



SUNDAY LINK



St Mary's Potton ♦ All Saints' Sutton ♦ St John's Cockayne Hatley
Sunday 26th February 2023, First Sunday of Lent

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)

Wednesday 22 February

- 7.30pm** Ash Wednesday Service, St. Marys Potton

Friday 24th February

- 12.45pm** Potton Parish Lunch, in aid of St John's Hospice, Moggerhanger. In St Mary's Church Hall, cost £9 pp
- 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

Saturday 25th February

- 10am** Blunham Parish Church, See advert on page 2

Wednesday 1st March

- 3-5pm** Afternoon Tea in All Saints Sutton

Wednesday 8th March

- 11am** Funeral of Joan Smith, St. Marys Potton

Sunday 12 March

(St. Johns & St. Marys) Guest Preacher
 Bea Grace (St. Johns Hospice Chaplain)

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 guide us as we prepare for the season of Lent.

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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Mr. William Hollington: (Churchwarden, Sutton): 01767 261910

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Rdr Simon Gutteridge: (Reader & Calendar Management): 01767 260306

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.

Living Gods Love with Generosity, Joy, Imagination and Courage

Going Deeper into God ♦ Transforming Communities ♦ Making new Disciples

Notices

Conclusion of Silverware Theft Investigation

While a **potential** suspect was identified there is not enough evidence to go further. Unless further information comes in this is where the investigation concludes. I appreciate this is disappointing, but this was always the likely outcome of the investigation. A claim has been submitted to the insurers and once the funds have been released new items will be purchased.

Blunham Church Annual Big Book Sale

As usual, we have been asked to publicise this event

To be held on
Saturday 25th
February 2023. 10.00
am to 3.00 pm in
Blunham Parish
Church, MK44 3NQ, .



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



**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

News from Rosemary Kimber (Potton Church)

*Two items of interest from Rosemary, please
mark in your diaries and calendars:*

1. Friday, 3rd March - The World Day of Prayer service will be held in St Mary's Church Hall at 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.

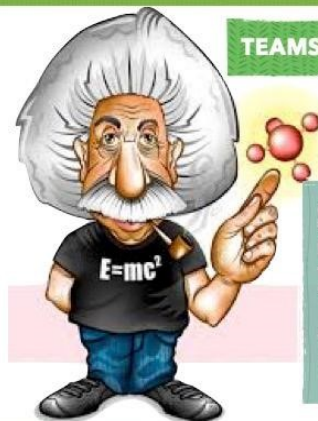
2. Saturday, 18th March - The Events team are holding an Irish Quiz in the church hall starting at 7.00pm. During the evening a 2 course Irish meal will be served. Teams of up to 6. The cost will be £15. Please sign up on the sheet on the sides mans table. If you haven't got a team and would like to come, we'll make up teams. (It's a good way to meet people)

"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]

More Notices

Lent 2023

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

Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.

22nd February – Ash Wednesday

The traditional service that begins this season of repentance.

7.30pm – St. Marys, Potton

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

Lent Groups

This year we look at Jesus' last days as told in the Gospel of Luke. We journey with him from his arrival in Jerusalem up to and including his crucifixion.

Sign up sheets are out in St. Mays & All Saints on Sundays. Alternatively you can contact Rev. Alex There will be a choice of three groups:

Group 1: Tuesdays, 7:30pm with Dawn Kerridge

Group 2: Thursday 7:30pm with Amy Taylor

Group 3: Fridays, 11am with Simon Gutteridge

At least one of the groups will be able to be accessed remotely via the internet (but will be meeting in person as well). Locations TBC

Lent Evening Services (6pm)

Each Sunday in Lent at 6pm people will gather in different churches for varying expressions of worship and a sermon on the topic of mission.

26th February: St. Mary Magdalene, Roxton

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.

Candles for Ukraine

This collection will finish at the end of February so there is still time to drop off your new and used candles at All Saints or St. Marys.

Books at St. Marys

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

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.

Requests from Jo Hollington (Sutton Church)

The Sutton Plant Sale 2023 will take place on the weekend of 20th/21st May. If anyone has any **plant pots** or trays they do not need, Jo would be very grateful to receive them at The Old Rectory in Sutton or she could collect them. Jo is also collecting **jam jars** as she will be making marmalade and jam to raise money for church funds. Jars should be clean, not chipped and if possible come with their lids.

Contact Jo at the Old Rectory, next to the Church right on the big bend.

Our New Difibulator has been installed—but not yet Commissioned.

No doubt may of you have noticed the large Yellow gadget now afixed in the Church Hall Porch. This is our new life saving Defibulator and it will be commissioned ready for use, in a few weeks time. Training will be given on a course to be held in the Community Centre in Brook End, so watch out for the notices so you can sign up for the training. Training is fairly simple, I have previously done the course when the defib on the Market Square was installed, so please come along and learn about how to use it, when the time comes. The more people, the better!! I will be there for a refresher! See the pictures on page 5!

Regular Groups

Craft and Chatter

Every other Friday (Unless Notified) (Green Bin Day in Potton!) Next dates: March 3 & 17

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



The Defibulator in it's new position, in the Hall Porch, and below, a close up although some of it is hidden behind the sign at this time, the picture shows what it all looks like



February Sunday Services and Rotas

Date February 2023	Potton 9am	Cockayne Hatley 9am	Sutton 9am	Potton 10.30am	Potton 7.15pm Service starts at 7.30pm	Cockayne Hatley 4pm
5th February	Morning Prayer		Holy Communion	Family and Friends		
12th February		Holy Communion ***	Service of the Word	Holy Communion ***	NightLight Also on Zoom s.e.banks@btinternet.com	
19th February	Morning Prayer		Holy Communion	Communion with Treasure Boxes ***		
26th February 1st Sunday of Lent	Morning Prayer		Service of the Word	Choral Communion ***		Evening Prayer

Potton Sunday Rota

	<u>Sidespersons</u>	<u>Reading 1</u>	<u>Reading 2</u>	<u>Prayers</u>	<u>Refreshments</u>	<u>Sound</u>
5.2.23	Roger Gale				Joyce Jakes	
12.2.23 2nd Sunday before Lent	Sue Colledge Bill Colledge	Sue Colledge Genesis, 1 : 1-2,3	Bill Colledge Romans, 8: 8-15	Roger Gale	Sarah Banks Pat Thwaites	
19.2.23 Sunday before Lent	David Tall Ros Tall				Judi Hobbs Rosemary Kimber	
22.2.23 Ash Wednesday		David Tall Joel, 2: 1-2,12-17	Rosemary Kimber 2 Corinthians, 5: 20b – 6,10	Hazel Rosanska	None	
26.2.23 1st Sunday of Lent	John Rosanski June Moore	Simon Gutteridge Genesis, 2:15-17 3,1-7	June Moore Romans, 5: 12-19	David Kilpatrick	Vivienne Farrell Jane Le Sueur	

*Zoom Code & Link
for these services*

Meeting ID: 815 0338
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[https://
us02web.zoom.us/
j/81503383687](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81503383687)

**St Marys Church
Hall
Communion
Services
(all 12 noon)
21 Mar 23
18 Apr 23**

Guest Preachers

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