



# SUNDAY LINK



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

## Sunday 19 November 2023, 2nd Sunday Before Advent

### Websites:

Potton: [www.pottonparishchurch.org.uk](http://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

For Sunday Worship Please see final page

9.30am All Fridays, November, December (Rtn January)

First Steps, See Notes on Page 2 for full details

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

### Diary (For Sunday Worship Please see final page)

Wednesday 15th November

2pm Funeral of Mr. Peter Filsell, St. Marys Potton

Sunday 19th November

1pm Baptism of Esme Mills, St. Marys Potton

Tuesday 21st November

12 noon Hall Communion Service, St. Marys Parish Hall

Friday 24th November

12:45pm Parish Lunch, St. Mary's Parish Hall Potton

Saturday 25th November

10am\pm Link Café, Community Centre, Brookend Potton

7.15pm Back to School Dinner, St Mary's Church Hall

(See Poster, see p3. )

29th November

7.30pm Potton PCC

Please note that details all Christmas events and services can be found in our Christmas Programme sent as a separate attachment with the Link sheet.

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### Prayer

Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers:

**Benefice:** Rev Barbara;

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

**Sutton:** Roger;

**Cockayne Hatley:** Tony;

For all those remembering their dearly departed among them Irene Bryne & Peter Filsel

For peace throughout our world.

### Church Opening Times

St Mary's Potton 10am-4pm daily

All Saints' Sutton 9am-4pm daily

### Key Contacts

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## **Potton Parish Lunch November 24th and Christmas Lunch 15th December 12.45pm**

Tickets are now on sale for this year's Christmas Lunch, held to raise funds for the St John's Hospice at Moggerhanger. Tickets this year cost £18 for a traditional 2 course lunch, with tea/coffee. Raffle.

Tickets will be on Sale at the November 24th lunch or call 01767 260193 to enquire.

The regular lunch next Friday, will be in the Church Hall as usual, starting at 12.45. The lunch will provide a good choice of home cooked main courses and desserts to follow as usual. Tea and coffee also available. The monthly meal costs £10 and all profits also go to St John's Hospice. The January 2024 lunch will see this year's fund presented to representatives of the Hospice.

Raffle prizes can be donated to all of our lunches and are drawn after the meal. The Christmas Raffle is the highlight of the year so please be generous, it all helps to boost the funds!!

## **Craft and Chatter Christmas Arrangement**

**As shown below, there will be no craft meetings in December but there will be a Christmas Party for the regular members Only, on December 8th, usual time, 7.30pm**

## **An Overdue Thank You!**

Last week we really should have thanked everyone involved in preparing and running the Bonfire night at St. Marys Parish Hall!

## **News from St. Mary's open the Book Team by Judi Hobbs**

Last Wednesday, the outreach Open the Book team performed Noah's Ark during an assembly at Potton Primary School. The children were most attentive and seemed to have great fun, watching, listening and joining in with the performance. A large group of children played instruments, to represent the rain, while six Y3 children (7/8 years old) were Noah's sons and their wives. The whole school joined in with our song and they seemed to enjoy the actions to each verse. Sarah accompanied with her guitar and played while the children walked into the hall and as they returned to their classes.

## **Hall Communion—Date Error**

There has been a mistake on the Link for some weeks which was brought to our attention.

**The next communion service in St. Mary's Hall is on the 21st of November NOT the 14th of November as stated on p.4 of previous Sunday Link**

### **Regular Groups**

### **Craft and Chatter**

*Every other Friday (Unless Notified) (Green Bin Day in Potton!) Next dates: Nov 10, 24*

*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](http://www.facebook.com/craftandchatter) . All proceeds to St Mary's Church funds.*

**NB.** *There are no Craft and Chatter meetings in December except for Members Christmas party on Dec 8th*

**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.*

On November the 25th in the church hall, we are holding a "Back to School" dinner evening, with all the old school dinner favourites on the menu, although maybe the food will be a little better than most people will remember it! This event was first planned for the start of the current term, but it had to be postponed due to unforeseen circumstances but not because of weak concrete causing trouble!!

It should be an evening to remember but School Rules will be enforced and punishments given. School Uniform dress will be encouraged, but not compulsory, and there will be a bar but only for the older "pupils". Come and enjoy an evening with a difference.

Tickets costing £15 are from Rosemary on 07753 638278 or Paul on 07744 254158.

FISHFINGERS SPAM

**BACK TO SCHOOL DINNER**

BANGERS & MASH RICE PUDDING

JELLY & ICECREAM COTTAGE PIE

**SAT 25th November**  
**7:15 - 10:30pm**

**St Mary's Church Hall, Potton**

Join us for some classic dishes from the old school dinner menu and enjoy an evening of nostalgia ✨  
Expect to sit numerous tests! ✨  
**FANCY DRESS IS ENCOURAGED**

**Tickets £15 each**

Either sign-up in the church or text Rosemary on 07753 638278: or Paul on 07744 254158 to reserve tickets.

**Bar Available (ID will be required!!!)**

School rules WILL be obeyed at all times



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

## FRIENDS & FAMILY SERVICE

**Sunday 3rd December 10.30-11.30 am**

This month's theme is:

## ADVENT

Bible Story \* Prayer \* Music \* Friendship \* Christmas Crafts \* Advent

Sewing \* Knitting and Crochet \* Christmas Colouring\*

\* Cake \* Tea and Coffee \* Surprise Treat\*

### Our Christmas Tree Needs You!

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

John 3:16



## Friends and Family in Advent

This will be a great morning for the Children, making all sorts of Christmas items to take home to decorate their house or maybe their bedroom!

But one of the main jobs for the children is to decorate St Mary's Christmas Tree with some of the decorations they have made.

There will be Mums and Dads helping to reach the top of the tree but it's all good fun!



As the poster says:

**"Our Christmas Tree Needs You"** so come and join in the fun at the service on December 3rd!!



# November 2023 Sunday Services and Rotas

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

Date November 2023	Potton 9am	Cockayne Hatley 9am	Sutton 9am	Potton 10.30am	Potton 7.15pm Service starts at 7.30pm	Cockayne Hatley 4pm
5 Nov	Morning Prayer		Holy Communion	Friends and Family Service		
12 Nov Remembrance Sunday		Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Parade Service 10am Town Square. 11am: Silence & Wreaths	NightLight *** Contact for Zoom Link	
19 Nov	Morning Prayer		Holy Communion	Communion with Treasure Boxes ***		
26 Nov Christ the King	Morning Prayer		Service of the Word	Choral Communion with Guest Preacher		Evening Prayer

## Potton Sunday Rota

	Sidespersons	Reading 1	Reading 2	Prayers	Altar Flowers	Lady Chapel Flowers	Refreshments	Sound
5.11.23 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday before Advent	Friends and Families				Heather Gale	Rosemary Kimber	Joyce Jakes	
12.11.23 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Advent	Remembrance Sunday							
19.11.23 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent	John Rozanski June Moore	Treasure Box Communion			Rosemary Kimber	Rosemary Kimber	Jane Le Seuer Sue Colledge	Ben Hall
Christ the King 26.11.23 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday before Advent	Ben Hall Laura Hall	George Price Ezekiel, 34:11- 16, 20-24	Liz Price Ephesians, 1:15-23	David Kilpatrick	Judi Hobbs	Judi Hobbs	Judi Hobbs Heather Gale	John Hobbs

**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

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*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>

**St Marys Church  
Hall**

**Communion  
Services**

(all 12 noon)

**21 November**

**19 December**

**16 January**

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