



SUNDAY LINK



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

Sunday 24 December 2023, 4th Sunday of Advent & Christmas Eve

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**

For Sunday Worship Please see final page

- 9.30am** All Fridays, December (Rtn January)
First Steps, See Notes on Page 3 for full details
- 7.30pm** **Craft and Chatter**, See Page 3 for full details/dates

Diary (For Sunday Worship Please see final page)

Thursday 21st December

- 11am** Internment of Ashes: Christine Harper,
 All Saints Sutton

Saturday 30th December

- 10am\2pm** Link Café, Potton Community Centre (Brook End)

Wednesday 10th January

- 9am** Cockayne Hatley PCC TBC
- 11:30am** Funeral of Pauline Davies, All Saints Sutton
- 7.30pm** Potton PCC, St Mary's Church

Thursday 11th January

- 7.30pm** Start! Course Sample Session (see page 4 for details)

Please note that details all Christmas events and services can be found in our Christmas Programme.

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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;

For all those remembering their dearly departed among them Adam

Eternal God,

*as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth pangs of this
present age to see, with her, our great
salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Church Opening Times

St Mary's Potton 10am—4pm daily

All Saints' Sutton 9am—4pm daily

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Living Gods Love with Generosity, Joy, Imagination and Courage

Going Deeper into God ♦ Transforming Communities ♦ Making new Disciples

Last Sunday of the Link and Goodbye Dave

This Link will be the last one until the 10/11th of January as Revd. Alex takes a post Christmas Break! This Link will also be the last one that Dave Thompson will edit, so its important to say a big THANK YOU. In a team of churches as busy as ours, getting information out is vital and we really appreciate Dave's hard work on this. Thank you Dave!

Biggleswade Chronicle **Writer**

From the Sunday Link Editor,

Dave Thompson will be stepping down from his role of writing a brief article for the Biggleswade Chronicle.

Is there anyone who might be willing to take this responsibility on?

Morning Prayer During the **Week**

There will be no Morning Prayer on the following dates:

27 Dec
28 Dec
29 Dec
3 Jan
4 Jan

The normal pattern resumes on 5 January.

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 28 October
Saturday 25 November
Saturday 30 December
Saturday 27 January
Saturday 24 February

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



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

No Family and Friends in January

A reminder that there are no Family and Friends in January or August at St. Mary's Potton. The service on the 7th of January will be Holy Communion. Family and Friends will return on 5th February.

Candles for Ukraine

St Mary's Church and All Saints Church will be drop off points for Sandy Rotary Club's Candles for Ukraine appeal.

They are looking for new or used candles to melt down into large candles ready to be sent to Ukraine for a cold a difficult winter ahead. Large collection tubs will be available in the two church porches, until the end of January.

Coat Collection

Biggleswade & District Rotary Club is collecting all types of coats in good condition (used or new) for people in need.

All Saints Church, Sutton, hosts a large collection box near its welcome desk.

A good way to support people this winter!

If in doubt about delivering, contact Sutton Church Warden. See page 1

That's another boot load donated to Preen Foodbank. Staff are very grateful for our support!



New Year Food Bank Appeal

George Price has taken your Christmas donations of long-life food to Preen, in Biggleswade, last Tuesday .

Please make sure that all donated packets or tins/ jars are within their

"Use By" dates. **Best Before** dates are not quite so important.

Please leave donations in the box in the porches of St. Mary's Church and in All Saint's Church Sutton to help our local people in need.

Let us make a continuing effort to fill those containers in the

New Year

Regular Groups

Craft and Chatter

Every other Friday (Unless Notified) *(Green Bin Day in Potton!)* Next dates: **Jan 5th, 19th**

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 Gravestock on 01767 260430.



The third goal of St. Marys Potton's Mission Action plan is: *"Get into a yearly habit of hosting an Enquirers Course ..."*

An 'Enquirers Course' is a course specifically for those who are 'enquiring' about the Christian faith. They are for 'seekers' and those who are curious about the faith or are looking for the opportunity to think more deeply about life's big questions. Such courses are therefore a really part of contemporary mission and church growth. What's more, although this is St. Marys Church, Potton's goal this course has the potential to benefit All Saints, Sutton and St. John the Baptist, Cockayne Hatley.

For St. Marys Potton's Enquirers Course, Rev. Alex has chosen the 'Start!' Course. This is a wonderfully down to earth course which makes no assumptions about participants' background, experience or knowledge of Christianity. Though it is called a "course" it is not formal, but light-hearted with an emphasis on sharing and listening.

The course will begin on Thursday 15th of February 2024 and continue on the following five Wednesdays. Participants will meet at 7pm in the Potton Community Centre (Brook End), for a meal before starting at 7.30pm. There are six sessions in total.

To make this courses happen we will need your help in two ways!:

Volunteers to Cook and Serve the Meal!

To show hospitality and make attendance easier for people coming from work we would like to be able to serve food. This would be precooked and then reheated.

You don't need to commit to all the weeks!

If six people took one each that would cover us

The meal only need be something simple like soup. (We will not know dietary requirements till after the first session, so we suggest vegetarian/ dishes). You would then bring the food and help serve it on the night. A sign up sheet is available on the welcome desk at the North Door entrance.

Invite people to attend!

We will be promoting this course at the Link Café, at Christmas Services, and online, however by far the best way is to invite people personally. Perhaps you know someone who has been asking questions or you have a relative who is curious. If so be brave and invite them! (There are plenty of flyers available in church)

Taster Session

Of course it is hard to invite someone to something you have not experienced yourself before! This is why we will be running a taster session for congregation members on **11 January at 7.30pm in the Community Centre**

December 2023 Sunday Services and Rotas

You can find details of Christingles, Carol Services, Christmas Eve Services & and Christmas Day services in our Christmas Leaflet.

Date	Potton 9am	Cockayne Hatley 9am	Sutton 9am	Potton 10.30am	Potton 7.15pm Service starts at 7.30pm	Cockayne Hatley 4pm
3 Dec Advent 1	Morning Prayer		Holy Communion	Friends and Family Service		
10 Dec Advent 2		Holy Communion <i>with Bishop Alan</i>	Service of the Word	Holy Communion <i>with Bishop Alan</i>	NightLight <i>Contact for Zoom Link</i>	
17 Dec Advent 3	Morning Prayer		Holy Communion	Communion with Treasure Boxes ***		
24 Dec Advent 4	Morning Prayer		Service of the Word	Choral Communion ***		No evening Prayer this month
31st Dec Christmas 1	Morning Prayer		Holy Communion	Holy Communion		

	<u>Sidespersons</u>	<u>Reading 1</u>	Reading 2	<u>Prayers</u>	<u>Altar Flowers</u>	<u>Lady Chapel Flowers</u>	<u>Refreshments</u>	<u>Sound</u>
3.12.23 1 st Sunday of Advent	Friends and Families				No flowers in Advent	No flowers in Advent	Joyce Jakes	
10.12.23 2 nd Sunday of Advent	Sue Colledge Bill Colledge	June Moore Isaiah, 40:1-11	Dawn Kerridge 2 Peter: 3:8- 15a	Roger Gale	No flowers in Advent	No flowers in Advent	Ros Tall Vivienne Farrell	Paul Taylor
17.12.23 3 rd Sunday of Advent	Mark Williams Mary Williams	Treasure Box Communion			No flowers in Advent	No flowers in Advent	Rosemary Kimber Judi Hobbs	John Hobbs
24.12.23 4 th Sunday of Advent 10.30am service	Roger Gale George Howe	Kim Gutteridge 2 Samuel 7:1- 11,16	Simon Gutteridge Romans, 16:25-27	Dawn Kerridge	No flowers in Advent	No flowers in Advent		
Christmas Eve 24.12.23 11.30pm service	David Tall Ros Tall	Rosemary Kimber, Isaiah, 52:7-10	Peter Le Seuer Hebrews, 1:1- 4	David Tall	Flower Ladies	Flower Ladies	No refreshments	
Christmas Day 25.12.23	John Rozanski	David Kilpatrick					No refreshments	

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**St Marys Church
Hall
Communion
Services
(all 12 noon)**

**16 January
20 February**

*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>

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January 2024 Sunday Services and Rotas

Date	Potton	Cockayne Hatley	Sutton	Potton	Potton	Cockayne Hatley
January 2024	9am	9am	9am	10.30am	7.15pm Service starts at 7.30pm	4pm
7 January The Epiphany	Morning Prayer		Holy Communion	Holy Communion		
14 Jan Epiphany 2		Holy Communion	Service of the Word	Holy Communion	NightLight <i>Contact for Zoom Link</i>	
21 Jan Epiphany 2	Morning Prayer		Holy Communion	Communion with Treasure Boxes ***		
28 Jan Candlemas	Morning Prayer		Service of the Word	Choral Communion ***		Evening Prayer

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Epiphany 7.1.24	June Moore John Rozanski	Deborah Royal Isaiah, 60:1-6	Hazel Rosanska Ephesians, 3:1-12	David Tall	Ros Tall	Ros tall	Joyce Jakes Sarah Banks	
14.1.24 2 nd Sunday after Epiphany	Katy Savage Joyce	Graham Daniels 1 Samuel, 3:1-10	Katy Savage Revelations, 5:1-10	Kim Gutteridge	Rosemary Kimber	Rosemary Kimber	Vivienne Farrall Jane Le Sueur	Ben Hall
21.1.24 3 rd Sunday of Epiphany	Roger Gale George Howe	Treasure Box Communion					Rosemary Kimber Judi Hobbs	John Hobbs
28.2.24 4 th Sunday of Epiphany	Sue Colledge Bill Colledge	Sue Colledge Deuteronomy, 18:15-20	Bill Colledge Revelation, 12:1-5a	David Kilpatrick	Judi Hobbs	Judi Hobbs	Linda Ros Tall	Paul Taylor

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