

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

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

Friday 20 March

1pm: Funeral of John Penfare, St. Mary's Church Potton

Sunday 22 March

12 noon: Lent Lunch, St. Mary's Hall Potton

Tuesday 24 March

6:45pm Worship Leaders Meeting, McKeown Residence

Wednesday 25 March

6pm: Pizza & Chat, Sandy Parish Rooms

7.30: Scout Visit to St. Marys

Thursday 26 March

4pm: Sutton PCC, Hollington Residence

Friday 27 March

1pm: Internment of Ashes, Sue Michell, All Saints Sutton

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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, 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)

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

Those Who Have Died

Recently

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

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

15 March: *Various options for Mothering Sunday!*

22 March: Ezekiel 37: 1-14 --- Romans 8:6-11 --- John 11:1-45

29 March (PALM SUNDAY): Psalm 118:1-2, 19 -end --- Matthew 21:1-11

Bowl Cancer UK Knitting Challenge with Salvation Army Potton

A team of knitters at Salvation Army Potton are knitting every day in March to raise money for Cancer Research UK. They are doing this in memory of their dear friend Tricia Dunham who died last year. The squares they are knitting will eventually be formed into a cross for Easter.

If you wish to donate you can do so by the link here:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/pamela-richardson-1?>

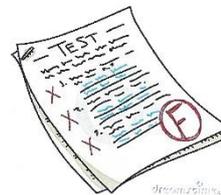
(or there is a paper form in their citadel)

Potton Lent Lunch

On **22nd March**, following the 10:30 service there will be a Lent lunch of homemade soup and bread in St. Marys Hall.

Donations to charity. All welcome.

Sutton Village Quiz



Sat 28th March at
Sutton Village Hall

7 for 7:30, Contact:

Pippa – 260 226

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

Easter Saturday Coffee Morning at Salvation Army Potton

If you are looking for company and fellowship on Easter Saturday (**4 April**) then look no further than the coffee morning at the Salvation Army Citadel between **10 - 11:30!**

Easter Monday Pilgrimage!

On Easter Monday (**6 April**) the Diocese holds a pilgrimage to our cathedral: St. Albans Abbey. People are encouraged to walk from their church but as we live so far away we walk from Harpenden.

We leave our cars in a St Albans car park and take the train to Harpenden. Everyone (including dogs) are welcome whatever your age.

We picnic in the orchard outside the Abbey and then process into the Abbey for an informal communion service. If you don't want to or can't walk, you are welcome to join us in the orchard.

If you would like to join us, there's a sign up sheet on the welcome desk at St. Mary's

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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.

[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~~

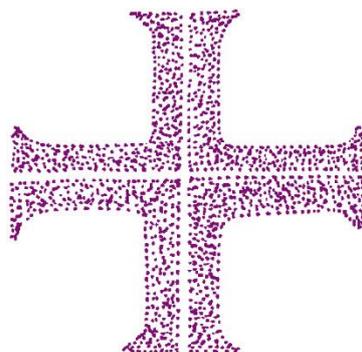
~~1 March – St. Andrews Biggleswade~~

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 having three 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:**

dkerridge@hotmail.com

***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

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|-----------|---------------|
| 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

For Holy Week and Easter services, please see separate programme.

| Date | Cockayne Hatley (Sunday Morning) | Sutton (Sunday Morning) | Potton (Sunday Morning) | Evening Services |
|--|--|------------------------------------|--|--|
| 8 March (Lent 3) 2 nd Sunday of the Month | 9am Holy Communion | 10am Breakfast Church | 10:30am Holy Communion | 7:30pm Nightlight <small>(see advert for zoom link)</small> |
| 15 March (MOTHERING SUNDAY) 3 rd Sunday of the Month | | 9am Holy Communion | 10:30am Shorter Communion | |
| 22 March (Lent 5) 4 th Sunday of the Month | | 9am Service of the Word | 10:30am Choral Communion | 4pm: Evening Prayer |
| 29 March (PALM SUNDAY) 5 th Sunday of the Month | 10am JOINT SERVICE | Joint Service ← | Joint Service ← | |
| 5 April (EASTER DAY) 1 st Sunday of the Month | | 9am Easter Day Communion | 10:30am Communion with Easter Egg Hunt | |

Our Apologies...

At present it is not possible to access any of our services via Zoom (**except for Nightlight which is still available**). We're aiming to get this resolved in time for Holy Week.

**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)