

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-MacRae, 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

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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

Shirley Gray
Nigel Lane

Upcoming Sunday Readings

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

3 May: 1 Peter 2:2-10 --- Acts 7:55-end --- John 14: 1-14

10 May: 1 Peter 3:13-end --- Acts 17:22-31

Notices

The Funeral of Nigel Lane

Many of you will have heard the sad news that Nigel Lane died on 5th of April after a long period contending with cancer. Nigel was a much loved member of our congregation and he will be missed. Please hold his family in your prayers.

His funeral will be at

St. Mary's Church on the 1st of May at 2.30pm.

Post service refreshments will be served in St. Marys church hall.



Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

**ST MARY'S CHURCH
MEDIEVAL 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.

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

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

Old Plastic Plant Pots?

In preparation for the annual Plant sale on 16 & 17 May in Sutton. Please may we have any seed trays/pots/hanging baskets you don't need so that we can recycle them.

These can be left in the porch of either All Saints or St. Marys

Congratulations to George Howe!

George Howe, a member of the St. Marys congregation has been made a 'Freeman of the Town of Potton'! This special recognition made at the annual Potton Civic Event was made in recognition of George's outstanding contribution to the preservation and celebration of Potton's history
Congratulations George!

Can You Help Get Some new Tech for our Team of Churches?

Rev. Alex is looking to get some audio visual tech for our team of churches to use instead of projectors and screens. Such tech is regularly used at things like the Start! course, CAB course, Taizé services and other events.

There are two ways you can help:

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? They need to be around 32 inch and have a HDMI port (most do).

Purchasing Cables

Rev. Alex is contributing an adapter and a short HDMI cable, but he needs three long HDMI cables. Each costs about £20 and he is wondering whether three individuals might buy one each. If so please get in contact with him and he will send you the link to purchase the cable.

Thank you very much!

The Annual Meetings

Each year Churches in the Church of England are required to have two annual meetings:

- 1) The Annual Meeting of Parishioners
- 2) The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

These are parish church's equivalent of an annual general meeting. The Annual Meeting of Parishioners is a short meeting at which Churchwardens are elected. The APCM is little longer and includes reviewing the previous calendar year, members asking questions of our church councils (PCC) and the election of PCC members. These meetings usually follow each other, therefore the start time listed below is for the Annual Meetings of Parishioners. You can assume that the APCM starts 10 or 15 mins after that.

Cockayne Hatley Annual Meetings

Wednesday 6 May

10:30am

St. John the Baptist Church

Sutton Annual Meetings

Wednesday 6 May

5pm

(after Afternoon Tea)

All Saints Church

Potton Annual Meetings

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

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

Can you help at First Steps?

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.



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.




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

**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**

St. Marys Events Team:

Future Events

6 June: Summer Banquet

11 July: Jane Austen Tea Party

16 August: Patronal BBQ

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



Upcoming Sunday Services

Date	Cockayne Hatley (Sunday Morning)	Sutton (Sunday Morning)	Potton (Sunday Morning)	Evening Services
19 April (Easter 3) 3 rd Sunday of the Month		9am Holy Communion	10:30am Shorter Communion	5.30pm Taizé Service
26 April (Easter 4) 4 th Sunday of the Month		9am Service of the Word	10:30 Choral Communion	4pm Evening Prayer
3 May (Easter 5) 1 st Sunday of the Month		9am Holy Communion	10:30 Family & Friends	
10 May (Easter 6) 2 nd Sunday of the Month	9am Holy Communion	10am Breakfast Church	10:30am Holy Communion	7.30pm Nightlight
17 May (Easter 7) 3 rd Sunday of the Month		9am Holy Communion	10:30am Shorter Communion	

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)