

SUNDAY LINK

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

Diary (For Sunday Worship please see final page)

Potton church open each day 10am – 4pm

Sutton church open each day 9am – 4pm

Sunday 22 February

6pm: Deanery Lent Service 1, St. Mary's Church Potton

Wednesday 25 February

12 noon: Funeral of Amy Bettle, St. Mary's Church Potton

6pm: Pizza & Chat Youth Group, Parish Rooms Sandy

Friday 27 February

3pm: Joint Cockayne Hatley & Potton PCC, St. Marys Hall

Saturday 28 February

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

Wednesday 4 March

3-4.30pm: Afternoon Tea, All Saints Sutton

Friday 6 March

2pm: World Day of Prayer, St. Mary's Church Hall Potton

Saturday 7 March

7.30pm: Potton Tapas & Spanish Night. St. Marys Church Hall

Wednesday 11 March

11:30am: Ashes Internment, William Imber, All Saints Sutton

7.30pm: Potton PCC, Kimber Residence

Tuesday 17 March

12 noon: Hall Communion, St. Marys Hall Potton

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

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, Louise, Robert

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

Rev Tim
Jacqueline Blow
Amy Bettle
Linda McCole
John Penfare

A Prayer for the Start! Group

Father, we pray for the Start! group, for those participants who have been drawn to it. We pray that this might be the beginning for them and that they might come to find in you and your son a foundation for life. Amen

Upcoming Sunday Readings

22 February: Genesis, 2:15-17, 3:1-7 --- Romans 5:12-19 --- Matthew 4:1-11

1 March: Genesis 2: 15-17; 3:1-7 --- Romans 5:12-19 --- Matthew 4: 1-11

8 March: Exodus, 17:1-7 --- Romans, 5:1-11 --- John 4:5-42

15 March: *Various options for Mothering Sunday!*

Notices



St Mary's Church, Hatley Road, Potton, SG19 2RP

FRIENDS & FAMILY SERVICE

Sunday 1st March 10.30-11.30 am

This month's theme is:

LENT

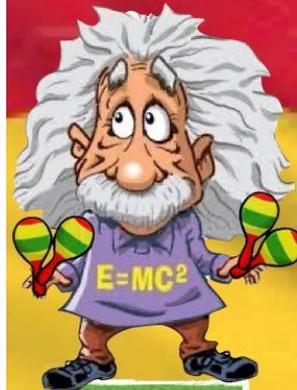
- * Bible Story * Prayer * Music * Church Band * Lenten Felt Craft *
- * Lego Challenge * Sewing * Knitting and Crochet * Colouring *
- * Tea * Coffee * Home-made Cakes * Surprise Treat *

Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.

Psalm 27: 14



"SPANISH TAPAS" & QUIZ EVENING



MARCH

7

St Mary's Church Hall, Potton

7pm - 10.30pm

QUIZ STARTING AT 7.30PM

TEAMS OF 4-6

Come and join in the fun of exercising your brain cells whilst tantalising your taste buds!!!

"Bite Size TAPAS & Mini Quiz"

Enjoy a fun evening with a few cheeky tipples in the company of friends.

We will have a bar supplying beer, wine and soft drinks. No need to bring your own!!

ONLY £20.00 PER PERSON

BOOK YOUR TABLE WITH

PAUL 07714 254158 OR ROSEMARY TEL: 07753 698278

Sutton Village Quiz



Sat 28th March at Sutton Village Hall

7 for 7:30, Contact:

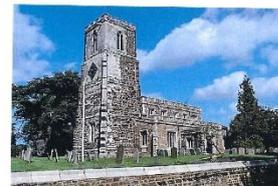
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Teams of up to 6

2 course hot supper & licensed bar

£15.00 per person

(Transfer to "FOSC": Sort code 20-74-81 Account 2085 2066 at Barclays bank)



In aid of Friends of Sutton Church

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.

2026

11th January
8th February
8th March
12th April

10th May
14th June
12th July
9th August

13th September
11th October
8th November
13th December

Lent 2026

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Lent is a time when Christians reflect and prepare for the celebrations of Easter. Traditionally it is a time to fast from rich foods, though in recent years most people simply eat frugally or give up treats. These practices follow the example of Jesus, who fasted for forty days in the wilderness.

HOWEVER Lent is also a time of renewed commitment, and people are encouraged to take up a new action such as giving to charity, setting aside time to study the Bible and meet with other Christians to reflect on Jesus' life and prepare for the events of Holy Week and Easter.

On these two pages you will see some of the new 'habits' that we offer to you as a team of churches, as well as other events linked to Lent.

Ashing Service

18 February, 7.30pm, St. Mary's Church.

The traditional start to Lent season. Ministers mark people's foreheads with ashes – a symbol of humility and a reminder of human mortality. Ministers will say the words "*Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return*", originating from Genesis 3:19 when God tells Adam that his life, like all human life, is temporary, but turning back towards God offers something eternal. The service also includes Holy Communion.



The Women of Holy Week Preaching Series

Our Deanery (local parish churches) has organised a preaching series on the often overlooked women of the Holy Week story. Each sermon will have a different preacher and take place in a **6pm** service of prayers, readings and songs. Different churches host different weeks.

22 February – St. Mary's Potton

1 March – St. Andrews Biggleswade

8 March – All Saints Great Barford

15 March – St. Mary's Northill

22 March – All Saints Cople

If you would like to go, but need transport let Rev. Alex know and he will sort something.

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Study Groups

We are hoping to have four groups running during Lent each looking at a different topic and meeting at different place & time.

The Apostle Paul: His Life Work

**Mondays (23 Feb onwards),
7pm,**

The Old Rectory Sutton

This group will focus on the fascinating life and important Epistles of the Apostle Paul, the "little, ugly man" so vital to the understanding of the Christian Faith.

**Contact Rev. Lucy McKeown for more
information:
gardenlucy@outlook.com**

'Grandparenting for Faith'

**Wednesdays (4 March onwards),
1.45pm-3.15pm,
St. Mary's Hall**

This course produced by 'Parenting for Faith' and is concerned with equipping grandparents and grandparent figures, to share God with their grandchildren. The foundation of this course rests on the belief that it is God's plan that children and young people learn about God at home too, because that's where ordinary life is lived!

**Contact Dawn Kerridge for more
information:**

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***This can be accessed via zoom upon
request.***

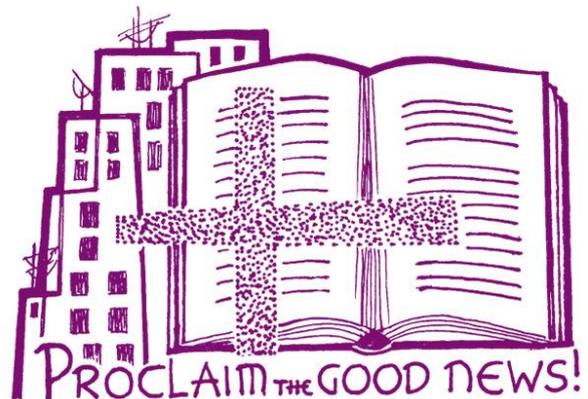
'Fruits of the Spirit'

**13 Feb, 27 Feb, 13 March, 27 March
10:30am,**

Gutteridge Household

Our monthly Friday group will be switching to meeting fortnightly during Lent and will be continuing their exploration of the 'Fruits of the Spirit'. (Due to the size of this pre-existing group there are only space for one or two new faces)

**Contact Simon Gutteridge for more
information:
sgutteridge14@gmail.com**



Regular Cafés in our Benefice & by 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!

ALL SAINTS CHURCH
SUTTON

AFTERNOON TEA

First Wednesday of the month
at 3 p.m.

ALL WELCOME

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

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

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



Spring and Summer Are Coming!

Save the date for these future special events....

St. Marys Events Team Future Events

18 April: Medieval Banquet

6 June: Summer Banquet

11 July: Jane Austen Tea Party

16 August: Patronal BBQ



Sutton Plant Sale 2026

A Message from Jo Hollington

This will take place on the weekend of

16th - 17th May

with the Duck Race on the Sunday
afternoon

Please let me have any seed
trays/pots/hanging baskets you don't need
so that we can recycle them. If you would
like to help in anyway, please do contact
me on

01767 261910

or 07889 255043



Upcoming Sunday Services

Date	Cockayne Hatley <small>(Sunday Morning)</small>	Sutton <small>(Sunday Morning)</small>	Potton <small>(Sunday Morning)</small>	Evening Services
22 February <small>(Lent 1) 4th Sunday of the Month</small>		9am Service of the Word	10:30am Choral Communion	4pm: Evening Prayer
1 March <small>(Lent 2) 1st Sunday of the Month</small>		9am Holy Communion	10:30am Family & Friends	
8 March <small>(Lent 3) 2nd Sunday of the Month</small>	9am Holy Communion	10am Breakfast Church	10:30am Holy Communion	7:30pm Nightlight <small>(see advert for zoom link)</small>
15 March <small>(MOTHERING SUNDAY) 3rd Sunday of the Month</small>		9am Holy Communion	10:30am Shorter Communion	
22 March <small>(Lent 5) 4th Sunday of the Month</small>		9am Service of the Word	10:30am 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)
17 March
21 April***

**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)*