

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 16 August

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

Wednesday 18 August

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

Thursday 20 August

1pm: Funeral of Jennifer Broom, St. Mary's Potton

Thursday 27 August

11:30am: Interment Ashes of Margaret Clark, All Saints Sutton

Saturday 29 August

12-5pm: St. Mary's Stall & Storytelling Booth at Party on Potton

Wednesday 2 September

3-5pm: Afternoon Tea, All Saints Sutton

Saturday 5 September

2-5pm: St. John Baptist Bookstall at Wrestlingworth Fete

Sunday 6 September

5pm: Red Kite Concert: 'After Dusk', St. John Baptist Cockayne Hatley

Sunday 13 September

2.30pm: 'Tea & Talk' Heritage Event, All Saints Sutton

Tuesday 15 September

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

Wednesday 16 September

6pm: Sutton PCC, Old Rectory

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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 & Dave, Vivienne, Joyce, Susan, Maggie, 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.

Those Who Have Died Recently

Jennifer Broom
Rev. David Smith

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

Upcoming Sunday Readings

16 August (St. Mary's Patronal): Isaiah 61:10-end --- Galatians 4:4-7 --- Luke 1:46-55

30 August: Exodus 3:1-5 --- Romans 12:9-end --- Matthew 16:21-end

6 September: Exodus 12:1-14 --- Romans 13:8-end --- Matthew 18:15-20

13 September: Exodus 14:19-31 --- Romans 14:1-12 --- Matthew 18:21-35

Notices

Book Stall at Wrestlingworth Fete

St. John the Baptist Church are going to be running a 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.

Please leave any books you wish to donate in the porches of either St. Marys or All Saints. There will be two containers at each church, one for fiction and one for non-fiction.

St. Mary's Potton Patronal Service

16 August at 10:30am

It will soon be St. Mary's Potton turn to have its Patronal Festival—an annual celebration of the church's namesake and our community generally. This will be a joint Benefice service and so there will be no 9am service at Sutton.

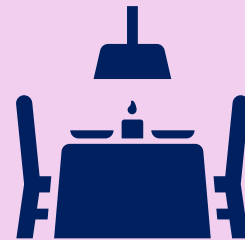


Potton Patronal Ploughmans!

16 August at 10:30am

After the Patronal service, the celebrations continue with a Ploughmans over at the Hall. A sign up sheet is available so that we know the numbers to cater for.

Guests from All Saints and Cockayne Hatley are warmly invited and encouraged to attend!



St. Marys Potton and Salvation Army Potton would like to invite you to the...



Unity Service 2026



Sunday 30 August – 10:30am – Party on Potton Marquee

Christians of different denominations are invited to come together in unity for an annual service of songs, prayers & praises. We join together to celebrate each other and the one who unites us. All Pottonians of any age regardless of denomination including those who attend churches outside the town are very welcome! Indeed, we would love to see you there!

“...let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body”

(Colossians 3:15)



St. Mary's Church, Potton
We love Potton because God loved Potton first.



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



A time for all who feel
spiritual in nature to come together.
Discover God in the beauty of the world around us.
Walk together, stop and share in simple reflections,
practical activities and prayers.



2.30pm. Meet at St. John the Baptist, Cockayne Hatley
before going out into nature for a gentle walk.
We return to St. John's for refreshments at about 3:45 pm.
24 May 28 June 26 July 23 Aug

Psalm 19:1

*The heavens keep telling the wonders of God, and the
skies declare what he has done.*

First Steps Play Group

Please note below the Fridays that the play group **WILL be open**
during school holidays, but there is a brief pause in September.

**HOWEVER If the temperature is expected to be 30°C or higher
the play group will not run.**

14 August: OPEN
21 August: OPEN
28 August: OPEN
4 September: CLOSED
11 September: CLOSED

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**

Can You Help With St. Mary's Church Hall?

We are very lucky to have a wonderful group of people who look after and run our Church Hall: The Hall Subcommittee. They are looking for help with the work they do. Could you be who they are looking for?

They are looking for:

- Practical Helpers – People who can do 'odd jobs' in around the Hall, such as simple repairs, gardening, tidying general maintenance etc.
- Committee Members – People who can help with the oversight of the hall. This might involve applying for grants, finding quotes for repairs, helping with accounts etc

A If you are interested in helping out please contact Rev. Alex and he will pass your message on.



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

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

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.

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
30-90-79
00120106
Ref: Talk
and email
joannahollington@btinternet.com
to confirm.

All proceeds to All Saints Church




Sponsored Bike 'n Hike
BEDS AND HERTS HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

Bike 'n Hike

**Saturday 12 September 2026
9am to 5pm**



For more information and all documents:

Or go to www.bedshertshct.org.uk

- ▶ Have fun visiting over 600 churches and chapels
- ▶ Raise funds for your local church or chapel
- ▶ Help save other churches in Beds and Herts

 **BEDS & HERTS
Historic Churches Trust**

Bike 'n Hike in association with the national *Ride + Stride*
and with acknowledgements to **THE WIXAMTREE TRUST**
www.bedshertshct.org.uk BHHCT Registered Charity No. 1197228

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
16 August (St. Mary's Patronal) 3 rd Sunday of the Month		Joint Service ➔	10:30am Patronal Communion**	5.30pm Taizé Service
23 August 4 th Sunday of the Month		9am Service of the Word	10:30am Choral Communion**	2.30pm Forest Church 4.30 Evening Prayer **
30 August 5 th Sunday of the Month		9am Holy Communion	10:30am POP Unity Service	
6 September 1 st Sunday of the Month		9am Holy Communion	10:30am Friends & Family	
13 September 2 nd Sunday of the Month	9am Holy Communion	10am Breakfast Church	10:30am Holy Communion	
20 September 3 rd Sunday of the Month		9am Holy Communion	10:30am Shorter Communion	5.30pm Taizé Service

The Zoom Option

We are can 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)
18 August
15 September***

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)*