



SUNDAY LINK



St Mary's Potton ♦ All Saints' Sutton ♦ St John's Cockayne Hatley
Sunday 14th May 2023, 6th Sunday of Easter

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)

Friday 12th May

- 7.30pm** Craft and Chatter in the Church Hall. Why not come along with your hand craft and join the group?

Sunday 14th May

Fundraiser Lunch in aid of Christian Aid 2023

- 12pm** **Cancelled due to lack of bookings, not viable, please make a suitable donation instead**

- 1pm** Baptism of Laurie Barham, St. Marys Potton

- 2.15– 4pm** Bell Sunday, see page 2

Saturday 20th May/Sunday 21st May

- 10am-4pm** Sutton Plant Sale with Duck Race at 3pm (see page 2)

- 2pm** Wedding of Emily Vale and Matthew Keeble
St Mary's Church, Potton

1.30pm Saturday 3rd June

Wedding of Johanna Hare and Alistair Johnson
St Mary's Church, Potton

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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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, Mark, 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, Frank Smith, Roger Catt and Barbra Oliver

Father, we thank you for the vocations to which you call us. Equip and enable us for all you would have us do. Amen

Church Opening Times

St Mary's Potton 10am–4pm daily

All Saints' Sutton 9am–4pm daily

Key Contacts

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Living Gods Love with Generosity, Joy, Imagination and Courage

Going Deeper into God ♦ Transforming Communities ♦ Making new Disciples



Nightlight

Sunday 14th May 2023
(Christian Aid) 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*

May's theme:
**Global
Village**

"Café at St. John's"

13th May, 1-4pm

With the warmer weather, comes the welcome return of these monthly café events at St. John the Baptist Cockayne Hatley.

The Café will be held regularly throughout the Summer, usually on the second Saturday of the month with the following Café on Saturday 10th June. If the weather is favourable we have seating outside so you can enjoy the lovely surroundings.

Visit From Bishop of Bedford

Bishop Richard has not visited St. John the Baptist, Cockayne Hatley for quite some time. He has therefore decided to preside and preach at the 9am Communion service on the 14th of May. All welcome.

Benefice Vision

Our Vision day was a great success and we will soon arrange to meet to refine and further clarify our vision, properties and goals. Look out for future notices about 'Refining meetings'.

BELL SUNDAY

Sunday, 14th May is **Bell Sunday** and we are going to open the tower between 2.15pm and 4.00pm for people to come and look at the bells, learn something about bells and bell ringing and perhaps have a go!

See: **bellsunday.org** for more info



SUTTON

PLANT SALE

Saturday and Sunday
20th/21st May 2023

The Old Rectory Sutton SG19 2NB
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

All Day

CREAM TEAS

Sunday 21st May at 3 p.m.

DUCK RACE

For info contact Jo Hollington on 01767 261910
or email joannahollington@btinternet.com

Proceeds to All Saints Church and Sutton Village Hall



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.

Events & Services

Christian Aid Services

There will be special communion services at St. Marys Potton on the 14th May at 10:30. Here we will pray for their work and reflect on its importance in Christ's wider mission through the sermon. Nightlight on the 14th May will also be thinking about Christian Aid through its theme of 'Global Village'.

The Fundraiser Lunch

Straight after the service there will be a lunch in St. Marys Hall. **If you can, please sign up on the sign up sheet at church so we can know numbers. Please**

make a donation equivalent to which pay

that you might for one of our themed evening's.

CANCELLED
*Insufficient bookings to be viable.
Please make a suitable donation instead*

How to Donate

Online

Probably the easiest way to give. Simply visit their website.

Physical Donation

There will be collections for Christian Aid at the following three services:

- ◆ Sunday 14th May at all Sunday Services.
- ◆ Midweek Communion in the Hall, 12 noon, 16th of May
- ◆ Ascension Day service at St. Mary, 18 May, 7.30pm

Going Forward with Christian Aid

For many years we have been very grateful to Tina and Ian Mundy for acting as our Christian Aid Reps. They now feel the time has come to hand over this rôle.

Could you take on this rôle?

Going forward it will probably be about working with people across our congregations to organise fundraising events (rather than collections). It may also be about and encouraging us to get involved in their campaigning. Of course there is space to make this role your own. You just need the passion for Christian Aid!



THY KINGDOM COME

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 will begin 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:

Friday 19 May: Salvation Army
Saturday 20 May: St. Mary
Sunday 21 May: Salvation Army
Monday 22 May: St. Mary
Tuesday 23 May: Salvation Army
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 21 May and the Shine Together Service on 25 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.

We strongly encourage you to participate however you can. Do ask Rev. Alex for more details.

*"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*

May 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
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	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 ***		Evening Prayer

Potton Sunday Rota

	<u>Sidespersons</u>	<u>Reading 1</u>	Reading 2	<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 Rosanska 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)

16 May 23

20 June 23

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