

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

Tuesday 21 July

12 noon: Hall Communion, St. Marys Church Hall

12 noon: Funeral of Bruce Hutchinson, St. Mary's Potton

Wednesday 22 July

7.30pm: Potton PCC

Saturday 25 July

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

Tuesday 28 July

9.30am: Cockayne Hatley PCC

11am: Funeral of Beryl West, St. Mary's Potton

2pm: Worship Leaders Meeting

Wednesday 29 July

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

Wednesday 5 August

3-5pm: Afternoon Tea, All Saints Sutton

Sunday 9 August

1pm: Baptism of Eddison Summerbee, St. Mary's Church Potton

Sunday 16 August

12 noon: St. Mary's Patronal BBQ, St. Mary's Church Hall Potton

Wednesday 18 August

12 noon: Hall Communion, St. Mary's Church Hall Potton

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

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 & Dave, Vivienne, Joyce, Susan, Maggie, Nigel, Ade, Pat, Shelly, Sophie, Michael, Janet, Eve, Sheila, 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

Beryl West
Bruce Hutchinson
Glyn Izzard

Upcoming Sunday Readings

19 July: Genesis 28:10-19a --- Romans 8:12-25 --- Matthew 13:24-30, 35-43

26 July: Genesis 29: 15-28 --- Romans 8:26-end --- Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

2 August: Genesis 32: 22-31 --- Romans 9:1-5 --- Matthew 14: 13-21

9 August: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 --- Romans 10:5-15 --- Matthew 14:22-33

Notices

LANDLINE NOT WORKING AT THE RECTORY

Please note that the Rectory landline is not working. If you need to reach Rev. Alex please call 07860 802554

Morning Prayer at Sutton

In consultation with Sutton PCC it has been decided to suspend Morning Prayer on Thursday at All Saints Sutton. The Friday prayers at St. Mary's Potton will continue as normal.

Book Stall at Wrestlingworth Fete

St. John the Baptist Church are going to be running second hand bookstall at Wrestlingworth Fete on Saturday the 5 September (2pm and 5pm). This will be to raise much needed monies for our general expenses.

We will start collecting books in August. Therefore, if you have any books you no longer need please might we ask you to hold onto them for just a bit longer!

Can You Take Minutes at a Meeting?

Potton PCC are looking for someone who can take minutes of their meetings and circulate them. You wouldn't need to fulfil other roles of a PCC secretary, its literally just taking the notes so we have a record of discussions, decisions and actions. If you can offer this kind of service please contact David Tall or Rev. Alex

WANTED

Wedding Vergers at St. Marys

We need to grow our team of 'vergers' whom we can call upon to help at weddings. This involves being a helper and steward at these services.

This is a paid position with £70 being paid in cash for each service. (Those not wishing to receive the money can donate the cash to church)

Duties include:

- Helping set up for the service.
- Helping set down after the service.
- Greeting people at the door.
- Helping Ushers direct people to their seats
- Directing people to the toilets etc
- 'General hospitableness!'

The time and day of weddings can vary but most are on Saturday afternoons. The team is contacted ahead of time via email to see who is available.

Please contact Rev. Alex if you can join the team.

WANTED

Christening Vergers at St. Marys

We need to grow our team of volunteer 'vergers' whom we can call upon to help at baptisms. This involves being a helper and steward at these services.

Duties include:

- Helping set up for the service.
- Helping set down after the service.
- Greeting people at the door.
- Directing people to the toilets etc
- 'General hospitableness!'

Christenings are almost always 1pm on Sundays and we tend to start setting up after the 10:30am service. The team is contacted ahead of time via email to see who is available.

Please contact Rev. Alex if you can join the team.

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



Forest
Church



Discover God in the
beauty of the world around us

Meet at St. John the Baptist, Cockayne Hatley, then walk together, stop and share in simple reflections, practical activities and prayers. Refreshments afterwards.



2:30 pm Sunday 26th July
July's theme: Insects

Upcoming Installation of the 11th Bishop of St. Albans

On Saturday the 19 September at 2pm Bishop Andrew Rumsey (current bishop of Ramsbury) will be installed as the new Bishop of St. Albans and leader of our diocese. Bookings will be open soon for those who wish to go. The service will also be available to watch online



Bishop of Bedford Announces His Retirement

Bishop Richard Atkins, the Bishop of Bedford (Assistant Bishop in our Diocese) has announced he will be retiring from his position at the end of 2026. He has served faithfully in this role for many years and most recently has also been Acting Bishop of St. Albans.

We wish him well.
Details of his goodbye service will be announced in due course.



RED KITE CONCERTS
2026 season
St John the Baptist | Cockayne Hatley | SG19 2EA



AFTER DUSK

SARAH O'FLYNN
flute

TOMOS XERRI
harp

Sunday
6th September
5-6pm

Sarah O'Flynn & Tomos Xerri explore music for flute and harp related to the night time: from late night tango and dark operatic scenes to evocative depictions of the night sky. Including works by Piazzolla, Tchaikovsky, Lili Boulanger and a world premiere duo by Philip Cashion.

Tickets £20
Under 18s free
Available in advance from
www.RedKiteConcerts.com

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BHHCT Bike & Hike & All Saints Church

12 September

'Beds and Herts Historic Churches Trust (BHHCT) provides important grants for local churches. They hold an annual fundraising event, the 'Bike and Hike' where those taking part ask friends and relatives to sponsor them in biking or walking between churches in the area. Half the proceeds go directly to your church and half to the Trust, (and their fund for grants).

This year in Sutton we are hoping that local residents, including children and parents from the village school will take part in a sponsored walk from St Mary's Church, Potton to All Saints at Sutton where refreshments will be provided. Please join them or make up your own itinerary.

Details are on the BHHCT website which includes a link to 'JustGiving', the easiest and most effective access for sponsors <https://.bedshertshct.org.uk>. Any questions to william.hollington@me.com or 01767 261910'

All Saints Church Sutton

Tea & Talk

**Sunday 13th September
at 2.30 p.m.**

**A Talk about the history of
All Saints Church
and the characters who played
a part in the story
&
Afternoon Tea
on the Terrace at The Old Rectory**

Tickets in advance £15 including tea.
Please pay into church bank account:
PCC of Sutton
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Ref: Talk
and email
joannahollington@btinternet.com
to confirm.

All proceeds to All Saints Church



An Exciting Opportunity to Help Shape The Church of England: General Synod.

The General Synod is the national assembly of the Church of England. Synod considers and approves legislation affecting the whole of the Church of England, formulates new forms of worship, debates matters of national and international importance and approves the annual budget for the work of the Church at national level. It is made up of representatives from the bishops, clergy and lay people.

It is a hugely important body and has made some crucial decisions in recent years, such as the ordination of women bishops.

This year sees the election of new members to General Synod for the five-year period 2026 - 2031.

All of us have both frustration and great love for the Church of England and perhaps some of you have wished to change and/ or conserve certain aspects of it. Becoming a General Synod Member would allow you to contribute to the debate and through your vote - to actual decision making. If that sounds like you please pray about whether this might be for you.

Nominations will open on
Friday 14 August and close on **Monday 7 September**.
Voting will then take place on 21 September.

If you want more information about the Synod and the process of being elected please contact Rev. Alex and he will meet with you or visit the Diocese website.



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 27 June

Saturday 25 July

No Café in August

26 September

31 October

28 November

No Café in December

NB 2 January

30 January

27 February



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
1st April
6th May
3rd June
1st July

5th August
2nd September
7th October
4th November
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



Upcoming Sunday Services

Date	Cockayne Hatley (Sunday Morning)	Sutton (Sunday Morning)	Potton (Sunday Morning)	Evening Services
19 July 3rd Sunday of the Month		9am Holy Communion	10:30am Shorter Communion**	5.30pm Taizé Service
26 July 4th Sunday of the Month		9am Service of the Word	10:30am Choral Communion**	2.30pm Forest Church 4.30pm Evening Prayer**
2 August 1st Sunday of the Month		9am Holy Communion	10:30am Friends & Family	
9 August 2nd Sunday of the Month	9am Holy Communion	10am Breakfast Church	10:30am Holy Communion	
16 August (St. Mary's Patronal) 3rd Sunday of the Month		Joint Service ➔	10:30am Patronal Communion**	5.30pm Taizé Service

The Zoom Option is Back!

We are pleased to say that we can now once again provide the facility to join services remotely by zoom. This will be available on request to Rev. Alex. Only the services marked with ** on the above grid are available.

***St Mary's Church Hall
Communion Services
(at 12 noon)
21 July
18 August***

**Morning Prayer
9am
Friday: Potton**

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