

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 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

Saturday 19 September

2pm: Installation, Bishop of St. Albans, St. Albans Cathedral

Friday 25 September

7pm: Spanish Night by Friends of Sutton Church, Sutton Village Hall

Saturday 26 September

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

7pm: Confirmation Service, Location TBC

30 September

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

7 October

3-5pm: Afternoon Tea, All Saints Sutton

7.30pm: Potton PCC

20 October

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

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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 & 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.

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

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

20 September: Exodus 16:2-15 --- Philippians 1:21-end --- Matthew 20:1-16

27 September: Exodus 17:1-7 --- Philippians 2:1-13 --- Matthew 21:23-32

Readings different for Potton's Harvest Festival

4 October: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 --- Philippians 3:4-14 --- Matthew 21:33-end

Notices

SAVE THE DATE!

Confirmation 2026!

We are very pleased to say that we have some more candidates for confirmation and reconfirmation this year! This is wonderful news and is the result of much care and activity from all three churches.

Once we have their permission to print their names we will be asking you to pray for the candidates. In the meantime please may I ask you all to prioritise attending the Confirmation Service. This is arguably the most important service of the year as we welcome people into the family and work of Christ's church.

Saturday 26 September, 7pm, Church to be Confirmed

The 'Church Companions' Team

As we all know there are congregation members who became unable to attend regular services due to changes in their health and mobility. Similarly, there also people who can attend church regularly but for a variety of reason struggle to access other social opportunities and can be somewhat isolated the rest of the week/ month. Rev. Alex would like to set up a new team of warm, friendly volunteers to help maintain links with these people. He's calling these volunteers 'Church Companions'.

Could you be a Church Companion?

A church companion would visit an assigned individual in their home or take them out for coffee at least once a month. They may also help the individual to access to social events in our community, such as cafes or community events and help them meet other people. Being a church companion might also involve praying with the individual or bringing 'Home Communion' out to them.

A Church Companion would also undergo Safeguarding training, would need to be DBS checked and generally be committed to safeguarding. Help would of course be given to accessing these things.

Curious and would like to know more?

If you would like more information please contact Rev. Alex by email. He will send you a fuller description of the role and detail about how to put yourself forward.

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



Nightlight

September's theme:
It's Never Too Late

Sunday 13th September
2026 St Mary's Church

Service starts at 7.30pm
with the option of
arriving at 7.15pm for
refreshments

Also available on Zoom, by
advance request, for anyone
confined at home

Contact
s.e.banks@btinternet.com for
Zoom Code

First Steps Play Group

Please note below that
our baby and toddler
group is on a brief
pause until 18
September.



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.bedshtshct.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 WICKHAMPTON TRUST
www.bedshtshct.org.uk BHHCT Registered Charity No. 1107122



BREAKFAST CHURCH

at All Saints Sutton

SECOND SUNDAY at 10 a.m.

Join us for breakfast and an informal
service with a discussion for the adults and
an activity for the children. All ages very
welcome.

2026

11th January	10th May	13th September
8th February	14th June	11th October
8th March	12th July	8th November
12th April	9th August	13th December

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://www.bedshtshct.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





TICKETS AVAILABLE

Installation of the 11th Bishop of St. Albans

**19 September, 2pm,
Cathedral**

Bishop Andrew Rumsey will soon be installed as the new Bishop of St. Albans and leader of our diocese.

Rev. Alex has 4 spare tickets!

If anybody would like to attend please contact him (lifts can be arranged)

The service will also be available to watch online

FOSC Spanish Dinner



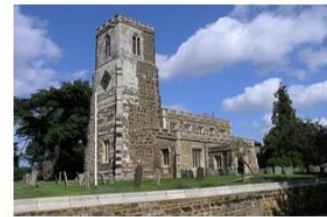
**25th September
at Sutton Village
Hall**

**7 for 7:30,
For tickets contact:
Sue - 260 679
Pippa – 260 226**

3 course Spanish meal and licensed bar

Spanish aperitif to start 

£28.00 per person



In aid of Friends of Sutton Church



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 27th September
September's theme: Harvest

Harvest Collections!

It will soon be time for our Harvest Services in which we ask attendees to bring an item of nonperishable food in solid packaging (nothing a mouse can nibble through!) to donate to the need project. Here are the dates for these services:

27 September: St. Mary's Harvest Festival

4 October: St. Marys Family & Friends

11 October: All Saints Harvest Festival

25 October: St. John Baptist Evensong

Pizza and Chat

A free monthly group for young people aged 11 to 18 to meet, eat pizza, play games and talk about life, faith and the big questions.

6-8pm.

St. Swithun's Church Rooms.
(Last Wednesday of the month.)

28 January	29 July
25 February	30 September
25 March	28 October
28 April	25 November
27 May	
24 June	

Run jointly by St. Swithun's Church Sandy & St. Mary's Church Potton. For more information contact either Rev. Jodie Brown (revjodiebrown@gmail.com) or Rev. Alex Wheatley (alex.wheatley.lector@gmail.com)



An Evening of Support & Reflection

(part of the 'National Baby Loss Awareness Week' and 'Wave of Light')



Please come and join us for an evening of support and remembrance of our little stars that are no longer with us but who we think of everyday. 'Wave of Light' is an opportunity to join with bereaved parents, families and friends to come to church and commemorate all babies who sadly died too soon by lighting a candle. The evening is an opportunity for those affected by baby/child loss to meet others that have shared experiences and feelings. Some like to talk, some like to listen, but no one need feel alone. There will be prayers and you can light a candle followed by some music and time to reflect and remember. You then have an opportunity to write a message on a star to hang on our memory tree. Your message will stay on our tree all year.

We remember every baby lost in pregnancy

Every baby born sleeping

Every baby lost shortly after birth

Every baby lost in childhood

We will love them forever

Sunday 11th October @ 6:30pm, St Mary's Church,

Hatley Road, Potton

Sea Sunday 2026

18 October, 10am, All Saints Church Sutton (SG19 2NB)

Join us as we come together to pray for all Merchant & Royal Navy seafarers who work in dangerous and lonely conditions for the benefit of all.

Through readings and rousing hymns this service will focus on the sea and those whose vocation leads them there. It will also include a moment of remembrance for all who have died at sea. Refreshments will be served after the service.

*Some went down to the sea in ships,
doing business on the mighty waters;
they saw the deeds of the Lord,
his wondrous works in the deep.
(Psalm 107: 23-24)*



Photo by Dorian Mergel on Unsplash

Plus,
a model boat
display!

Sue Ryder

Because no one
should face death
or grief alone

COFFEE
Morning



Saturday
17th October 2026



10:00am - 12:00 noon



Sausage butties



Cakes



Tea, coffee
& hot chocolate



Gluten free sausage
butties will be available.



All money raised will go to
St John's Hospice
in Moggerhanger.



Held at
The Salvation Army
Chapel Street
Potton

Thank you for your support!



YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR

BOOK FAIR!

**SATURDAY
24TH OCTOBER**

2:00PM - 4:00PM

THE SALVATION ARMY
CHAPEL STREET, POTTON

MEET THE AUTHORS!

- Alison Stockham
- Sophia Montagna
- Lou Treleven
- Meadow Farm Books
- Kate Packman
- C E Allardyce
- RJ Beynon

FREE ENTRY!

TEA & COFFEE AVAILABLE

PLEASE BRING CASH
TO SUPPORT OUR
WONDERFUL AUTHORS
AND BUY THEIR BOOKS!

**FIND YOUR NEXT
FAVOURITE READ!**

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

All
Welcome!

FREE
(Donations)



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
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
27 September 4 th Sunday of the Month		9am Service of the Word	10:30am Choral Communion **	2.30pm Forest Church 4.30pm Evening Prayer **
4 October 1 st Sunday of the Month		9am Holy Communion	10:30am Friends & Family	7.30pm Nightlight
11 October 2 nd Sunday of the Month	9am Holy Communion**	10am Breakfast Church	10:30am Holy Communion**	6.30pm 'Little Stars' Annual Service
18 October 3 rd Sunday of the Month Sea Sunday		10am Joint Holy 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)
15 September
20 October

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)*