

SUNDAY LINK

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

Epiphany Season

Diary (For Sunday Worship please see final page)

Potton church open each day 10am - 4pm

Sutton church open each day 9am - 4pm

Thursday 8 January

7.30pm: Potton PCC

Friday 9 January

2pm: Funeral of Jacqueline Blow, St. Mary's Potton

Sunday 11 January

1pm: Baptism of Emma White, Kerry Gaylor & James Gazeley, St. Marys Potton

Wednesday 14 January

11am: Cockayne Hatley PCC

Friday 16 January

2pm: Memorial Service for Lorraine Allen, St. Mary's Potton

Tuesday 20 January

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

Saturday 24 January

7pm: Burns Night Supper, St. Mary's Church 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.

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

Those Who Have Died

Recently

John & Joan Inskip

Lorraine Allen

Jacqueline Blow

Upcoming Sunday Readings

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

25 January: Isaiah 9:1-4 --- 1 Corinthians, 1: 10-18 --- Matthew 4:12-23

1 Feb (Presentation Christ Temple): Malachi 3:1-5 --- Hebrews 2:14-end --- Luke 2:22-40

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.

Morning Prayer at Potton & Sutton

9am Morning Prayer at Sutton on Thursdays and at Potton on Fridays. It took a short break over, but now returns on the 8th and 9th of January

First Steps Resumes

Our wonderful First Steps Toddler group will resume on the 16th of January with its usual timings. **Please note this is different to that stated in the last Link.**



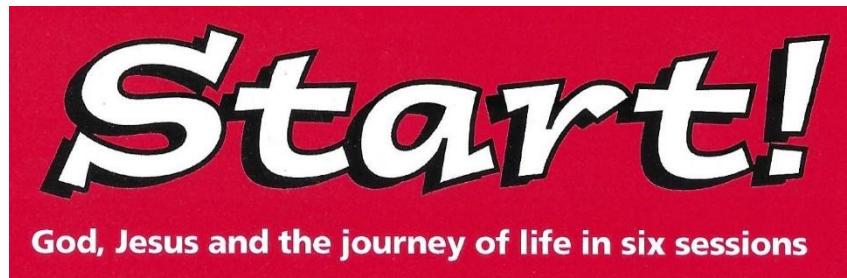
January's theme:
Epiphany

Nightlight

Sunday 11th January
2026 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



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, Potton

Saturday 29 November

No café in December. Instead, there will be two cafés 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.

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 2nd September



Wednesday

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



Friday

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



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Potton Salvation Army Chapel Street 01767 261128



Upcoming Sunday Services

Date	Cockayne Hatley (Sunday Morning)	Sutton (Sunday Morning)	Potton (Sunday Morning)	Evening Services
11 January (Baptism Christ) 2 nd Sunday of the month	9am Holy Communion	10am Breakfast Church	10:30 Holy Communion	7:30pm Nightlight (see advert for Zoom Link)
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
1 February (Presentation Christ in Temple) 1 st Sunday of the Month		9am Holy Communion	10:30 Family & Friends	
8 February (2 nd Before Lent) 2 nd Sunday of the Month				7:30pm Nightlight

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.

*If at any time you wish to unsubscribe from these emails then please contact Rev. Alex
(see page 1 for contact details)*