



SUNDAY LINK



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

Sunday 17th December 2023, 3rd Sunday of Advent

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, 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)

13th December

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

15th December

- 12 45pm** **Potton Parish Christmas Lunch, Church Hall**
 Call 01767260193 for a possible returned ticket,
 otherwise all sold out!
- 2pm** Internment of Ashes of Mrs. Christine Harper,
 All Saints Sutton

19th December

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

5th January 2024

- 7.30pm** **Craft and Chatter returns in the Church Hall.**
 See Page 2 for full details

Please note that details all Christmas events and services can be found in our Christmas Programme.

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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, Michael

Sutton: Roger;

Cockayne Hatley: Tony;

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

*God for whom we watch and wait,
 you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way
 of your Son: give us courage to speak the
 truth, to hunger for justice,
 and to suffer for the cause of right, with
 Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Church Opening Times

St Mary's Potton 10am—4pm daily

All Saints' Sutton 9am—4pm daily

Key Contacts

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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 so 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 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!

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!

Regular Groups

Craft and Chatter

Every other Friday (Unless Notified) (*Green Bin Day in Potton!*) *Next dates: Jan 5, 19. 2024*

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.

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.*



The third goal of St. Marys Potton's Mission Action plan is: *"Get into a yearly habit of hosting an Enquirers Course ..."*

An 'Enquirers Course' is a course specifically for those who are 'enquiring' about the Christian faith. They are for 'seekers' and those who are curious about the faith or are looking for the opportunity to think more deeply about life's big questions. Such courses are therefore a really part of contemporary mission and church growth. What's more although this is St. Marys Potton's goal, this course has the potential to benefit All Saints Sutton and St. John the Baptist Cockayne Hatley.

For St. Marys Potton's Enquirers Course Rev. Alex has chosen the 'Start!' Course. This is a wonderfully down to earth course which makes no assumptions about participants' background, experience or knowledge of Christianity. Though it is called a 'course' it is not formal, but light-hearted with an emphasis on sharing and listening.

The course will begin on Thursday 15th of February 2024 and continue on the following five Wednesdays. They will meet at 7pm in the Potton Community Centre (Brook End) for a meal before starting at 7.30pm. There are six sessions in total.

To make this courses happen we will need your help in two ways!:

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.

You don't need to commit to all the weeks! If six people took one each that would cover us.

The meal only need 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 on the welcome desk at the back of church.

Invite people to attend!

We will be promoting this course at the Link Café, at Christmas Services and online, however by far the best way is to invite people personally. 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)

Taster Session

Of course it is hard to invite someone to something you have not experienced yourself before! This is why we will be running a taster session for congregation members on **11 January at 7.30pm in the Community Centre**

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	Cockayne	Sutton	Potton	Potton	Cockayne
December 2023	9am	Hatley 9am	9am	10.30am	7.15pm Service starts at 7.30pm	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 st Sunday of Advent	Friends and Families				No flowers in Advent	No flowers in Advent	Joyce Jakes	
10.12.23 2 nd 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 rd 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 th 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

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>

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