



SUNDAY LINK



St Mary's Potton ♦ All Saints' Sutton ♦ St John's Cockayne Hatley
Sunday 7th May 2023, 5th Sunday of Easter

Website: www.pottonparishchurch.org.uk

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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 5th May

1pm Funeral of Mr Frank Smith, St Mary's Church, Potton

9.30am Saturday 6th May

Proclamation on the Market Square
by the Town Crier

9.30am **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)

1.30pm Saturday 13th May

First Afternoon Tea At St John's, Cockayne Hatley

2.15-4pm Sunday 14th May

Bell Sunday. Bell Tower open for any one to see our Bells in action, or "Have a Go" yourself!

2pm Saturday 20th May

Wedding of Emily Vale and Matthew Keeble
St Mary's Church, Potton

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, Frank Smith, Roger Catt and Barbra Oliver

Father, we thank you for the vocations to which you call us. Equip and enable us for all you would have us do. Amen

Church Opening Times

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

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Living Gods Love with Generosity, Joy, Imagination and Courage

Going Deeper into God ♦ Transforming Communities ♦ Making new Disciples

The King's
CORONATION
MAY 6, 2023



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

FRIENDS & FAMILY SERVICE

Sunday 7th May 10.30-11.30 am

This month's theme is:

PROMISES

Bible Story * Prayer * Music * Church Band * Friendship *
Making Crowns * Coronation Sewing * Knitting and Crochet *
Colouring * Tea * Coffee * Home-made Cakes * Surprise Treat

*'I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of
the covenant between me and the earth.'* Genesis 9.13



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

First Afternoon Tea for the Season, At St John's Church, Cockayne Hatley. 1.30pm

A photograph showing a pair of hands gently holding a small globe of the Earth. To the right, a lit candle provides a warm, soft light against a dark background.

May's theme:
**Global
Village**

Nightlight

Sunday 14th May 2023
(Christian Aid) St
Mary's Church

Service starts at 7.30pm
with the option of
arriving at 7.15 for
refreshments.

Also on Zoom for anyone confined
at home

Contact
s.e.banks@btinternet.com for
Zoom Code

Visit From Bishop of Bedford

Bishop Richard has not visited St. John the Baptist Cockayne Hatley for quite some time. He has therefore decided to preside and preach at the 9am Communion service on the 14th of May. All welcome.

Bellringing Sunday

Sunday, 14th May is Bell Sunday and we are going to open the tower between 2.15pm and 4.00pm for people to come and look at the bells, learn something about bells and bell ringing and perhaps have a go.



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:

09.30: Proclamation on the Town Square by Potton's Town Crier

09.30: Churches open.

10.00: Procession: Buckingham Palace to Westminster Abbey

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

12.00: 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.

At St. Marys, the bells will be rung half an hour before the service. The bells at All Saints will also be rung at a similar time.

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.



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 Citadel 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 Citadel (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 10:30am. 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 it's 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!

May 2023 Sunday Services and Rotas

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

Date	Potton 9am	Cockayne Hatley 9am	Sutton 9am	Potton 10.30am	Potton 7.15pm Service starts at 7.30pm	Cockayne Hatley 4pm
7 May Easter 5	Morning Prayer		Holy Communion	Friends and Family See Page 2		
14 May Easter 6 (Christian Aid Week)		Holy Communion ***	Service of the Word	Holy Communion ***	NightLight *** Contact for Zoom Link See Page 3	
21 May Easter 7 (Thy Kingdom Come)	Morning Prayer		Holy Communion	Communion with Treasure Boxes ***		
28 May Pentecost	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>Refreshments</u>	<u>Sound</u>
4 th Sunday after Easter 7.5.23	Friends and families				Joyce Jakes	
5 th Sunday after Easter 14.5.23	Ros Tall David Tall	Nick Wilson Acts, 17: 22-31	Kim Gutteridge 1 Peter, 3: 13-22	David Kilpatrick	Linda Pat Thwaites	Paul Taylor
Ascension Day 18.5.23	Roger Gale George Howe	Treasure Box	Service			
Sunday after Ascension Day 21.5.23	John Rozanski	Hazel <u>Rosanska</u> Acts, 1: 1-11	David Tall Ephesians, 1: 15- 23	Simon Gutteridge	Ros Tall Heather Gale	Ben
Pentecost (Whitsunday) 28.5.23	Katy Savage June Moore	Katy Savage Acts, 2: 1-21	David Kilpatrick 1 Corinthians, 12 3b-13	Roger Gale	Rosemary Kimber Judi Hobbs	John Hobbs

*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.

St Marys Church Hall Communion Services

(all 12 noon)

18 Apr 23

16 May 23

20 June 23

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