



SUNDAY LINK



St Mary's Potton ♦ All Saints' Sutton ♦ St John's Cockayne Hatley
Sunday 30 April 2023, 3rd 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)

- 7.30pm** **Thursday 27 April**
Second Confirmation Class at St. Johns Cockayne Hatley
- 10am** **Saturday 29th April**
Benefice Vision Day
St. John the Baptist Church, Cockayne Hatley
- Sunday 30th April**
- 11.30am** St Mary's Church, Annual Parochial Church Meeting
- Friday 5th May**
- 2pm** Funeral of Mr Smith, St Mary's Church, Potton
- 9.30am** **Saturday 6th May**
Coronation Day! Big Screen viewing in St Mary's Church, Potton And All Saints, Sutton.
See Page 3 for full programme
- Wednesday 10th May**
- 7.30pm** Potton PCC Meeting. (Venue TBA)
- 2pm** **Saturday 20th May**
Wedding of Emily Vale and Matthew Keeble
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, 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

Father, as we approach our Benefice Vision Day, fill us with your Holy Spirit that we may know your will for St. Marys, All Saints and St. John the Baptist. Amen

Church Opening Times

St Mary's Potton 10am—4pm daily
All Saints' Sutton 9am—4pm daily

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Going Deeper into God ♦ Transforming Communities ♦ Making new Disciples

Benefice Vision Day

29 April, 10am Start, St. John the Baptist

Our exciting Vision Day is just around the corner. Come to pray and discern what our next steps as a Team and as individual churches will be! This day is open to anyone in our congregations! Refreshments will be served but you should bring a packed lunch. Please dress warmly.

Sutton Afternoon Tea

Unfortunately due to a funeral service there will be no Afternoon Tea at All Saints on the 3rd of May.

The next Afternoon Tea will be on Wednesday, 7th June at 3 p.m.

Parish Lunch for St. Johns Hospice

28 April, 12:45pm, St. Marys Hall

Cost is £9pp. Two courses, menu choice. Raffle, please bring a prize.

Confirmation Classes!

These have now started, but there is still time to join us at our second session on Thursday 27th May at 7.30pm in St. Johns Cockayne Hatley

These will be open to anyone who want to be confirmed, those who wish to renew confirmation vows or anyone who wants a refresh in the basics of our faith.

The Confirmation Service will take place at St. Swithuns in Sandy on Wednesday 28th June at 7.30pm.



**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

Regular Groups

Craft and Chatter

Every other Friday (Unless Notified) (Green Bin Day in Potton!) Next dates: April 28, May 14, 28

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



Saturday 6 May: Coronation Day

There will be a number of activities and places around the town, that will be venues to watch the Coronation on big screens, including St. Marys and All Saints in Sutton! The timings for the churches are as follows:

0930: Churches open.

1000: Procession: Buckingham Palace to Westminster Abbey

1100: The Coronation Service. Following the service, there will be a **Celebration Drink**, served in the Church.

1200: Procession: Westminster Abbey to Buckingham Palace

After the Balcony Appearance and Flypast, the church hall and field, will be available for all who have brought a picnic. Please do not consume any food in the church, but use the hall and field facility afterwards. Tea and Coffee will be served in the hall.

There will of course be no charge by the churches for this event, **HOWEVER attendees are strongly encouraged to bring something to donate into our Preen Food Collection as they arrive.** This will be a prayerful acknowledgment amidst the this historic day that times are tough for many people.

Sunday 7 May: 'Vocation and Promises'

9am—Holy Communion at All Saints Sutton at which Rev. Alex will preach on the theme of promises and vocation.

10:30am—Friends and Family Service at St. Marys Potton at which our theme will be Promises and our crafts will be inspired by the Coronation.

Monday 8 May: Volunteer Day

Details to be announced!



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 Chapel 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 Chapel (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



Christian Aid Week!

14—20 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 bring a donation equivalent to that which you might pay for one of our themed evening's.**

Other Fundraisers?

Its still not too late for volunteers to organise other fundraisers. For example:

- A cake stall after the Ascension Day service (Thursday 18th, 7.30pm)
- A quiz sheet for people to buy and take away or even organise a quiz night!
- A film night using St. Marys projector and screen.

If your interested in organising something please contact Rev. Alex who will help you.

How to Donate

Online

Probably the easiest way to give. We will set up a link soon. then we can track how much money we as a team of churches will raise.

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 on this role.

Could you take on this role?

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!

April 2023 Sunday Services and Rotas

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

Date April 2023	Potton 9am	Cockayne Hatley 9am	Sutton 9am	Potton 10.30am	Potton 7.15pm Service starts at 7.30pm	Cockayne Hatley 4pm
2 April Palm Sunday	Morning Prayer	10am Joint Palm Sunday Service	Joint Service at Cockayne Hatley ←	Joint Service at Cockayne Hatley ←	NightLight Also on Zoom s.e.banks@btinternet.com for ZoomCode	
9 April Easter Day		No Service (Easter Vigil the night before)	Holy Communion	All Age Holy Communion (& Easter Egg Hunt) ***		
16 April Easter 2	Morning Prayer		Holy Communion	Holy Communion ***		
23 April Easter 3	Morning Prayer		Service of the Word	Choral Communion ***		Evening Prayer
30 April Easter 4	Morning Prayer		Holy Communion	Holy Communion ***		

Potton Sunday Rota

	<u>Sidespersons</u>	<u>Reading 1</u>	Reading 2	<u>Prayers</u>	<u>Refreshments</u>
Palm Sunday 2.4.23	Service at Cockayne Hatley	_____	_____	_____	_____
Maundy Thursday 4.4.23		Rosemary Kimber Exodus, 12:1-4,11- 14	Ros Tall 1 Corinthians, 11:23-26	Dawn Kerridge	
Easter Sunday 9.4.23	John Rozanski Joyce Jakes	Treasure Box Communion			Rosemary Kimber Sue Colledge
1 st Sunday after Easter 16.4.23	Sue Colledge Bill Colledge	Roger Gale Acts, 10:34-43	Hazel Rosanska Colossians 3:1-4	Simon Gutteridge	Ros Tall Judi Hobbs
2 nd Sunday after Easter 23.4.23	Ben Hall Laura Hall	Deborah Royal Act, 2:14a,36-41	Judi Hobbs 1 Peter, 1:17-23	David Tall	Vivienne Farrell Linda
3 rd Sunday after Easter 30.4.23	Mark Williams Mary Williams	David Kilpatrick Acts, 2:42-47	Peter Le Sueur 1 Peter, 2:19-25	Hazel Rosanska	Sarah Banks Jane Le Sueur

*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.

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