



SUNDAY LINK



St Mary's Potton ♦ All Saints' Sutton ♦ St John's Cockayne Hatley
Sunday 21st May 2023, 7th 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 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)

5pm **Wednesday 17th July**

Defibrillator Training for all those interested will be held in the Community Centre, Brooke End. **Please attend if you think you may have the need to use our machine, at any time !!**

7.30pm **Thursday 18th May**

Ascension Day Service, The final event of Easter for another Year. To be held in St Mary's Church.

2pm **Saturday 20th May**

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

or email: gpoct1965@gmail.com

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

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

Rev. Alex Wheatley: 01767 764062
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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

Ascension and Pentecost

Services at St. Marys

These are part of our Thy Kingdom come programme, so please see p3 for details.

DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

As you may have noticed, a Defibrillator has been fitted in the Church Hall Porch. This is not in use yet, but will be fully commissioned once we have enough people trained in it's use. All of these devices wherever they are, work in the same manner so even if you have had training in the past, it will be worthwhile to attend this training for a refresher course. The course will be sponsored by Potton Town Council and will be run by Carlton Avison, our Town Crier amongst other things, but also the Fire Chief with Potton Fire Brigade. The training is free so come along, it could help save someone's life!!

THE SESSION STARTS AT 5pm ON WEDNESDAY 17th MAY.

Baby Oak Trees for Sale!

Town Councillor Charles Craig has donated a number of oak saplings for us to sell. They will be available on Sunday May 21st. By donation please. Money to The Tower Refurbishment Fund"

THE CHRISTIAN AID

COLLECTION

The collection so far is looking very good but the final amount will be announced next week when all the collections are in.

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.

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 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 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



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.

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

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	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 ***		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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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