



# SUNDAY LINK



St Mary's Potton ♦ All Saints' Sutton ♦ St John's Cockayne Hatley

**Sunday 28th January 2024, Epiphany IV**

## Websites:

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

**Sutton:** <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7396/>

**Cockayne Hatley:** <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7398/>

**Facebook:** **St Mary's Church, Potton, SG19 2RP**

## Diary (For Sunday Worship please see final page)

### Friday 26 January

**12:45**— Parish Lunch, St. Marys Church Hall (See Notice)

### Saturday 27 January

**10am-1pm** -Link Cafe, Potton Community Centre, Brook End

**7pm/ 7.30pm** -Potton Burns Night (See Poster for Details)

### Friday 2 February

**11am**—Funeral of Mr. Jim Seamer, St Swithuns Church Sandy

### Saturday 3 February

**3:30pm**—Marriage Preparation Afternoon, St. Mary's Church Hall

### Sunday 11 February

**10:30am**—Baptism Julie Neill & MarcTear, St. Marys Church

### Wednesday 14 February

**7.30**—Ash Wednesday Service, St. Marys Church Potton

## Weekly Events

- 9.30am** All Fridays, June, July, August, September  
**First Steps** , See Notes on Page 3 for full details
- 7.30pm** **Craft and Chatter**, See Page 3 for full details/dates
- 2.45pm** Thursdays in School Term **Shine Together**, Sutton

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## Prayer

**Benefice:** Rev Barbara;

**Potton:** Chris, Dave & Fran, Rob & Lynn & Family, Paula, Sandra, Pam, Felicity, Vivienne, Joyce, Susan & Maggie, Mark, Nigel, Pam, James, Richard, Ade, Michael

**Sutton:** Roger;

**Cockayne Hatley:** Tony;

**For** all those remembering their dearly departed among them:  
Jim Seamer, Jennifer Judd

*God of heaven,  
you send the gospel to the ends of the earth  
and your messengers to every nation:  
send your Holy Spirit to transform us  
by the good news of everlasting life  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

## Church Opening Times

**St Mary's Potton 10am—4pm daily**

**All Saints' Sutton 9am—4pm daily**

## Key Contacts

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

# The Link Café

Connecting St. Mary's Church with the Community

A place for people of all ages to meet for friendship, refreshment and cake!

Saturday 27 January  
Saturday 24 February  
Saturday 30 March  
Saturday 27 April  
Saturday 25 May

10am – 1pm,  
Community Centre Brook End, Potton



Includes children's corner  
with toys and fun craft  
activities!

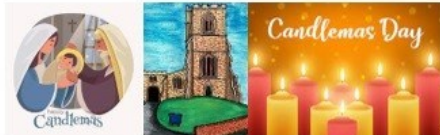
## Jim Seamer

We are sad to inform you that Mr. Jim Seamer of G&H Seamer Funeral Directors has died. Many of you will have known Jim through his work and be aware of his skill and dedication.

Through his work he has brought comfort to grieving families for decades. His commitment and passion has and will be continued through Grandson Tom. We ask you to pray for him and all the company's employees at this sad time.

His funeral service will be held in **St Swithun's Church, Sandy on the 2nd February 2024 at 11am.** I have been told that all are welcome to attend. I believe the Area Dean will be leading the service.

This is likely to be a **very well attended service.** Therefore if **you require a seat we suggest getting there early.** Similarly parking might be tight so we suggest **car sharing as much as possible.**



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

**FRIENDS & FAMILY SERVICE**

**Sunday 4th February 10.30-11.30 am**

This month's theme is:

**CANDLEMAS**

- \* Bible Story \* Prayer \* Music \* Church Band \* Friendship
- \* Candle Holder Craft \* 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



## Biggleswade Chronicle Writer

Dave Thompson will be stepping down from his role of writing a brief article for the Biggleswade Chronicle.

**Is there anyone who might be willing to take on this responsibility please?**

A ST MARY'S CHURCH EVENTS PRESENTATION



**Join us for an evening Celebrating Burns Night 2024**

**Saturday  
27th January 2024**

at St Mary's Church Hall - Potton

Doors open at 7.00pm  
Dinner starts at 7.30pm

**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




## Guest Preacher

St. Mary's Potton's Fourth Sunday Guest Preacher series returns on 28 January. On that Sunday we will welcome Rev. Dr Andy Pike, Hospital Chaplain from Bedford Hospital.

## Having A New Year Clear Out?

With the coming of the new year, some of us will be having a clear out. If anyone has these, Rev. Alex and the Benefice would be interested in the following!:

- Box files
- Old (not fitted) sheets to be used as dust sheets in church
- A small Flatscreen Monitor/ TV Screen with HDMI socket.
- A DVD player.

In addition remember:

- > in the Spring, All Saints' will be looking for empty plastic plant pots!
- > The Rotary collection for candles is still ongoing (see separate box).

## Candles for Ukraine

Sandy Rotary are looking for new or used candles to melt down into large candles ready to be sent to Ukraine for a cold a difficult winter ahead. Large collection tubs are available at St. Mary's and All Saints' porches, until the end of January.

## Coat Collection

Biggleswade & District Rotary Club is collecting all types of coats in good condition (used or new) for people in need. All Saints Church, Sutton, hosts a large collection box near its welcome desk.

A good way to support people this winter!

If in doubt about delivering, contact Sutton Church Warden. See page 1

## Parish Lunch

The next Parish lunch to support St John's Moggerhanger will be held in St Mary's Church Hall on

**Friday 26th at 12.45pm** and on the last Friday of the month after this.

The cost is £10 for a tasty two course meal and payment is taken at the door. Please support this enjoyable event for a very worthwhile cause.

**Also Please note the alteration to the date for the February Parish lunch which will be on Friday 16th February.**

# Start!

God, Jesus and the journey of life in six sessions

Readers of previous Links will be now be familiar with this new venture!

We still need help in two key ways:

## 1. Volunteers to Cook and Serve the Meal!

To show hospitality and make attendance easier for people coming from work, we would like to be able to serve food. This would be precooked and then reheated. The meal only needs to be something simple like soup. (We will not know dietary requirements till after the first session, so we suggest vegetarian/ dishes). You would then bring the food and help serve it on the night. A sign up sheet is available on the welcome desk at the North Door entrance and **there are still two sessions we need cooks for.**

## 2. Invite people to attend!

By far the best way to promote this course is by personal invitation. Perhaps you know someone who has been asking questions or you have a relative who is curious? If so be brave and invite them! (There are plenty of flyers available in church)

### Regular Groups

### Craft and Chatter

Every other Friday (Unless Notified) (*Green Bin Day in Potton!*) Next dates: TBA

*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.*

**NB.** There are no Craft and Chatter meetings in December except for Members Christmas party on Dec 8th

**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.

## **Shrove Tuesday Pancakes at All Saints Sutton**

We will be tossing pancakes at All Saints Church on Tuesday 13th of February between 3 and 4pm, primarily for the families of Sutton Lower School, but all are welcome to attend (if you are planning to come and aren't from the school please let Jo Hollington (Tel: 01767 261910) know in advance so we have a sense of numbers.

## **Lent 2024**

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

*Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.*

### **Ash Wednesday**

The traditional Ash Wednesday Service which marks the formal start of Lent will take place on 14th of February at 7.30pm in St. Marys Church Potton. Come and receive the sign of the cross in ash as we begin our Lenten journeys.

### **Morning Prayer**

Lent is an excellent time to pick up some new prayer habits. Therefore a reminder that we hold Morning Prayer at 8.30 on the following days and places:

Wednesdays: St. John the Baptist Cockayne Hatley

Thursdays: All Saints Sutton

Fridays: St. Mary's Potton

### **Lent Study Groups**

Last year we used Lent to launch study groups. As we come to Lent 2024 now might be a good time to join them if you haven't already:

Tuesday Group: (*Tuesdays at: 7.30, starting on 13 February.*) This group usually meets on a monthly basis but will be switching to weekly for Lent. It will first take a look at Old Testament Prophets before turning to the Resurrection. The last session will be a meal together. Contact Dawn Kerridge for details including location.

Friday Group: (*Friday 16 Feb at 10:30am.*) This group is sticking to its monthly pattern, but Lent is still a good time to join them, as they start a new topic: The 12 Apostles. Contact Simon Guttridge for details including location.

### **Lent Evening Services**

Each Sunday at 6pm in Lent people will gather in different churches for worship and a sermon on the topic of Mark's Gospel given by guest preachers including our Archdeacon And Bishop of Bedford

18th February: St. Mary's Potton

25th February: St. Swithuns, Sandy

3rd March: St. Andrews Biggleswade

10th March: St. John's Moggerhanger

17th: St Edmund/ St. James, Blunham

# January 2024 Sunday Services and Rotas

Date	Potton	Cockayne Hatley	Sutton	Potton	Potton	Cockayne Hatley
January 2024	9am	9am	9am	10.30am	7.15pm Service starts at 7.30pm	4pm
7 January The Epiphany	Morning Prayer		Holy Communion	Holy Communion		
14 Jan Epiphany 2		Holy Communion	Service of the Word	Holy Communion	NightLight <i>Contact for Zoom Link</i>	
21 Jan Epiphany 3	Morning Prayer		Holy Communion	Communion with Treasure Boxes ***		
28 Jan Epiphany 4	Morning Prayer		Service of the Word	Choral Communion ***		Evening Prayer

## Potton Rota

	<u>Sidespersons</u>	<u>Reading 1</u>	<u>Reading 2</u>	<u>Prayers</u>	<u>Altar Flowers</u>	<u>Lady Chapel Flowers</u>	<u>Refreshments</u>	<u>Sound</u>
Epiphany 7.1.24	June Moore John Rozanski	Deborah Royal Isaiah, 60:1-6	Hazel Rosanska Ephesians, 3:1-12	David Tall	Ros Tall	Ros tall	Joyce Jakes Sarah Banks	
14.1.24 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany	Katy Savage Joyce	Graham Daniels 1 Samuel, 3:1-10	Katy Savage Revelations, 5:1-10	Kim Gutteridge	Rosemary Kimber	Rosemary Kimber	Vivienne Farrall Jane Le Sueur	Ben Hall
21.1.24 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany	Roger Gale George Howe	Treasure Box Communion					Rosemary Kimber Judi Hobbs	John Hobbs
28.2.24 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany	Sue Colledge Bill Colledge	Sue Colledge Deuteronomy, 18:15-20	Bill Colledge Revelation, 12:1-5a	David Kilpatrick	Judi Hobbs	Judi Hobbs	Linda Ros Tall	Paul Taylor

**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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*These services can be shown on zoom **BY REQUEST** 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)**

**20th February  
19th March**

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