

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

Christmas & Epiphany

Diary (For Sunday Worship please see final page)

Potton church open each day 10am – 4pm

Sutton church open each day 9am – 4pm

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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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.

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

Those Who Have Died

Recently

John & Joan Inskip

Lorraine Allen

Jacqueline Blow

Upcoming Sunday Readings

28 December (1st 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

11 January: Isaiah 42:1-9 --- Acts 10:34-43 --- Matthew 3:13-end

18 January: Isaiah 49:1-7 ---- 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 --- John 1: 29-42

Notices

Sad News

The Rev. Tim Robb, vicar at St. Mary's Eaton Socon has been on our prayer list for some time. I'm now sorry to inform you that Rev. Tim is now receiving end of life care. We are grateful that he has a place at St. John's Hospice in Moggerhanger. Please pray for his family and the congregation at Eaton Socon.

A New Service for 3rd Sunday at St. Mary's

The Treasure Box communion has been revamped and revised into a similar but different service. While the Treasure Boxes themselves will be gone there will be new interactive elements which we hope will help younger persons engage with a service of Holy Communion. We are also reverting back to the name 'Shorter Communion'. The first of these services will take place on the 18th of January at St. Marys.

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



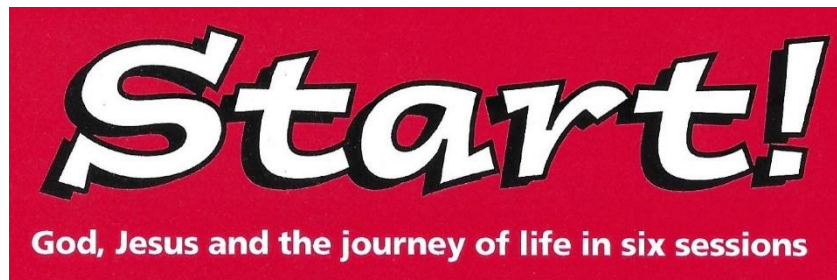
FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER OPEN
FRIDAY 19TH DECEMBER CLOSED
FRIDAY 26TH DECEMBER CLOSED
FRIDAY 2ND JANUARY CLOSED
FRIDAY 9TH JANUARY OPEN

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who is/ has worked so hard over this busy Advent/ Christmas period. There are numerous people who have helped in various different ways across our team of churches. Your efforts are noticed and appreciated.

Morning Prayer at Potton & Sutton

Morning Prayer takes place at Sutton on Thursdays at 9am and Potton on Fridays at 9am. However the will take a short break and return on the 8th and 9th of January



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 in St. Marys!

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, Pottton

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 7th 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 Pottton



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 2nd 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)



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Upcoming Sunday Services

For Advent & Christmas Events please see separate programme

Date	Cockayne Hatley (Sunday Morning)	Sutton (Sunday Morning)	Potton (Sunday Morning)	Evening Services
28 December (1 st Sunday of Christmas) 4 th Sunday of the Month		9am Service of the Word	10:30 Choral Communion	4pm: Evening Prayer
4 January (The Epiphany) 1 st Sunday of the Month		9am Holy Communion	10:30 Holy Communion	
11 January (Baptism Christ) 2 nd Sunday of the month	9am Holy Communion	10am Breakfast Church	10:30 Holy Communion	
18 January (Epiphany 2) 3 rd Sunday of the Month		9am Holy Communion	10:30 Shorter Communion	
25 January (Epiphany 3) 4 th Sunday of the Month		9am Service of the Word	10:30 Choral Communion	4pm: Evening Prayer

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)
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.

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(see page 1 for contact details)*