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

Wednesday 28 October
6pm: Pizza & Chat Youth Group, Sandy Parish Rooms

Saturday 31 October
10am – 1pm: Link Café, Community Centre Brook End, Potton

Sunday 1 November
4.30pm: 'Remembering Our Loved Ones', St. Mary's Potton

Wednesday 4 November
12:30: Wedding, Sarah Carne & Samuel Hewson, St. Mary's Potton
3-5pm: Afternoon Tea, All Saints Sutton

Tuesday 3 November
12:45: Funeral of Arthur Swannell

Wednesday 11 November
7.30pm: Potton PCC

Saturday 14 November
7.30pm: Friends of Sutton Church Quiz, Sutton Village Hall

Sunday 15 November
1pm: Baptism of Jude Crossley, St. Mary's Potton
3pm: Bishop of Bedford's Farwell Service, St. Pauls Bedford

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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	Congo
nations)	Mexico
Sudan	Syria
Ukraine—Russia	Cameroon Yemen
Ethiopia	Haiti
Colombia	US/ Israel – Iran

Those Who Have Died Recently

Richard Daisley
Arthur Swannell

Upcoming Sunday Readings

25 October (Bible Sunday): Nehemiah 8:1-4, 8-12 --- Colossians 3:12-17 -- Matthew 24:30-35

Readings different for Potton Baptism

1 November (All Saints Day): Revelation 7:9-end --- 1 John 3:1-3 --- Matthew 5:1-12

8 November Remembrance Sunday: Various Options

15 November: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-end --- 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 --- Matthew 25:14-30

Notices

Final Harvest Collections

25 October: St. John Baptist Evensong

Please bring an item of nonperishable food in solid packaging (nothing a mouse can nibble through!) to donate to the Need Project.

Forest Church

Cockayne Hatley

Forest Church

Rooted in Faith

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 25th October

October's theme: Colours of Autumn



St Mary's Church, Hatley Road, Potton, SG19 2RP

FRIENDS & FAMILY SERVICE

Sunday 1st November 10.30-11.30 am

This month's theme is:

REMEMBRANCE

*Bible Story * Prayer * Church Band * Sewing *

*Poppy Wreath Craft * Knitting and Crochet* Lego Challenge *

*Tea * Coffee *Cake* Surprise Treat*

POPPIES WILL BE ON SALE

Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friend

John 15:13



Remembrance DAY Service

On Wednesday **11th November, 10.30am in Cockayne Hatley Church** to honour the sacrifice of those who have died in conflicts and to pray for peace. The Rolls of Honour from all three churches will be read. If you are able to offer lifts or need a liftplease contact Dawn Kerridge

Remembrance SUNDAY Services

8th of November

9am at Cockayne Hatley: Holy Communion with Act of Remembrance

10am at Sutton: Breakfast Church with Act of Remembrance

10:10 at Potton Town Square: Parade Service


THE SALVATION ARMY
YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR
BOOK FAIR!
MEET THE AUTHORS!
Alison Stockham
Sophia Montagna
Lou Treleaven
Meadow Farm Books
Kate Packman
C E Allardyce
RJ Beynon
SATURDAY
24TH OCTOBER
2:00PM – 4:00PM
THE SALVATION ARMY
CHAPEL STREET, POTTON
FREE ENTRY!
TEA & COFFEE AVAILABLE
PLEASE BRING CASH TO SUPPORT OUR WONDERFUL AUTHORS AND BUY THEIR BOOKS!
FIND YOUR NEXT FAVOURITE READ!


Remembering Our Loved Ones
The All Soul's Memorial Service 2026
1st November 2025, 4.30pm.
St. Mary's Church Potton.
Hatley Road, SG19 2RP.
You, your family and friends are invited to a memorial service to remember those whom we love but see no longer.
If you wish to add a name to the list of those persons to be remembered by name please add to the list on the welcome desks in Potton and Sutton Churches.
May the souls of the departed, in the mercy and love of God, rest in peace and rise in glory.
There is no requirement to RSVP.
For further information please contact Rev. Alex Wheatley
alex.wheatley.rector@gmail.com/ 01767 764062


Nightlight
Sunday 8th November
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
November's theme:
Where is God When it Hurts?

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 chilen. 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

Sutton Village Quiz



Sat 14th November
at Sutton Village Hall
7 for 7:30, Contact:
Sue - 260 679
Pippa – 260 226

Teams of up to 6

2 course hot supper & licensed bar

£15.00 per person

(Transfer to "FOSC": Sort code 20-74-81 Account 2085 2066 at Barclays bank)



In aid of Friends of Sutton Church

The 'Church Companions' Team

As we all know there are congregation members who beoame 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.

Bishop Richard's Service of Thanksgiving & Farewell

Sunday 15th November, 3pm, St. Paul's Church Bedford

As you are aware Bishop Richard is retiring at the end of the year after over 14 years as Bishop of Bedford. We have all greatly benefitted from Bishop Richard's wisdom, care, support, encouragement and friendship during his faithful ministry. To say farewell, to thank him for his ministry among us, and to celebrate the life of our county, there is to be a service of 'Thanksgiving and Farewell' at St Paul's Church, Bedford at 3:00pm on Sunday 15th November. The service will be followed by refreshments.

There are a limited number of tickets which became available on the 12th of October at **https://www.stpaulschurchbedford.org.uk/event-details-registration/bedfordshire-service-of-thanksgiving-and-farewell-on-the-retirement-of-rt-revd-richard-atkinson-obe**

Advent Carol Service at St. Alban's Cathedral

Rev. Alex would like to know if anyone is interested in going to St. Albans Cathedral for the annual Advent Carol service. This service is a bit like a Christmas Carol service, but focuses on Advent. It's a wonderful immersive service which starts in darkness and gets progressively lighter as more and more candles are lit, representing the coming of Christ into the world. Plus singing those wonderful Advent hymns!
The service is on **29 November** at 6pm, but to get a good seat we should arrive by **5.30**. This means a **departure of about 4:30pm**
(*note: this is a fifth Sunday in the month so there is no evening service at Cockayne Hatley*).
Participants could then go out for food together in St. Albans if they wished to.

Lift sharing will be be organised.
A sign up sheet will go out in due course, for now just save the date!

Advent Bible Study Group

Just like in Lent many churches uses the waiting time of Advent to engage in some study together. We are therefore pleased to offer a group meeting on Monday evenings during Advent. These will take place at 7pm at the Old Rectory at Sutton (30th November, 7th December, 14th December, 21st December.)

Details regarding the topic will follow soon!

New Services at St. John the Baptist

The Benefice Worship Team are experimenting with offering more services at St. John the Baptist Cockayne Hatley. The new pattern, which starts in October looks like this:

1st Sunday of the Month

9am: Mattins (Book of Common Prayer)

An older form of Morning Prayer which uses traditional lanugauage.

4.30pm: Quiet Communion

A short and quiet service of Holy Communion.

2nd Sunday of the Month

9am: Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

An older form of Holy Communion which uses traditional language.

4.30pm: Celtic Evening Prayer

A contemporary form of evening prayer using material from 'Christian Celtic Spirituality'

3rd Sunday of the Month

9am: Morning Prayer

Prayers for the start of the day.

4.30pm: Taize Service

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.

4th Sunday of the Month

9am: Holy Communion (Common Worship)

A short and quiet service of Holy Communion.

2.30pm: Forest Church

An All Age service for those who find God in the wonder of nature and wish to worship him there. (See separate advert for more details)

4.30pm: Evensong (Book of Common Prayer)

A much beloved service in English Christianity! A sung version of a traditional evening prayer service. Our thanks to St. Mary's choir for making this possible.

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	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
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
25 October 4th Sunday of the Month	9am Holy Communion**	9am Service of the Word	10:30am Holy Communion & Baptism	2.30pm Forest Church 4.30pm Choral Evensong
1 November 1st Sunday of the Month **All Saints**	9am Mattins	9am Holy Communion	10:30am Friends & Family	~~4.30pm~~ ~~Holy Communion~~ 4.30pm 'Remembering Our Loved Ones'
8 November 2nd Sunday of the Month **Remembrance Sunday**	9am Holy Communion**	**10am** Breakfast Church	10:10am Annual Parade Service (Market Square)	4.30pm Celtic Evening Prayer** 7.30pm Nightlight
15 November 3rd Sunday of the Month	9am Morning Prayer	9am Holy Communion	10:30 Shorter Communion	4.30pm 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)

17 November

15 December

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)