayne Hatley 4pm
7 May Easter 5	Morning Prayer		Holy Communion	Friends and Family See Page 2		
14 May Easter 6 (Christian Aid Week)		Holy Communion *** With Bishop Richard	Service of the Word	Holy Communion ***	NightLight *** Contact for Zoom Link See Page 3	
21 May Easter 7 (Thy Kingdom Come)	Morning Prayer		Holy Communion	Communion with Treasure Boxes ***		
28 May Pentecost	Morning Prayer		Service of the Word	Choral Communion *** Wear Something RED		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>
4 th Sunday after Easter 7.5.23	Friends and families				Joyce Jakes	
5 th Sunday after Easter 14.5.23	Ros Tall David Tall	Nick Wilson Acts, 17: 22-31	Kim Gutteridge 1 Peter, 3: 13-22	David Kilpatrick	Linda Pat Thwaites	Paul Taylor
Ascension Day 18.5.23	Roger Gale George Howe	Treasure Box	Service			
Sunday after Ascension Day 21.5.23	John Rozanski	Hazel <u>Rosanska</u> Acts, 1: 1-11	David Tall Ephesians, 1: 15- 23	Simon Gutteridge	Ros Tall Heather Gale	Ben
Pentecost (Whitsunday) 28.5.23	Katy Savage June Moore	Katy Savage Acts, 2: 1-21	David Kilpatrick 1 Corinthians, 12 3b-13	Roger Gale	Rosemary Kimber Judi Hobbs	John Hobbs

*Zoom Code & Link
for these services*

Meeting ID: 815 0338

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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.

St Marys Church Hall Communion Services

(all 12 noon)

20 June 23

18 July 23

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