

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

Wednesday 7 October

3-5pm: Afternoon Tea, All Saints Sutton

Sunday 11 October

10:30am: Baptism of Ivy Savage, St. Mary's Potton

6.30: Little Stars Service (see advert below), St. Mary's Potton

Wednesday 14 October

12 noon: Funeral of Richard Daisley, St. Mary's Potton

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

Wednesday 11 November

7.30pm: Potton PCC

Saturday 14 November

7.30pm: Friends of Sutton Church Quiz, Sutton Village Hall

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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

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

11 October: Exodus 32:1-14 --- Philippians 4:1-9 --- Matthew 22:1-14

Readings different for Potton Baptism

18 October: Exodus 33: 12-end ---- 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 --- Matthew 22: 15-22

Readings different for Sea Sunday

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

Readings different for Potton Baptism

Notices

Confirmation 2026!

Huge congratulations to Ava, Mandy & Wendy! At our special conformation service on the 26th Ava was Baptised and confirmed while Mandy & Wendy were Reconfirmed.



Our thanks to Bishop Rob Gillion for leading the service.

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.

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:

11 October: All Saints Harvest Festival

25 October: St. John Baptist Evensong



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

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, Pottton



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

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)*

With guest performers: the Biggleswade Barnacles!

Plus, a model boat display!

Photo by Dorian Mongel on Unsplash

**Sea Sunday is a joint service and so there is no 9am at Cockayne Hatley or 10:30 at Potton. Please also note the start time of 10am.
Do reach out if you need a lift.**

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
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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

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.

Bishop Richard's Service of Thanksgiving & Farewell

Sunday 15th, 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 will be available from 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!

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 language.

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 (Except not on 18 October as it is a joint service at Sutton!)

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.

Club Connect 
 Friendship ♥ Conversation ♥ Community

**Wednesday 14th October
at 7pm**

Join us at The Salvation Army, Potton
 for a special evening with ...

**Dawn from
The Melting Pot**

Dawn will be talking
 all things chocolate,
 with a chance to taste
 some delicious chocolate!

**THE
Melting Pot**
 CHOCOLATE WITH
 A HEART

Learn more about
 chocolate, discover
 some tasty treats
 and enjoy a fun and
 relaxed evening
 together.

**Tickets
£5 each**
 Tickets are limited
 so please book
 soon!

Everybody is welcome!
 Men and women ♥ Come along and bring a friend!

Good chocolate.
 Good company.

Sue Ryder ♥ **COFFEE
Morning** ♥

Because no one
 should face death
 or grief alone

 **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
11 October 2 nd Sunday of the Month	9am Holy Communion**	<u>10am</u> Breakfast Church	10:30am Holy Communion & Baptism	4.30pm Celtic Evening Prayer** 6.30pm 'Little Stars'
18 October 3 rd Sunday of the Month Sea Sunday	➔	<u>10am</u> Joint Holy Communion	➔	4.30pm Taizé Service
25 October 4 th Sunday of the Month	9am Holy Communion**	9am Service of the Word	10:30am Holy Communion & Baptism	2.30pm Forest Church 4.30pm Evening Prayer **
1 November 1 st 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'

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)
20 October
17 November

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)*