



# SUNDAY LINK



St Mary's Potton ♦ All Saints' Sutton ♦ St John's Cockayne Hatley  
**Sunday 5th March 2023, Second Sunday of Lent**

**Website:** [www.pottonparishchurch.org.uk](http://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)

- 3 –5pm** **Wednesday 1st March**  
Afternoon Tea in All Saints Sutton
- 2.30pm** **Friday 3rd March**  
Mother's Union World Day of Prayer, open to all, not just Ladies! In the Church Hall. Refreshments
- 11am** **Wednesday 8th March**  
Funeral of Mrs Joan Smith  
At St Mary's Church, Potton
- 8.15am** **Friday 10th March**  
Nick Wilson on BigglesFM with his Thought for the Day
- 3pm** **Sunday 12 March**  
(St. Johns & St. Marys) Guest Preacher  
Bea Grace (St. Johns Hospice Chaplain)  
Potton Civic Service, St. Marys Potton
- 2.30pm** **Thursday 16 March**  
APCM for St. John the Baptist Cockayne Hatley
- 7pm** **Saturday 18th March**  
Irish Quiz Night in the Church Hall.  
2 course meal in the interval. Bar available. £15pp
- 10am –4pm** **Saturday 25th March**  
Hearts for Moggerhanger, St John's Hospice.  
Nearly new Ladies and Children's in Number One King's Street by special permission.

### 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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Or email: [safeguarding@stalbans](mailto:safeguarding@stalbans).

## 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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*Living Gods Love with Generosity, Joy, Imagination and Courage*

*Going Deeper into God ♦ Transforming Communities ♦ Making new Disciples*

## 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.*

A blue square logo with the words "Daily Prayer" in white text.

### 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.*

5th March: St. Marys, Eaton Socon

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.**

### **Looking for Some Lenten Reading?**

There is a table of bible and theology books in St. Marys. A few might be good for Lenten reading. Please go help yourself, leaving a donation in the wall safe.

## Notices

### **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



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

### **FRIENDS & FAMILY SERVICE**

**Sunday 5th March 10.30-11.30 am**

This month's theme is:

### **LENT**

Bible Story \* Prayer \* Music \* Church Band \* Friendship \*  
Lenten Money Box Craft \* Sewing \* Knitting and Crochet \*  
Colouring \* Tea \* Coffee \* Home-made Cakes \* Surprise Treat

*Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.*

Psalm 27: 14

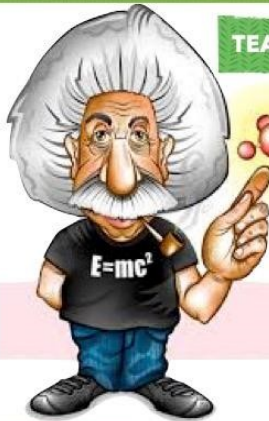


### **"IRISH THEMED" QUIZ EVENING**

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  
morning or contact Rosemary Kimber.

**ALL SAINTS CHURCH  
SUTTON**

### **AFTERNOON TEA**



**FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH**  
Wednesday 1st March  
Wednesday 5th April  
Wednesday 3rd May

AT  
3 P.M.

**ALL WELCOME**

### **Mothers Union World Day of Prayer**

Friday, 3rd March - St Mary's Church Hall -2.30pm.

The service has been written by the women of Taiwan. This used to be the Women's World Day of Prayer but it is now for everyone. Please come and listen about the lives of Christians in Taiwan. The service will be followed by refreshments.

## **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**

Our lovely team of ladies who raise money for St John's Hospice at Moggerhanger, are now rolling up their sleeves for the first fund raising event for 2023.

On Saturday March 25th, from 10am till 4pm, they 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.

**5th March, 10:30am, All Saints Sutton**

**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](http://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**

**Potton Parish Lunch  
Annual Presentation to  
The Sue Ryder St John's Hospice  
Moggerhanger**

**The Potton Parish Lunch of January 27th 2023, was the occasion when the Cheque of the Proceeds of the 2022 Lunches was handed over to the Fund Raising Team from St John's.**

**This year the cheque was our largest ever and was for £5,500.**

**Ruth Norman handed the cheque to Nick Burr who went on to tell us that since we had started our scheme in 1993, we have raised a total of £88,685, an amount which could fund 4,223 hours of care for patients and their families in difficult times.**

**We are very pleased we were able to do this and help so many.**



**Potton Lunch Club  
Thank you for raising £88,685  
Your continued support is  
greatly appreciated**

Nick Burr, Community Fundraiser  
visit: [sueyder.org](http://sueyder.org)



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**Nick Burr, with his guide dog Amber, receives our cheque from Ruth Norman, on behalf of the Team, and our Diners of course!**

**Below. Nick Burr with guide dog Amber, Donna, Assistant Fund Raiser for St John's, and most of the team of Cooks, Vegetable Preparers, Bottle Washers, and anyone else that helps.**

**Photos by Dave Thompson**

**Table and Chairs Crew, and table layers:**

**Peter LeSueur,  
Kevin Thompson  
Dave Thompson  
Alf Fisher.**

**Table Cloth Laundering: by  
Sandra Thompson**

**Event MC: Dave Thompson**



## *March Sunday Services and Rotas*

<b>Date</b> March 2023	<b>Potton</b> 9am	<b>Cockayne</b> <b>Hatley</b> 9am	<b>Sutton</b> 9am	<b>Potton</b> 10.30am	<b>Potton</b> 7.15pm Service starts at 7.30pm	<b>Cockayne</b> <b>Hatley</b> 4pm
<b>5th</b> <b>March</b> <small>2nd Sunday of Lent</small>	<b>Morning</b> <b>Prayer</b>		<b>Holy</b> <b>Communion</b>	<b>Family and</b> <b>Friends</b>		
<b>12th</b> <b>March</b> <small>3rd Sunday of Lent</small>		<b>Holy</b> <b>Communion</b> ***	<b>Service of the</b> <b>Word</b>	<b>Holy</b> <b>Communion</b> ***	<b>NightLight</b>  <b>Also on Zoom</b> s.e.banks@btinternet.com	
<b>19th</b> <b>March</b> <small>Mothering Sunday</small>	<b>Morning</b> <b>Prayer</b>		<b>Holy</b> <b>Communion</b>	<b>Communion</b> <b>with Treasure</b> <b>Boxes</b> ***		
<b>26th</b> <b>March</b> <small>5th Sunday of Lent</small>	<b>Morning</b> <b>Prayer</b>		<b>Service of the</b> <b>Word</b>	<b>Choral</b> <b>Communion</b> ***		<b>Evening</b> <b>Prayer</b>

### *Potton Sunday Rota*

	<u>Sidespersons</u>	<u>Reading 1</u>	Reading 2	<u>Prayers</u>	<u>Refreshments</u>	<u>Sound</u>
2 <sup>ND</sup> Sunday in Lent 5.3.23	Families and Friends					
3 <sup>rd</sup> 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	

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*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) Bea Grace (St. Johns Hospice Chaplain)

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