



# SUNDAY LINK



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

**Sunday 10th December 2023, 2nd Sunday of Advent**

## 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**

**For Sunday Worship Please see final page**

- 9.30am** All Fridays, December (Rtn January)  
**First Steps**, See Notes on Page 2 for full details
- 7.30pm** **Craft and Chatter**, See Page 2 for full details/dates

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

### 6th December

**9.30am** Internment of Ashes of Mr. Roy Geer,  
St. John the Baptist, Cockayne Hatley

**7.30pm** Potton PCC, in St Mary's Church

### 9th December

**9.30am** Christmas Café, at St John's Church, C. Hatley.  
See page 2

### 13th December

**11am** Internment of Ashes of Mrs. Dianne Swanell,  
St John the Baptist, Cockayne Hatley

### 15th December

**11.45pm** Potton Parish Christmas Lunch. Tickets £18,  
call 01767 260193, for any returned tickets.  
In aid of St John's Hospice, Moggerhanger

### 15th December

**2pm** Internment of Ashes of Mrs. Christine Harper,  
All Saints Sutton

### 19th December

**12 Noon** Holy Communion, St. Marys Hall, Potton

## SAFEGUARDING CONTACTS

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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, Richard, Ade

**Sutton:** Roger;

**Cockayne Hatley:** Tony;

**For all those remembering their dearly departed among them** Dave Allen, Peter Wareing

*Almighty God,  
purify our hearts and minds,  
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes  
again as judge and saviour*

## 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*

## Visit from Bishop Alan (Bishop of St. Albans)

On the 10th of December Bishop Alan will be taking the 9am service at Cockayne Hatley and the 10:30am Holy Communion at Potton. He will also be preaching for us.

## Christmas Café

At St John the Baptist Church

At Cockayne Hatley

Light lunch and soup, cakes

Raffle, Bric a Brac, Tombola

Saturday 9th December, 11am till 3pm



December's  
theme:  
*Tolerance*



## Nightlight

Sunday 10th December  
2023 St Mary's Church

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

*Also on Zoom for anyone confined  
at home*

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

## Money Counters for Christingle?

As you will have seen from our Christmas Brochure , our two Christingle Services will soon be upon us. We are hoping to make a larger collection for the Children's Society as we have been busily delivering tubes to local Uniformed Organisations and Sutton Lower School. It's possible there might be a lot of coins to count so it would be great to have a few more helpers!

**If anyone is willing, please could you let your relevant warden/ treasurer know.**

Thank you

## Special Advent

### Afternoon Tea

The monthly Afternoon Tea at All Saints Sutton will this month have an Advent/ Christmas theme.

Join us at 3pm on  
Wednesday 6th of  
December.

## CHRISTMAS MARKET STALL

St Mary's have taken a stall at the Seasonal Market on 9th December. Do come and visit the stall and if anybody has items to sell please pass them onto Ros Tall.

## Special Christmas Parish Lunch

Tickets are no longer available, but to enquire about ticket returns, please call 01767 260193.

This special 2 course lunch will cost just £18 and take place on 15th December at 12.45pm.

### Raffle Prizes

**Raffle prizes can be donated for this lunch. The Christmas Raffle is the highlight of the year so please be generous! Check food item expiry dates please!**

## Craft and Chatter Christmas Arrangement

As shown on page 2, there will be no craft meetings in December but there will be a Christmas Party for the regular members Only, on December 8th, usual time, 7.30pm

## Thank You Decorators!

**Just a quick note to everyone who has been working to get our churches ready for Advent and Christmas. Whether it's Advent wreaths or Christmas lights,**

## Christmas Food Bank Appeal

George Price will take another load of long-life food to Preen at Biggleswade on **Tuesday 19 December.**

Please leave donations in the box in the porches of St. Mary's Church and in All Saint's Church Sutton to help our local people in need.

***Lets make an extra special effort to fill those containers before the 19th of December!***

## **Mother's Union**

### **Annual Carol Service**

**Thursday 14th December**

**2.30pm in the Church Hall**

**A service of Christmas Readings and Carols as an alternative to the usual Nine Lessons and Carols**

### 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.

# December 2023 Sunday Services and Rotas

You can find details of Christingles, Carol Services, Christmas Eve Services & and Christmas Day services in our Christmas Leaflet.

Date	Potton 9am	Cockayne Hatley 9am	Sutton 9am	Potton 10.30am	Potton 7.15pm Service starts at 7.30pm	Cockayne Hatley 4pm
3 Dec Advent 1	Morning Prayer		Holy Communion	Friends and Family Service		
10 Dec Advent 2		Holy Communion <i>with Bishop Alan</i>	Service of the Word	Holy Communion <i>with Bishop Alan</i>	NightLight <i>Contact for Zoom Link</i>	
17 Dec Advent 3	Morning Prayer		Holy Communion	Communion with Treasure Boxes ***		
24 Dec Advent 4	Morning Prayer		Service of the Word	Choral Communion ***		No evening Prayer this month
31st Dec Christmas 1	Morning Prayer		Holy Communion	Holy Communion		

	Sidespersons	Reading 1	Reading 2	Prayers	Altar Flowers	Lady Chapel Flowers	Refreshments	Sound
3.12.23 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent	Friends and Families				No flowers in Advent	No flowers in Advent	Joyce Jakes	
10.12.23 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent	Sue Colledge Bill Colledge	June Moore Isaiah, 40:1-11	Dawn Kerridge 2 Peter: 3:8-15a	Roger Gale	No flowers in Advent	No flowers in Advent	Ros Tall Vivienne Farrell	Paul Taylor
17.12.23 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent	Mark Williams Mary Williams	Treasure Box Communion			No flowers in Advent	No flowers in Advent	Rosemary Kimber Judi Hobbs	John Hobbs
24.12.23 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent 10.30am service	Roger Gale George Howe	Kim Gutteridge 2 Samuel 7:1-11,16	Simon Gutteridge Romans, 16:25-27	Dawn Kerridge	No flowers in Advent	No flowers in Advent		
Christmas Eve 24.12.23 11.30pm service	David Tall Ros Tall	Rosemary Kimber, Isaiah, 52:7-10	Peter Le Seuer Hebrews, 1:1-4	David Tall	Flower Ladies	Flower Ladies	No refreshments	
Christmas Day 25.12.23	John Rozanski	David Kilpatrick					No refreshments	

**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)  
19 December  
16 January  
20 February**

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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>

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