

SUNDAY LINK

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

August Part I (Ordinary Time)

Websites:

Potton: <https://www.pottonparishchurch.org>

Sutton: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7396/>

Cockayne Hatley: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7398/>

Facebook: St Mary's Church, Potton, SG19 2RP

Church Opening Times

St Mary's Potton 10am—4pm daily

All Saints' Sutton 9am—4pm daily

Diary (For Sunday Worship please see final page)

Saturday 9 August

12noon-4pm: Cockayne Café, St. John the Baptist, Cockayne Hatley

Wednesday 13 August

7.30pm: Potton PCC

Tuesday 19 August

12 noon: Hall Communion Service, St. Mary's Church Hall

Friday 22 August

1pm: Wedding of Keri-Louise McClane & Stuart Lewis, All Saints Sutton

Saturday 23 August

1pm: Wedding of Bethany Shaw & Lewis French

Wednesday 27 August

6.30pm: Potton Prayers, St. Marys Potton

Saturday 30 August

10am-1pm: Link Café

2pm: 'Emma' Open Air Theatre, Sutton old Rectory

Sunday 31 August

2pm-5pm: Classic Car Show, Sutton Village

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Prayer

Those Who Have Asked for Our Prayers

Deanery: Revd. Liz Lavelle

Potton: Chris, Dave & Fran, Rob & Lynn & Family, Paula, Sandra, Vivienne, Joyce, Susan, Maggie, Nigel, Ade, Pat, Shelly, Sophie, Michael, Bill, Janet, Eve, Sheila, Michelle, Santos, Clive

Sutton: Roger

Those Who Have Died Recently

Peter Ushington



Current Conflict List

(Source: Wikipedia)

Its easy for our prayers for peace to only rest on those places we see in our news headlines. Below is a more complete list. We provide this not to depress, but to give a focus for your prayers for peace.

Myanmar	Nigeria
Israel-Palestine	Congo
North Africa	Mexico
insurgency,	Syria
various	Cameroon
nations)	Yemen
Sudan	Haiti
Ukraine—Russia	
Ethiopia	
Colombia	
Afghanistan	
Somali	

Prayer for School Holidays

Father, thank you for times of rest and refreshment. Give to educators and pupils alike, a good time of rest and relaxation ready for the next school year. We pray also for those awaiting exam results and decisions on their futures. Amen

Prayer for Growth

God of Mission who alone brings growth to your Church, send your Holy Spirit to give:

Vision to our planning,

Wisdom to our actions,

And power to our witness.


Help our church to grow in numbers, in spiritual commitment to you and in service to our local community, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Upcoming Sunday Readings

Our apologies. Much of the detail here was incorrect last week.

	Reading 1	Reading 2	Gospel
10.08.25	Genesis 15: 1-6	Hebrews 11: 1-3	Luke 12: 32-40
17.08.25 St. Mary Patronal	Isaiah, 61:10-end	Galatians, 4:4-7	Luke 1: 46-55
24.08.25 Bartholmew	Acts 5:12-16	1 Corinthians 4:9-15	John 1: 43-51
31.08.25	Unity Service	Unity Service	Unity Service



Nightlight

**Sunday 10th August
2025 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

August's theme:
*Gentle Jesus,
meek and mild?*



BREAKFAST CHURCH

at All Saints Sutton

SECOND SUNDAY at 10 a.m.

Join us for breakfast and an informal
service with a discussion for the adults and
an activity for the children. All ages very
welcome.

~~Sunday 13th July~~
 Sunday 10th August
 Sunday 14th September
 Sunday 12th October
 Sunday 9th November
 Sunday 14th December

St. Mary's Potton Patronal!

17 August at 10:30am

It will soon be St. Mary's Potton turn to have its Patronal Festival—an annual celebration of the church's namesake and our community generally. This will be a joint Benefice service and so there will be no 9am service at Sutton



St. Mary's Potton Patronal BBQ!

17 August at 12 noon

After the Patronal service, the celebrations continue with a BBQ over at the Hall. A sign up sheet is available so that we know the numbers to cater for. **Guests from All Saints and Cockayne Hatley are warmly invited and encouraged to attend!**



***St. Marys Potton and Salvation Army Potton would like to
invite you to the...***

Unity Service 2025



Sunday 31 August – 10:30am – St. Mary's Church Hall

Following the success of the unity services at Party on Potton we are holding an informal service of songs, prayers & praises as we celebrate each other and the one who unites us.

All Pottonians of any age regardless of denomination including those who attend churches outside the town are very welcome! Indeed, we would love to see you there!

*“...let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you
were called in the one body”*

(Colossians 3:15)



St. Mary's Church, Potton
We love Potton because God loved Potton first.



Potton Prayers

At St. Mary's Potton

With Salvation Army Potton

We would like to remind all Pottonians of a wonderful prayer group which meets monthly on the last Wednesday of the month at 6.30pm. It's a time where we simply gather together to pray about Potton. This is important by itself, but what makes this an extra significant time, is that it is shared with a church of another denomination! This is really special and worth celebrating! Indeed, I'd like to encourage more of us to come along. Also if you know of any people who live in Potton but go to a local Baptist church, Roman Catholic church etc, do tell them about this opportunity to gather and just pray for Potton.

John Newton and St. Mary's Potton

All of us will be familiar with the hymn 'Amazing Grace', well it turns out that the writer of the song, John Newton actually visited St. Mary's Potton!

Rev. Alex has been contacted by historian Marylynn Rouse who has been studying Newton's diaries and discovered that he was acquainted with Richard Whittingham, former Rector at St. Mary's. Newton even records how he would have liked to stay longer in Potton!

Marylynn Rouse will be visiting St. Mary's soon and may come back to give a brief talk. Watch this space!

Sutton's 'Classic Weekend'

We are holding a Classic Weekend in Sutton on Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st August 2025:

"This is My Theatre" are returning to The Old Rectory with their production of "**Emma**" by Jane Austen on Saturday 30th August at 2pm.

This will be followed by Afternoon Tea on the Terrace. Please see the flyer for details.

To book please email:

joannahollington@btinternet.com or call 01767 261910

On Sunday 31st August, again at 2pm., we are having a "**Classic Car**" afternoon at The Old Rectory. There will also be a Display of Dolls Houses and an Art Exhibition in the Church. If you would like to display your car, please contact:

joannahollington@btinternet.com or call 01767 261910 to reserve a space in front of the house. We will also be using Church Field.

Please also let Joanna know if you would like to exhibit either some art or a dolls house.

**THIS MY
THEATRE**

Emma
*by
Jane Austen*

Open Air Theatre
followed by
Afternoon Tea on the Terrace
in aid of All Saints Church

Saturday 30th August
The Old Rectory Sutton SG19 2NB
at 2 p.m.

~ Licensed Bar ~ Ice creams ~

Tickets:
Theatre only £17.50 (Under 16 £12)
Theatre + Tea £30
Box Office: email: joannahollington@btinternet.com
(There will be a marquee in case of bad weather!)



**Classic
Cars**

In aid of All Saints Church

Sunday 31st August
2 p.m. - 5 p.m.
The Old Rectory Sutton SG19 2NB

~ Afternoon Tea ~
~ Exhibition of Dolls Houses ~
~ Art Display ~ Raffle ~
~ Garden Railway ~ Plant Stall ~

Entry £5
Children U16 free

Exhibitors £5 per car
inc. one passenger

For info contact joannahollington@btinternet.com

Congratulations Conformation Candidates

A huge congratulations to David, Clive, Sophie, Frances, Yve, Milly & Claire who were confirmed at a wonderful service on the 10th of July . Thank you for your courage and welcome to the fold!



Would you like to be a Communion Server at St. Mary's?

Is Holy Communion a really important part of your faith?

Are you looking for a small but important way to serve at St. Marys?

St. Mary's are looking to increase its numbers of Communion Servers. This is someone who helps serve the consecrated wine at any of our Communion services. You would either hold the 'dipping chalice' or administer the common cup. The level of commitment will vary depending on the numbers we recruit, but hopefully you would only be on rota once a month (with the possibility of swapping with other people as and when you need to). You need to be Confirmed and a regular communicant to fulfil this role. '

If you are interested please contact Rev. Alex and come to the training scheduled for **Sunday 24 August** following the post service refreshments (around 12 noon). If you cannot make that date we will provide other sessions.

First Steps Break

Our wonderful toddler group will not be meeting on the following dates, due to important works being done to the floor of the Hall:

Friday 15 August

Friday 22 August

Friday 29 August

Friday 5 September

All being well they will resume meeting on Friday 12 September.

***So many
opportunities
for cake . . .***

ALL SAINTS CHURCH
SUTTON

AFTERNOON TEA



First Wednesday of the
month at 3 p.m.

5th March	2nd July	1st October
2nd April	6th August	5th November
7th May	3rd September	3rd December
4th June		

ALL WELCOME

Cockayne Café

at St. John the Baptist Cockayne Hatley

A delightful café in the amazing and fascinating space of St. John the Baptist Cockayne Hatley. Tea, coffee, cake and Ploughman's Lunches served to you at your table! There are some lovely walks adjacent to the church so this could be the making of a lovely afternoon!

12 noon to 4pm

2nd Saturday of the Month

Please note some of the following are different to previous adverts

9 August

6 September

13 September: Bike & Hike Café (No lunches)

6 December: Christmas Café



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 26 April~~

~~Saturday 21 May~~

~~Saturday 28 June~~

~~Saturday 26 July~~

Saturday 30 August

Saturday 27 September

Saturday 25 October

Saturday 29 November

No café in December. Instead, there will be two cafes in January!

Saturday 3 January

Saturday 31 January

10am-1pm at the Community Centre Book End, Potton



**Includes Children's Area with toys
and fun craft activities!**

Licensing Service for Dawn Kerridge!

We are very pleased to announce that Dawn Kerridge has been approved to be licensed as a lay reader! This is exciting news and we are very pleased for her and for us as she begins a new ministry amongst us.

Dawn will be licenced with other candidates at a special service at

St. Albans Cathedral on 28 September at 4pm.

Please come and celebrate with her.

If you need a lift please make yourself known to Rev. Alex and he'll pair you with someone.



General Synod Vacancy

The General Synod is the national assembly of the Church of England. Synod considers and approves legislation affecting the whole of the Church of England, formulates new forms of worship, debates matters of national and international importance and approves the annual budget for the work of the Church at national level. It is made up of representatives from the bishops, clergy and lay people. It is a hugely important body and has made some crucial decisions in recent years, such as the ordination of women bishops.

A vacancy for a lay person from our diocese has just opened up!

All of us have both frustration and great love for the Church of England and perhaps some of you have wished to change and/ or conserve certain aspects of it. Becoming a General Synod Member would allow you to contribute to the debate and through your vote - to actual decision making. If that sounds like you please pray about whether this might be for you. If you want more information about the Synod and the process of being elected please contact Rev. Alex and he will pass on the information.



Upcoming Sunday Services

Please note there have been some changes here since the last edition of the link.

Date	Cockayne Hatley 9am	Sutton 9am	Potton 10.30am	Potton 7.15pm Service starts at 7.30pm	Cockayne Hatley Evening
10 August (Ordinary Time) 8th Sunday	Holy Communion (Traditional Language)	10am Breakfast Church	Holy Communion	Nightlight <i>Contact for Zoom Link</i>	
17 August St. Mary's Patronal 9th Sunday		<i>Joint service at St. Marys —></i>	Patronal Festival (Joint service)		5.30pm Taize Service
24 August Bartholmew the Apostle 10th Sunday		Service of the Word	Choral Communion		4pm Evening Prayer
31 August (Ordinary Time) 11th Sunday		Holy Communion	Unity Service at St. Mary's HALL		
1 September (Ordinary Time) 12th Sunday		Holy Communion	Family & Friends		

Our Apologies...

At present it is not possible to access any of our services via Zoom. We aim to get this resolved quickly.

**St Mary's Church Hall
Communion Services
(at 12 noon)**
19 August
16 September
21 October

Potton Prayers
All at 6.30pm in St. Marys
Potton
27 August
24 September
22 October

Morning Prayer
9am

Thursday: Sutton
Friday: Potton

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 contact Rev. Alex
(see page 1 for contact details)*