



SUNDAY LINK



St Mary's Potton ♦ All Saints' Sutton ♦ St John's Cockayne Hatley
Sunday 12th March 2023, Third Sunday of Lent

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)

Wednesday 8th March

11am Funeral of Mrs Joan Smith, St Mary's Church, Potton

Friday 10th March

8.15am Nick Wilson, BigglesFM with his Thought for the Day

Sunday 12 March

(St. Johns & St. Marys) Guest Preacher
Revd Bea Grace (St. Johns Hospice Chaplain)

3pm Potton Civic Service, St. Marys Potton

Thursday 16 March

2.30pm APCM for St. John the Baptist Cockayne Hatley

Saturday 18th March

7pm Irish Quiz Night in the Church Hall.
2 course meal in the interval. Bar available. £15pp

Friday 24th March

Deadline, **APCM** Reports to be given to David Tall

Saturday 25th March

10am –4pm Hearts for Moggerhanger, St John's Hospice.
Nearly new Ladies and Children's in Number One King's Street by special permission.

Friday 31st March

12.45pm Potton Parish Lunch, Raising funds for
St John's Hospice, Moggerhanger

2pm **Erection of the Easter Crosses in the Church Yard**
To Volunteer your help, contact David Tall

Prayer

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

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

For all those remembering their dearly departed and at this time, we remember Mrs Joan Smith of Newtown

Father, by your guidance and grace may this Lent be a time of repentance and renewal, confirmation and discovery, and a time we draw closer to you

Church Opening Times

St Mary's Potton 10am–4pm daily

All Saints' Sutton 9am–4pm daily

Key Contacts

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SAFE GUARDING

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Lent 2023

Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.

Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.

Morning Prayer

Simple services of morning prayer to help you pray through Lent. These will begin on 1st March and conclude on 31st of March.

Wednesdays 9am – All Saints Sutton

Thursdays 9am – St. Marys Potton

Fridays 9am – St. John the Baptist Cockayne Hatley

*Participants may find it beneficial to **download the Daily Prayer App** onto their smart phones as our stock of books is limited. Alternatively they can find the daily prayers on the church of England website.*

Daily
Prayer

Lent Study Groups

Join us as we explore Jesus' last days as told in the Gospel of Luke. Please contact Rev. Alex to join one of the three groups:

Group 1: Tuesdays, 7:30pm

Group 2: Thursday 7:30pm

Group 3: Fridays, 11am

Group 2 will be able to be accessed remotely via the internet (but will be meeting in person as well).

Lent Evening Services

Each Sunday at 6pm in Lent people will gather in different churches for worship and a sermon on the topic of mission.

12th March: St. Lawrence, Willington

19th March: St. Swithun's, Sandy

26th March: St. John the Baptist, Cockayne Hatley

Information about Holy Week services will come out later in Lent.

Tickets for the Passion Play are now available!

(Saturday 1st April 2023 -3pm- St. Marys Potton)

Camerons shop (Potton)

Tysoe shop (Potton)

or from David Tall.

Adults: £10.00

Children (under 16): FREE

Performed by the travelling group—**LAMPS**

Notices

Potton Civic Service

A reminder that the Potton Civic Service is this Sunday (**12 March**) at **3pm** in **St. Marys**. Here the wider community comes together to celebrate all the good work that goes in the town and thank god for those whom he has called to lead projects and initiatives. The service will be led by Rev. Alex & Major Christine from the Salvation Army



Nightlight

Sunday 12th March
2023 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

March's theme:
*When
things break*

Parish Lunch

31st March, 12:45pm, St. Marys Church Hall

Cost is £9pp. Two courses, menu choice. Raffle, please bring a prize. In aid of St John's Hospice, Moggerhanger

Erection of St. Marys Easter Crosses

Volunteers are requested for putting up our important crosses. Gather at approximately **2pm** To volunteer your help, please contact David tall

The collection at the morning service in St Mary's for the Turkey & Syria Earthquake fund, was £100. This has been sent to the DEC. Well done everyone!

"IRISH THEMED" QUIZ EVENING

TEAMS OF 4-6

MARCH 18

St Mary's Church Hall, Potton

7pm - 10.30pm
QUIZ STARTING AT 7.30PM



Come and join in the fun of exercising your brain cells whilst tantalising your taste buds!!!

"Brush up on all those Irish facts"

Enjoy a supper of nibbles, Irish/veg Stew, cakes and a few cheeky tipples in the company of friends.

We will have a bar supplying beer, wine and soft drinks. No need to bring your own!!

ONLY £15.00 PER PERSON
[PAY ON THE DOOR]

Please sign up at St. Marys Church on a Sunday

Our Collections for Preen

On 1 March **another 20kg** of donations were taken to the Preen Food Bank!

Thank you to everyone for your contributions of Longlife items in sturdy packaging. When the box in St. Mary's Church entrance gets full again another load will be taken to Preen at Biggleswade. There is also a collection point at All Saints which is regularly

**Food Bank
@preen**



Sound Desk Operators (St. Marys)

A few people have kindly come forward to help run the sound desk at St. Marys. Please could you make yourselves known to Dave Thompson for training and Rosemary Kimber for getting you on the rota. Thank you very much.

Hearts for Moggerhanger

On Saturday March 25th, from 10am till 4pm, **Hearts for Moggerhanger** are holding another **Nearly New Sale of Children's and Ladies clothing items**, in the former popular restaurant, Number One King Street!

Donations of clothing can be taken to Tysoe's for collection in the meantime.

There will also be a raffle and clothing accessories will be on sale

Requests from Jo Hollington (Sutton Church)

Some items are needed for upcoming fundraising events at All Saints!

1 **Plants Pots** are needed in preparation for the Sutton Plant Sale 2023 (weekend of 20th/21st May)

2 **Jam Jars** are needed for homemade Marmalade and Jam to be sold in All Saints. Jars should be clean, not chipped and if possible come with their lids.

You can leave any donations in the porch at All Saints Sutton.

Old Sheets?

Rev. Alex is looking for two or three old sheets to use as dust sheets. Please contact him if you have any old sheets you want rid of.

Upcoming APCMs

A reminder that we have two APCMs (*like AGMs*) coming up soon.

16th March, 2.30pm, St John the Baptist Cockayne Hatley

Regular Groups

Craft and Chatter

Every other Friday (Unless Notified) (Green Bin Day in Potton!) Next dates: March 3, 17 & 31st

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.*

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

March 2023 Sunday Services and Rotas

Date March 2023	Potton 9am	Cockayne Hatley 9am	Sutton 9am	Potton 10.30am	Potton 7.15pm Service starts at 7.30pm	Cockayne Hatley 4pm
5th March <small>2nd Sunday of Lent</small>	Morning Prayer		Holy Communion	Family and Friends		
12th March <small>3rd Sunday of Lent</small>		Holy Communion with Guest Speaker ***	Service of the Word	Holy Communion With Guest speaker ***	NightLight Also on Zoom s.e.banks@btinternet.com for ZoomCode	
19th March <small>Mothering Sunday</small>	Morning Prayer		Holy Communion	Communion with Treasure Boxes ***		
26th March <small>5th Sunday of Lent</small>	Morning Prayer		Service of the Word	Choral Communion ***		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>
2 ND Sunday in Lent 5.3.23	Families and Friends					
3 rd Sunday in Lent 12.3.23	Roger Gale George Howe	Dawn Kerridge Exodus, 17:1-7	Paulette Romans, 5:1-11	Kim Gutteridge	Jane Le Sueur Susan Colledge	
Mothering Sunday 19.3.23	Liz Price George Price	_____	_____	_____	Sarah Banks Pat Thwaites	
Passion Sunday 23.3.23	Katy Savage	David Tall Ezekiel, 37:1-14	Katy Savage Romans, 8:6-11	Hazel Rozanska	Linda Joyce Jakes	

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 Mar 23

18 Apr 23

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.

Guest Preachers

12 March: (St. Johns & St. Marys) Revd Bea Grace
(St. Johns Hospice Chaplain)

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