



SUNDAY LINK



St Mary's Potton ♦ All Saints' Sutton ♦ St John's Cockayne Hatley
Sunday 29 January 2023, 4th Sunday after Epiphany

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)

Friday 27th January

8.15am Nick Wilson, St Mary's Organist, on BigglesFM with "Thought for the Day" with Alan Waring's Breakfast Show 104.8Mhz on your FM Tuner Dial

12.45pm **Potton Parish Lunch, with presentation to St John's Hospice of last years fund raiser!**
See Page 5 for Details

Saturday 28th January

7pm Burn's Night Celebration and Dinner
St Mary's Church Hall, Potton. **SOLD OUT!**

Sunday 29th January

1pm Baptism of Aurelio Purdy at St. Marys Potton

Tuesday 31st January

11am Funeral of former St John's Churchwarden Gloria Crossley BEM, at St. Johns Church, Cockayne Hatley

Sunday 5th February

10.30am **Friends and Family Service.**
Theme Candlemas
See Poster on Page 4

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 our dear friend Gloria Crossley who died on New Years Day and Rev. Gillian Orpin who also died recently and who gave us much support during the Interregnum.

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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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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Living Gods Love with Generosity, Joy, Imagination and Courage

Going Deeper into God ♦ Transforming Communities ♦ Making new Disciples

Notices

Gloria Crossley's Funeral

This will take place on Tuesday

31st January at 11am at St. Johns Cockayne Hatley.

Following the service the congregation are invited to gather at the Coach House in Potton

The Preen Foodbank Collection is Returning.

From Tuesday 24th of January we will be collecting again for the Foodbank at Preen.

As before there will be drop off points at both St. Marys and All Saints. These will be available whenever the churches are open. (We appreciate that food could go missing, but we do not have space to store it prior to collection)

Please only donate food that is in a hard and durable container such as tins, jars and strong plastics. Please do not donate items in plastic wrapping etc as our church mice could nibble through them! Also please do not donate fresh food.

**Food Bank
@preen**



When Shall We Run Lent Groups?

We're hoping to run two Lent groups this year.

Before we set the times and places we would like to find out when we might get the most people. We are NOT asking people to sign up at this stage. We just want to know what the best times to advertise are.

Please see the tick sheet at the back of St. Marys and All Saints (*the sheet will be in All Saints from 26th*) or contact Rev. Alex.

An Afternoon Service for Ash Wednesday?

Ash Wednesday is on the 22nd of February.

As per previous years there will be a service at 7:30pm in the evening. However we are aware that for many people evenings can be difficult and the hill to St. Marys a real challenge.

Rev. Alex would therefore like to know if there is sufficient interest in also having a service at St. Marys Parish Hall at 1pm (the only time he can offer) on the same day. This would replace the Hall Communion Service the Day before.

If this is something you would like, please can you express an interest by contacting Rev. Alex (contact details on last page of Link)

Sound Desk Operators

Revd Alex has informed me that we have volunteers who have come forward and will need some training. It's all quite easy but I will give you some tuition on the "Dos and Don'ts", but if you find yourself on duty one Sunday and aren't sure what to do, I usually get in before the service fairly early and will be available to help, so don't panic. Please email me on g3oxg@aol.com to let me know when you might be available for the training.
Dave Thompson.

More Notices

A Change in Day for the Nightlight Service

Nightlight is a wonderful calm and still time of prayer and worship with prayer, song and reflections from different contributions. The service always concludes with some form of contemplation. A stilling and worshipful time before the new week begins. The service begins with refreshments from 7:15pm with the service starting at 7.30pm.

Nightlight will now meet on the second Sunday of the month (instead of the 1st Sunday) Changes to this arrangement will be advertised in advance.



A ST MARY'S CHURCH EVENTS PRESENTATION

Join us for an evening Celebrating Burns Night 2023

SOLD OUT!

at St Mary's Church Hall - Potton

Tickets £20.00ea

Price includes 3-course menu with coffee and shortbread. [Accompanied with a Wee-Dram!!]

Please reserve your tickets on the registration sheet found in the church, or, call Rosemary on 07753 638278, or, scan the QR code below for online purchase



Candles for Ukraine

The Sandy Rotary Club are collecting used and new candles to send to Ukraine to provide heat and light. These will be melted down and turned into new candles. There is a need for both as Putin has knocked out so much of the power grid.

You can drop off your candles at St. Marys and All Saints from Sunday 15th Jan and also Coach House in Potton and Tesco in Sandy.

The collection will conclude at the end of February

Regular Groups

Craft and Chatter

Every other Friday (Unless Notified) (*Green Bin Day in Potton!*), *January meeting 20th*

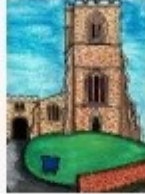
Craft and Chatter, is an informal Craft Group. The meetings are at 7.30pm in St Mary's Church Hall, Hatley Road, Potton, SG19 2RP. Bring along your current project and socialise with like minded new friends. Entry is £3 which includes refreshments. Plenty of room for new members so why not give it a 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



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

FRIENDS & FAMILY SERVICE

Sunday 5th February 10.30-11.30 am

This month's theme is:

CANDLEMAS

Bible Story Prayer Music Church Band Friendship
Candle Window Art Sewing Knitting and Crochet
Tea Coffee Home-made Cakes Surprise Treat

'In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.'

Matthew 5:16



Potton Parish Lunch for January 27th, 2023

Another reminder that it will be the next Parish lunch to support St John's Hospice at Moggerhanger in St Mary's church hall, on Friday 27th January at 12.45pm and on the last Friday of the month after this. The cost is £9 for a tasty two course meal and payment is taken at the door. Please support this enjoyable event for a very worthwhile cause. This month, we present St John's with a sum of over £5000!

We still need more people to prepare a main course or dessert for the lunch, costs can be re-imbursed. If you can help, please contact Jane on 01767 260193 or Judi on 01767 260710. The lunch for December again raised over £400 which puts us well on course for another bumper donation to St John's Hospice next year.

January's Sunday Services and Rotas

Date January 2023	Potton 9am	Cockayne Hatley 9am	Sutton 9am	Potton 10.30am	Potton 7.15pm Service starts at 7.30pm	Cockayne Hatley 3pm
1 Jan	NO Morning Prayer		Morning Prayer	Holy Communion Rev. Barbra Ebeling	NO NightLight ↓	
8 Jan		Holy Communion ***	Service of the Word	Holy Communion ***	NightLight Also on Zoom s.e.banks@btinternet.com	
15 Jan	Morning Prayer		Holy Communion	Communion with Treasure Boxes ***		
22 Jan	Morning Prayer		Holy Communion	Choral Communion ***		Evening Prayer
29 Jan	Morning Prayer		Holy Communion	Holy Communion ***		

Potton Sunday Rota

	Sidespersons	Reading 1	Reading 2	Prayers	Refreshments	Sound
1.1.23 1 st Sunday after Christmas	John <u>Rosanski</u> Ros Tall	Ros Tall Isaiah, 9: 2-7	Dawn Kerridge Titus, 2: 11-14	Hazel <u>Rosanska</u>		
8.1.23 1 st Sunday after Epiphany	Ben Hall Laura hall	Judi Hobbs Jeremiah, 31: 7-14	Deborah Royal Ephesians, 1: 3-14	Hazel <u>Rosanska</u>	Judi Hobbs Rosemary Kimber	John Hobbs
15.1.23 2 nd Sunday after Epiphany	Katy Savage				Pat Thwaites Vivienne Farrell	Paul Taylor
22.1.23 3 rd Sunday after Epiphany	Roger Gale and ?	Nick Wilson Isaiah, 9: 1-4	Graham Daniels 1 Corinthians, 1: 10-18	Simon Gutteridge	Sue Colledge <u>Ros Tall</u>	
29.1.23 4 th Sunday after Epiphany	John <u>Rosanski</u> June Moore	Kim Gutteridge 1 Kings, 17: 8-16	Peter Le <u>Sueur</u> , 1 Corinthians, 1: 18-31	Dawn Kerridge	Linda Rosemary Kimber	

*Zoom Code & Link
for these services*

Meeting ID: 815 0338

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us02web.zoom.us/
j/81503383687

**St Marys Church
Hall**

**Communion Ser-
vices**

(all 12 noon)

21 Feb 23

21 Mar 23

18 Apr 23

Guest Preachers

12 February: (St. Johns & St. Marys) Padre Terry Wright of Chicksands RAF Base

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

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.

If at any time you wish to unsubscribe from these emails then please reply and let us know