

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

Saturday 18 April

7pm: Medieval Banquet, St. Marys Church Hall Potton

Sunday 19 April

5.30pm: Return Taizé services, St. John Baptist Cockayne Hatley

Wednesday 21 April

12 noon: Hall Communion, St. Marys Church Hall Potton

Wednesday 22 April

3.30pm: Start of First Communion Course

Saturday 25 April

2pm: St. George's Day Service, St. Mary's Church

Sunday 26 April

1pm: Baptism of Max Marshall, St. Mary's Church

Wednesday 29 April

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

Sunday 3 May

1pm: Baptism of Jasper Francis-McCray, St. Mary's Church

Wednesday 6 May

11am: Cockayne Hatley APCM, St. John Baptist Cockayne Hatley

3-5pm: Afternoon Tea, All Saints Sutton

5pm: Sutton APCM, All Saints Sutton

6pm: Sutton PCC, All Saints Sutton

Sunday 10 May

12 noon: Potton APCM, St. Mary's Church

Websites:

Potton: <https://www.pottonparishchurch.org>

Sutton: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7396/>

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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)

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

Upcoming Sunday Readings

5 April (EASTER DAY): Jeremiah 31: 1-6 --- Acts 10:34-43 --- Matthew 28: 1-10

12 April: 1 Peter 1:3-9 --- Acts 2:14a, 22-32 --- John 20:19-end

19 April: 1 Peter 1:17-23 --- Acts 2:14a, 36-41 --- Luke 24: 13-35

26 April: 1 Peter 2: 19-end --- Acts2:42-end --- John 10:1-10

Notices

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

Electoral Roll

After Easter we will soon enter the time in which all three churches will have their annual meetings (APCMs) in which we will review our work in 2025, discuss our ministry and elect church officers.

However to take part in elections you must be on the electoral roll of the church you wish to vote at. Most of you will have reapplied last year when we renewed our roll, but some of you may have joined us since then. If you want to add yourself to the roll please contact the relevant Electoral Roll Officer:

Potton:

Katy Savage
kegooding@hotmail.com

Sutton:

Jo Hollington
joannahollington@btinternet.com

Cockayne Hatley:

Christine Armistead
armisteadcm@gmail.com



Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

**ST MARY'S CHURCH
MEDIÆVAL BANQUET**

You are cordially invited to attend the annual Potton Church Medieval Banquet.
Feasting and entertainment will be a-plenty!

Date : the 18th Day of April
In the Year of our Lord 2026

Time : 7.00pm for 7.30pm

The venue :
St Mary's Church "Banqueting" Hall

Cost : £22.50 per villager

Please buy your tickets online by using the QR code to the right
or call Rosemary on 07753 638278.
Entry is only by valid ticket

NO tickets available on the day.

SCAN QR CODE
OR
CLICK HERE TO BUY TICKETS

Fancy dress is **encouraged**, but not essential!

Wine, beer and soft drinks will be available to buy.

First Communion Course

A fun and interactive group to prepare children 8 years and older to regularly receive Holy Communion.

The group begins on

22 April

and continues for the following four Wednesdays

(29 April, 6 May, 13 May, 20 May)

3:30pm for games.

4pm for content start.

Sessions end at 5pm

Sutton Primary School Hall

Parents/ guardians are asked to attend with their child.



Admission to Holy Communion.

This is a special moment where children receive Holy Communion for the first time.

This will then take place at our

Pentecost services on the 24th of May.

Families can choose between either:

9am at All Saints' Sutton

10:30am at St. Mary's Potton

Upcoming APCMs

APCMs (or Annual Parochial Church Meetings) are parish church's equivalent of an annual general meeting. They are a time to think back over the previous year, elect members of the PCC and Churchwardens. Here are the dates for our three APCMs:

Cockayne Hatley APCM

Wednesday 6 May

10:30am

St. John the Baptist Church

Sutton APCM

Wednesday 6 May

5pm

(after Afternoon Tea)

All Saints Church

Potton APCM

Sunday 10 May

12 noon

(after 10:30am service)

St. Mary's Church

Remember to vote you need to be on the Electoral roll. See separate notice

Lent Lunch Charity Donation.

St. Mary's Church held a well attended Lent Lunch on March 22nd, where soup, bread and cheese were served. We raised £127.85 which was donated to the local Need Project. Many thanks to Rosemary and Ros for all their efforts

Can you help at First Steps?

(Not Little Saints as previously noted!)

Little Saints is St. Mary's wonderful Friday Morning Toddler group and it needs a helping hand!

Ideally they are looking for someone who can **join the other volunteers set up and run each Friday morning (8am-11:30pm),**

BUT even if someone were willing to just help set up the space (8am for just 30 mins) that would solve a big issue they are having!

Either way the helper really needs be able to move chairs and heavy(ish) tables.

Taizé Services



at St. John the Baptist Cockayne Hatley

2026

Taizé is a simple, meditative form of Christian worship, utilising short contemporary chants, prayerful silence and Bible readings to guide the focus of prayer in a candle lit environment. The services call us to dwell deeply on Christ's presence within and among us.

The Church of St. John the Baptist Cockayne Hatley is set in beautiful rural countryside, away from busy life. It is therefore the perfect place to retreat to for the services and we would love for you to join us.



19 April
17 May
21 June
19 July
16 August
20 September
18 October



All services start at 5.30pm

Contact Rev. Alex for more details:
alex.wheatley.rector@gmail.com

St. John the Baptist Cockayne Hatley
is off Hatley Road. Postcode: SG19 2EA



Are there dustbins in heaven?



A five session group course on CHuRCH and climate change.

Meeting monthly in St Swithun's Sandy Thursdays 7.30 – 9pm

April 23rd, May 21st, June 4th, July 2nd, August 6th

What has your Christian faith got to say about climate change? Is there any hope for the future? Does the Church have a role in speaking about climate change? Is the bible any help with climate discussions? How can we cope with climate anxiety? Why is CHuRCH written as it is at the top of this page? What is the link between global warming and other major 21st Century threats?



Bible discussion, conversation, challenge, practical projects and much more ...

All welcome.

Old TV Screens/ Computer Monitor?

Do you have any old small flat Screen TVs or large PC Monitors that you don't want anymore, or know anyone that does? Rev. Alex is looking to have some for the Benefice to use at things like the Start! course, CAB course, Taizé services and other events instead of projectors. They need to be no bigger than 32 inch and have a HDMI port (most do). Any donations gratefully accepted!

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
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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



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

ST MARY'S CHURCH
POTTON
PRESENTS



THE JOY OF MUSIC CONCERT

From Bach to British Folk Songs ...

Saturday 16th May at 7pm

**FREE ENTRY:
DONATIONS
IN AID OF
CRISIS &
ST MARY'S
CHURCH**



ST MARY'S CHURCH
HATLEY ROAD
POTTON SG19 2RP

SUTTON PLANT SALE

**Saturday and Sunday
16th/17th May 2026**

The Old Rectory Sutton SG19 2NB
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCHES
CREAM TEAS**

GARDEN RAILWAY



Sunday 17th May at 3 p.m.

DUCK RACE

Tickets available from Potton Garage

For info contact Jo Hollington on 01767 261910
or email joannahollington@btinternet.com

Upcoming Sunday Services

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

Date	Cockayne Hatley <small>(Sunday Morning)</small>	Sutton <small>(Sunday Morning)</small>	Potton <small>(Sunday Morning)</small>	Evening Services
5 April <small>(EASTER DAY)</small> <small>1ST Sunday of the Month</small>		9am Easter Day Communion	10:30am Communion with Easter Egg Hunt	
12 April <small>(Easter 2)</small> <small>2nd Sunday of the Month</small>	9am Holy Communion	10am Breakfast Church	10:30am Holy Communion	7.30pm Nightlight
19 April <small>(Easter 3)</small> <small>3rd Sunday of the Month</small>		9am Holy Communion	10:30am Shorter Communion	
26 April <small>(Easter 4)</small> <small>4th Sunday of the Month</small>		9am Service of the Word	10:30 Choral Communion	4pm Evening Prayer
3 May <small>(Easter 5)</small> <small>1st Sunday of the Month</small>		9am Holy Communion	10:30 Family & Friends	

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)***
21 April
19 May

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)*