



SUNDAY LINK



St Mary's Potton ♦ All Saints' Sutton ♦ St John's Cockayne Hatley
Sunday 17 September 2023, Trinity 15

Websites:

Potton: 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

For Sunday Worship Please see final page

- 9.30am All Fridays, September, October, November
First Steps, See Notes on Page 3 for full details
- 7.30pm Craft and Chatter, See Page 3 for full details/dates
- 2.45pm Thursday in School Term Shine Together, Sutton

Diary (For Sunday Worship Please see final page)

- Thursday 14th September**
2.30pm Mothers Union, 28, King Street
- Saturday 16th September**
9 -12pm Potton Seasonal Market on the Market Square
- Sunday 17th September**
1pm Baptism of Bonnie-Blue & Alec-Ambrose Doherty,
St Mary's Church
- 5.30pm Taizé Service, St John the Baptist
- Friday 22nd September**
7.30pm School Dinner Evening, Church Hall (see Page2)
- Saturday 30th September**
10am-1pm A New Venture—Link Café, see page 2

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Prayer

**Please pray for those who
have asked for our prayers:**

Benefice: Rev Barbara;

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

Sutton: Roger;

Cockayne Hatley: Tony;

For all those remembering their dearly departed, especially this week, Jamie, neighbour to Denise Brown.

*Lord God,
defend your Church from all false
teaching
and give to your people knowledge
of your truth,
that we may enjoy eternal life*

Church Opening Times

St Mary's Potton 10am—4pm daily

All Saints' Sutton 9am—4pm daily

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Editorial

As you must all be aware, we don't usually have an Editorial column but I have included one this time because we simply do not have enough news being sent in for incorporating into our weekly newsletter.

Alex and myself do our best with the articles that we can find but really, many of them are repeats from earlier editions to use up the space.

This week, I will be using some of my write up of events from last weekend that usually goes into the Chronicle, Facebook and the Website.

Any good items can be sent, preferably with a church link please. Come on, get thinking!!

Regards, Dave T

Mothers' **UNION**

September Meeting

The September Mothers' Union meeting will be held on Thursday, 14th September at 28, King Street, at 2.30pm. All welcome.

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 30 September,

10am – 1pm,

Community Centre Brook End, Potton

New Notices for Future Events Wanted

We have had a busy Summer with lot's of local events planned and presented, but what we now want, is news of any future events for the Autumn or later.

So if you're planning an event, Please let us know so we can prepare our part in the advertising. Send any ideas to me at g3oxg@aol.com

Dave Thompson

See also Editorial Column!

BACK TO SCHOOL DINNER

Friday 22nd September

7:15 – 10:30pm

St Mary's Church Hall, Potton

Join us for some specials from our classic school dinner menu and enjoy an evening of nostalgia

Expect to sit numerous tests!

FANCY DRESS IS ENCOURAGED

Tickets £15 each

Either sign-up in the church or text

Rosemary on 07753 638278; or

Paul on 07714 254158 to reserve tickets.

Bar Available (ID will be required!!!)

School rules WILL be obeyed at all times



Taize Services

at St. John the Baptist
Cockayne Hatley

2023

Beautiful melodic chanting in the beautiful setting of St. John the Baptist Church.

Contact Rev. Alex for more details:

alex.wheatley.lector@gmail.com

17th September, 5.30pm

Last weekend was a busy one in Potton and the surrounding districts.

On Saturday, in Potton we had the Annual Potton Show where all the artists, photographers, flower and vegetable growers, bakers and home brewers and hand crafters of all types, gathered together in a large marquee on the church field, to try and win top money in their relevant classes, or maybe a silver cup! A good crowd came along to see how skilled some of our townspeople are with their hands and maybe giving them ideas for the next Potton Show, a year from now. The weather was ideal and we were entertained throughout the afternoon by the very talented Letchworth Morris Men who come along every year to show their skills in this ancient form of folk dancing. As usual, they gave us enjoyment and amusement throughout the afternoon. In the evening, after all the exhibits were put away or given away as the case may be, the marquee was reset for a splendid session of barn dancing till late into the night. A great day all round! Sunday morning saw the next event, a Craft Fayre, being set up for Craft enthusiasts.

On Sunday, the day was a little different as it coincided with National Heritage day, a day looking at our Heritage and organised by the National Trust with various members of St Mary's Church and our sister churches in Sutton and Cockayne Hatley, and as well as attending their morning services, attended to the needs of walkers and bike riders who were visiting ancient churches in the two counties of Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire and this needed volunteers to log them into the tour locally and to see if they needed refreshments on a break in their journey. Other volunteers like myself, went a bit further perhaps, as I went to Jordan's Mill on the edge of Biggleswade to give my time showing visitors around various aspects of this ancient mill, which became the first water mill in the country to produce pure white flour, from 1900 onwards. All modern mills are based on the system derived at this unique mill but it no longer makes flour even though all the machinery is still in place, and it will never produce white flour again due to modern Food Safety rules. For me, it was a good chance to meet lots of people and tell them how their modern bread was developed, once pure white flour could be made. The Mill closed in 2000 having worked since 1900, but is now a popular visitor attraction in the area.

The Social Committee have arranged a "School Dinner" evening on Friday September 22nd at 7.15pm for 7.30 start, school uniform encouraged if you still have any!! Cost of a real school dinner will be £15. More details on Facebook or St Mary's website.

Final notes: Mother's Union Meeting, September 14th, See this week's Sunday Link newsletter

Finally, we have a Market Stall on September 16th and help will be needed on our stall. Again, see this Sunday Link, Page 2 for details.

Regular Groups

Craft and Chatter

Every other Friday (Unless Notified) (Green Bin Day in Potton!) Next dates: Sept 15, 29

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. Normal service resumes from Sept 15*

September 2023 Sunday Services and Rotas

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

Date September 2023	Potton 9am	Cockayne Hatley 9am	Sutton 9am	Potton 10.30am	Potton 7.15pm Service starts at 7.30pm	Cockayne Hatley 4pm
3 Sept Trinity 13	Morning Prayer		Holy Communion	Friends and Family		
10 Sept Trinity 14		Holy Communion	Service of the Word	Holy Communion ***	NightLight *** Contact for Zoom Link See Page 2	
17 Sept Trinity 15	Morning Prayer		Holy Communion	Communion with Treasure Boxes ***		
24 Sept Trinity 16	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>Altar Flowers</u>	<u>Lady Chapel Flowers</u>	<u>Refreshments</u>	<u>Sound</u>
3.9.23 13 th Sunday after Trinity	Friends and Families				Janet Kilpatrick	Louise Landon	Joyce Jakes	
10.9.23 14 th Sunday after Trinity	Ben Hall Laura Hall	Simon Gutteridge Exodus, 12:1-14	Judi Hobbs Romans, 13:8-14	Hazel Rozanski	Rosemary Kimber	Rosemary Kimber	Jane Le Sueur Rosemary Kimber	John Hobbs
17.9.23 15 th Sunday after Trinity	Katy savage	Treasure Box Communion			Ros Tall	Ros Tall	Heather Gale Judi Hobbs	Paul Taylor
24.9.23 16 th Sunday after Trinity	David Tall Ros Tall	Ros Tall Exodus, 16:2-15	Kim Gutteridge Phillipians, 1:21- 30	David Kilpatrick	June Moore	Jane Le Sueur	Sarah Banks Sue Colledge	Ben Hall

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.

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)

19 September

*Please note change
of date*

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