

# SUNDAY LINK

St. Mary's Potton † All Saints' Sutton † St. John's Cockayne Hatley

## December Part I

**Diary** (For Sunday Worship please see final page)

Potton church open each day 10am – 4pm

Sutton church open each day 9am – 4pm

**For (most) of our Advent & Christmas Events  
please see separate programme. They do not  
appear in this section.**

### Tuesday 16 December

**12 noon:** Holy Communion in the Hall, St. Marys Hall Potton

### Wednesday 17 December

**7pm:** Potton Pub Carol Singing! (See notice on page 3)



### Wednesday 7 January

**7pm:** Start Course begins at Sutton Village Hall

### Tuesday 20 January

**12 noon:** Holy Communion in the Hall, St. Marys Hall Potton

### Saturday 31 January

**10am -1pm:** Link Café, Potton Community Centre Brook End

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

## *Prayer*

### **Those Who Have Asked for Our Prayers**

**Deanery:** Revd. Liz Lavelle, Rev Tim

**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, Louise

### **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.

### **Those Who Have Died** **Recently**

John & Joan Inskip

### **Current Conflict List**

*It's 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. (Source: Wikipedia)*

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

### **Prayer for the Coming Busy Time**

Father as we move through December we know things will get busier here in our churches. We pray for your presence as we encounter people through all our Advent events and services. May they see something of you in us as we minister in your name. Amen

## *Upcoming Sunday Readings*

14 December (Advent 3): Isaiah 35: 1-10 --- James 5:7-10 --- Matthew 11:2-11

21 December (Advent 4): Isaiah 7:10-16 --- Romans 1:1-7 --- Matthew 1: 18-end

28 December (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Christmas): Isaiah 63:7-9 --- Hebrews, 2:10-18 ---Matthew 2:13-18

4 January (Epiphany): Isaiah 60:1-6 --- Ephesians 3:1-12--- Matthew 2:1-12

## Notices

  
**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

  
**Nightlight**

Sunday 14th December  
2025 St Mary's Church  
Service starts at 7.30pm  
with the option of  
arriving at 7.15pm for  
refreshments

December's theme:  
*Angels*

Sorry - Zoom not available in  
December, but it will return for  
Nightlight on 11th January  
2026

Contact  
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### A Special Notice Regarding

#### Potton Nine Lesson & Carols 2025

It has been decided that this years' Nine Lessons & Carol service will be dedicated to the memory of Joan & John Inskip. Church music was very important to Joan and was a big part of these services for many years.

### Carol Singing in Potton's Pubs!

Come join in some festive cheer as we sing some traditional carols in Potton's pubs on **Wednesday 17 December!** This will be both a fundraiser for St. Johns Hospice Moggerhanger and a promotion for own Christmas services. You don't need to be a good singer, just enthusiastic! You can join us for some or all of the stops

The plan at the moment is as follows:

- 6.50pm:** Meet at the Rising Sun
- 7pm:** Sing at the Rising Sun
- 7.30pm:** Sing at the George & Dragon
- 8pm:** Sing at the Coach House (TBC)
- 8.30pm:** Sing at the Royal Oak
- 9pm:** Finish

**If you plan on going please let Rev. Alex know!**

**This is because if there are too few of us we'll need to cancel.**

**This event does not appear on our Advent/ Christmas as it was planned after its Note: publication.**

### **Potton Open the Book**

The Open the Book team recently performed The True Meaning of Christmas during an assembly at Potton Primary School. Twelve year 3 children performed with us and a great time was had by all.



### **A Notice from the Parish Lunch Group**

We are in desperate need of more people to help with making a main course or a pudding for Potton Parish lunch, also for more volunteers to add to our list of helpers in the kitchen, both before the lunch and with clearing up afterwards. This may not be regular help every month but we need more people that we can call on when necessary. Costs can be re-imbursed for any ingredients used for preparing food.

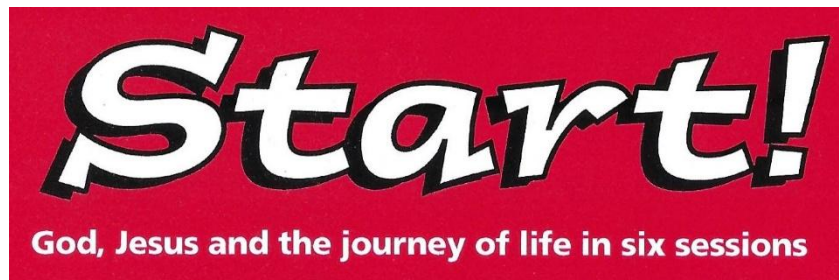
The lunch is held on the last Friday of the month in St Mary's Church Hall and supports St John's Hospice. Moggerhanger so is a very worthwhile cause.

If you can help please contact Jane on 01767 260193 or Cynthia on 01767 260056.

*Play Group dates for Christmas and New Year (2026!!!!)*



**FRIDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER OPEN**  
**FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER CLOSED**  
**FRIDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER CLOSED**  
**FRIDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY CLOSED**  
**FRIDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY OPEN**



Start is a fast-paced, interactive exploration of the Christian faith for people who are curious about the faith or who recently started coming to church. We have run this for the last two years and it has proved to be really beneficial to the participants.

This year the group will run for six sessions starting on Thursday 7 January in the Village Hall at Sutton. The evening will begin with a meal at 7pm before starting with the content at 7.30pm

**This is a really important part of how we grow our churches and we need your help!**

#### What can you do?

- 1) **Pray** about the group its participants and those leading it.
- 2) **Invite** people to attend. Be brave and ask that person you know who you think might benefit from this course.
- 3) **Cook** food! Like last year we will need 6 people willing to prepare a meal and bring it to the hall to heat up and serve. (.
- 4) **Assist** at a session. Its great to have someone from church there so that if people decide to attend services they already know someone!

**Sign up sheets to cook or assist will be in church soon!**



## Regular Cafés in our Benefice & our Ecumenical Friends

### 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!

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

Saturday 29 November

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

Saturday 3 January

Saturday 31 January

Saturday 28 February

Saturday 28 March

Saturday 25 April

Saturday 30 May

Saturday 27 June

Saturday 25 July



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

### Sutton Afternoon Tea

is now on its winter break!



It will return in March or April next year.

### Cockayne Café

After **four wonderful years** our brilliant volunteers have decided to hang up their aprons. The last café was on the 7<sup>th</sup> of December.

We are so very grateful to everyone who worked so hard on these wonderful events.

**Thank you!**

### Café's & Coffee Mornings at Salvation Army Potton



*We host a range of meet ups and opportunities' for fellowship in our building on Chapel Street.  
We look forward to welcoming you!*

#### Monday

Open door 10.am -11.30am  
Meet for tea/coffee and chat  
CAMEO: - come and meet each other  
And have soup 12noon (£3)  
Starts 2<sup>nd</sup> September



#### Wednesday

Open door 10.am -11.30am  
Meet for tea/coffee and chat  
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#### Friday

Open door 10.am -11.30am  
Meet for tea/coffee and chat

Saturday  
10-11.30am

#### Coffee Morning

First Saturday of the month (Bacon Rolls)  
Third Saturday of the month (Sausage Baps)



Discover more at

Potton Salvation Army Chapel Street 01767 261128



## *Upcoming Sunday Services*

**For Advent & Christmas Events please see separate programme**

Date	Cockayne Hatley (Sunday Morning)	Sutton (Sunday Morning)	Potton (Sunday Morning)	Evening Services
14 December ( <u>Advent 3</u> ) 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month	9am Holy Communion	<u>10am</u> Breakfast Church	10:30 Holy Communion	
21 December ( <u>Advent 3</u> ) 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month		9am Holy Communion	10:30 Treasure Box Communion	
28 December ( <u>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas</u> ) 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month		9am Service of the Word	10:30 Choral Communion	4pm: Evening Prayer
4 January ( <u>The Epiphany</u> ) 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of the Month		9am Holy Communion	10:30 Holy Communion	
11 January ( <u>Baptism Christ</u> ) 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Christmas	9am Holy Communion	<u>10am</u> Breakfast Church	10:30 Holy Communion	

### **Our Apologies...**

At present it is not possible to access any of our services via Zoom (except for  
Nightlight which is still available).

***St Mary's Church Hall  
Communion Services  
(at 12 noon)  
16 December  
20 January***

### **Morning Prayer**

9am  
Thursday: Sutton  
Friday: Potton

**Polite Covid & Flu 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)*