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# Partnership News

11 July 2004  
15th in Ordinary

The Methodist Church & the Church of England in Partnership at both  
Putnoe Heights Church & St. Mark's Church



Church of  
England

## Church Services Today

### 8.30am Service of Holy Communion

Held at both churches

### 9.30am St Mark's Church –Morning Worship

Preacher –The Revd Charles Royden

Leadership Team - Mrs Delia Shepard

Intercessions - Mrs Alison Holden

### 11.00am Putnoe Heights - Morning Worship

Preacher - Barbara Wheeler from NCH

Leadership Team - Mr Alan Bayliss

Intercessions - Mr Alan Bayliss

## 16 in Ordinary — July 18

### 8.30 am Service of Holy Communion

Service held at Putnoe Heights Church only

### 9.30am St. Mark's Church –Holy Communion

Preacher - The Revd Neil Bramble-Chapman

Leadership Team - Mrs Janet Day

Intercessions –Mr Mike Elliott

### 11.00am Putnoe Heights—Holy Communion

Preacher – Revd Neil Bramble-Chapman

Leadership Team - Mr Peter Bailey

Intercessions - Mr Peter Bailey

## Thank You

The flowers at Putnoe Heights Church this week have been given by Jean Inskip.

We are extremely grateful when donations are made for the flowers. This may be as a celebration of a happy occasion such as an anniversary or in memory of someone who has died. Contact Miss Marion Prior 303254 (St. Mark's) or Miss Jennie Cooper 404950 (Putnoe Heights).

## Prayer for Sunday

Eternal God, giver of love and peace, you call your children to live together as one family. Give us grace to learn your ways and to do your will, that we may bring justice and peace to all people, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Methodist Worship*

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*Please inform us if you know of anyone who is ill, bereaved,  
housebound, requires a visit, home communion or counselling services.  
Please also ask us if you would like a home visit for any reason.*

## Putnoe Heights Church Centre

Open 9am - 1.00pm Monday & Friday

9am - 4pm Tuesday/Wednesday & Thursday

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# Regular Weekly Activities - A Guide To Our Churches

## Monday

**9.30 - 12.00 pm Pre-school** (See website for more details) Mrs Janet Smith 326685 (Putnoe Heights) or Mrs. Helen Harpin **312634** (St. Mark's).  
**10.00 am Day Care Centre** at St. Mark's Church for those with Learning Difficulties. Contact K Stenton 07748 760082  
**12.00pm - 1.00pm Storybox** at Putnoe Heights Church. Service for parents/carers & children under 5. Sandwich lunch, Bible Stories Children's activities songs and prayers, all in one hour from 12-1pm!  
**4.15 - 5.45pm Kumon Maths** at Putnoe Heights. Contact Ms R.Mistry 01908 217555  
**6.00pm Brownies** St Mark's. Mrs Gill Lake 218091  
**6.15 pm Brownies** Putnoe. Alison McEwen 358583  
**7.30pm Sugarcraft Guild** meets first Monday every month at St. Mark's Mrs. Jill Williams 357020  
**7.15 m Guides** -St. Mark's. Mrs Gill Lake 218091  
**7.30- 9.30pm Creative Needles** at Putnoe Heights. Mrs Hayward 307648  
**7.30pm Whist Drive** - At St Mark's each month. Next 19 July Contact Mrs. Judith Stanton. 823313  
**7.30pm Housegroup** 30 The Ridgeway. The home of Eddy & Margaret Peck 267567.  
**8.00 - 9.00 pm 'Get Fit, Stay Fit'** at Putnoe Heights. Mrs Diane Field 404976

## Tuesday

**9.30am - 12.30pm Candlewicking** (Needlework) at Putnoe Heights - Mrs Olive Shotbolt 267203  
**9.30am - 11.30pm Jo Jingles** at St. Mark's. Music & movement for pre-school children. Contact Renu Elston 01908 282866  
**10.00am - 11.00am - Keep Fit** at Putnoe Heights. Contact Mrs Stileman 822230  
**1.30 -3.00pm Putnoe Heights Church Toddlers Playtime** Contact Geraldine Skeel 406828  
**12 noon - 10.00 pm Slimming World** at St. Mark's. Sessions start at 12, 1.30pm, 4pm, 5.30pm & 7.15pm Contact Val Careless 345213.  
**2.15pm Putnoe Heights Women's Fellowship** - Next meeting - 13 July Poetry Please. Contact Mrs Betty Wyatt 350188  
**2.15pm Putnoe Heights Men's Fellowship.** Next meeting 13 July Chief Superintendent S. Battle, Bedfordshire Police Contact Lawrence Wyatt 350188.  
**2.30pm Mother Teresa Support Group.** Meets fortnightly at St. Mark's. Wool and knitting needles provided. Contact Mrs Joan Gravett 356911 and Mrs Marjorie Taylor 305709  
**2.30pm Tuesday Afternoon Housegroup.** Meets fortnightly at St. Mark's Church. Contact Mary Stubbs 406784.  
**3.30 - 4.30pm Putnoe Heights Church** Essential Stretch Contact Caroline 07778 898135 or 326096  
**6.30 - 7.30pm Yoga** at Putnoe Heights. Contact

Rachel Leontyne 01234 783129

**6.45pm Guides** at Putnoe Heights - Liz Rix 363607  
**7.00 - 8.00 pm Keep Fit at St. Mark's Church.** Contact Mrs Jan Gregory 214107.  
**7.30 - 9.30pm Bibleway Church** at Putnoe Heights - Bible study & prayers. Contact Pastor Tarr 348438 or 07773354129  
**7. 45 pm Putnoe Heights Ladies Tuesday Club** - Meets fortnightly . Next meeting 20 July Coffee Evening - 34 Severn Way (Christine )Contact Mrs C Davies 219130  
**8.00pm Tuesday Housegroup** Next meeting 6 July at 16 Swindale , Contact Alison 403551 or Brian 305347.  
**8.30-9.30pm St. Mark's - Qi Gong** (Self help healing) group) - Contact Mr F Steele 355937

## Wednesday

**10.00 am Childminding Support Group** at Putnoe Heights. Mrs S Longman 313949  
**10.00 am Day Care Centre** Putnoe Height Church for those with Learning Difficulties. Contact K Stenton 07748 760082  
**10.00 am Holy Communion** at St. Mark's Chapel. A half hour service followed by coffee. All welcome.  
**10am Sewing & Chat** Putnoe Heights Contact Valerie Russell 01462 815966  
**12 - 1pm Putnoe Height Church** Total Body Toning Contact Caroline 07778 898135 or 326096  
**Luncheon Club** at St. Mark's meets fortnightly. Next one 21 July Outing Contact St. Mark's 342613  
**1.30 - 4.00pm. Bridge Club for the Retired** - Meets weekly at St. Mark's. Mrs Truss Boyce 781133  
**4.15 - 5.45pm Kumon Maths** at Putnoe Heights Contact Ms R Mistry 01908 217555  
**6. - 7.00pm Self Defence at Putnoe** Contact Mr James 07711 687449  
**6.00 -7.30 pm Brownies** at St Mark's Contact Mrs Carol Warden 219731  
**7.00pm St. Mark's Church** Bunyan Bridge. Contact Brian Sallows 407725  
**7-10pm Putnoe Guild** - Putnoe Heights 3rd Wednesday each month. Contact Mrs Dallas 212609  
**7.45 - 8.45pm Kick Boxing** Junior classes St. Mark's. Mr James 07711687449 or 07810234890  
**7.45pm Badminton Club** at Putnoe Heights - all welcome. Contact Ken Marriott 214867

## Thursday

**9.30am Thursday Prayer Group** at Putnoe Heights in the side chapel. Sylvia Cohen 343424 *Request for prayer can be written in the prayer diary on the information table.*  
**10.30am - 12.00am Brickhill Clinic** at St Mark's with **Fledglings 2.00pm—3.00pm** Contact 267444  
**10.00am - 11.30am Yoga** at Putnoe Heights Contact 244970

**12 - 1.00 pm Storybox** at St Mark's Church.  
Service for parents, carers & children under 5.  
Sandwich lunch, Bible Stories, Children's activities,  
songs & prayers, all in one hour from 12-1pm.

**1.30 - 3.00 pm St. Mark's Church Toddler Group.**  
Contact Debbie Coppenhall 356828.

**1.30 -3.00pm Putnoe Heights Church Toddlers  
Playtime** Contact Geraldine Skeel 406828

**2.30 Bedford Arts Society** at St. Mark's. Contact  
Celia Maddison 782901

**6.15 pm Weightwatchers at St. Mark's.**  
Contact Mrs Margaret Ralph 01767 224978.

**6.15pm Brownies at Putnoe** Mrs S Lewis 300198

**7.30 - 9.30pm Club 2000** Putnoe 2nd Thursday of  
the month. Contact Mrs Moreton 771261

**6.15 - 7.30pm Bedford Junior Chess Club.** St.  
Mark's Contact Mr & Mrs Pike 823795

**7.30pm - 11.00pm Bedford Senior Chess Club** at  
St Mark's Contact Mr Hatton 824988

**7.30 - 9.30pm Embroiderer's Guild** St Mark's- 3rd  
Thursday month. Contact Mrs K Sage 771525

**7.45pm. Housegroup**-Meets fortnightly at 3 Little  
Headlands. Newcomers always welcome. Contact  
Betty Wyatt 350188

**8.00 - 10pm Bedford Writers Circle** meets at St  
Mark's Church 3rd Thursday each month. Contact  
Mr John Broadhouse 740271

## Friday

**10.00 am Day Care Centre** at St. Mark's Church  
Contact K Stenton 07748 760082

**6 -7.00 pm Self Defence at Putnoe** Contact Mr  
James 0771 687449 or 07810 234890

**7. 30 - 9.30pm** Young Peoples meeting Contact  
Pastor Tarr 376841

**7.30pm Music Group** St. Mark's Church/monthly

**6.30pm -8.30 pm Dog Training Classes** at St.  
Mark's Contact Mrs L. Laton 365601

## Saturday

**10.00am - 1.00pm & 2 - 5pm Theatre Train at St  
Mark's** -dancing acting, singing,- Kate Randle  
304865

**7.15pm - 10.30pm Duplicate Bridge** at St Mark's  
Contact Ann or Peter 212066

**Peace Project Saturday School** at Putnoe Heights.  
For details contact Mrs.E.Tarr 309881

## Sunday

**1- 3pm & 7-9pm Bibleway Church** at Putnoe  
Heights - Worship. Contact Pastor Tarr 348438  
Mob. 07773354129

# News, Views and Information

## The Calendar

**Putnoe Centre Management** 26 July  
**St Mark's Church Council**  
October 13 2004, February 1 2005  
**Churchyards Committee**  
Next meeting Monday 6 September, 10am  
**St Mark's Centre Management Meeting**  
Monday 26 July, Wednesday 29 September,  
Wednesday 10 November  
**Putnoe Leadership Team**  
Monday 6 September  
**St Mark's Leadership Team**  
Wednesday 8 September  
**Putnoe Church Council**  
11 October 2004, 7 February 2005  
13 June 2005, 10 October 2005  
**Pastoral Group** Wednesday 15 September at  
2.30pm  
Calendar dates now appear on our church website  
[www.ThisChurch.com](http://www.ThisChurch.com). Please advise us if you have  
a date to be added to the church calendar.

**Brickhill Parish Council** meets on Wednesday 14  
July at 7.30pm at Brickhill Community Centre.

## Summer Holy Communion

Please note the 8.30am Holy Communion will be  
alternate in July and August. The first occasion will  
be July 18 when we will meet at Putnoe Heights

Church. 18 July Putnoe, 25 July St Mark's Church, 1  
August Putnoe, 8 August St Mark's, 15 August  
Putnoe, 22 August St. Mark's, 29 August Putnoe,

**Putnoe Ramblers** Sunday 11 July, 2.30pm. Park in  
Kimbolton High Street to meet outside the "New Sun  
Inn" for 4½ mile circular walk with visit to Kimbolton  
Church to see the "Tiffany Window". Finish with a pot  
of tea in the "New Sun". Easy "town trail" option for a  
gentle stroll.

**The Methodist Church supports the amendment**  
which will make it impossible for a parent to defend  
themselves against a charge of assault by claiming it  
was 'reasonable chastisement'. The Methodist Church  
backs the 'Children are unbeatable!' alliance, which is  
campaigning to scrap the 1860 legal defence of  
'reasonable chastisement' in order to give children  
the same protection from assault in the home as  
adults. "Overturning the archaic defence of  
'reasonable chastisement' will send out a clear  
message that violence has no place in caring and  
loving parenting. Christians have a particular concern  
to speak out for weaker groups, and for people who  
are subjected to violence. The Methodist Church is  
committed to playing its part in promoting and  
mobilising resources and support which helps  
parents develop non-violent ways of discipline."



## Bible Notes Ordinary 15

### Opening Verse of Scripture Luke 10:27

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind' ; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself."

### A Collect Prayer - Before we read we pray

Give us, we pray, gentle God, a mind forgetful of past injury, a will to seek the good of others and a heart of love, that we may learn to live in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, through whom we pray. Amen.

### First Bible Reading Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Then the LORD your God will make you most prosperous in all the work of your hands and in the fruit of your womb, the young of your livestock and the crops of your land. The LORD will again delight in you and make you prosperous, just as he delighted in your fathers, if you obey the LORD your God and keep his commands and decrees that are written in this Book of the Law and turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Now what I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you or beyond your reach. It is not up in heaven, so that you have to ask, "Who will ascend into heaven to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?" Nor is it beyond the sea, so that you have to ask, "Who will cross the sea to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?" No, the word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it. (Reader: This is the word of the Lord - All: **Thanks be to God**)

### Second Reading Colossians 1:1

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the holy and faithful brothers in Christ at Colosse: Grace and peace to you from God our Father. We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all the saints-- the faith and love that spring from the hope that is stored up for you in heaven and that you have already heard about in the word of truth, the gospel that has come to you. All over the world this gospel is bearing fruit and growing, just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and understood God's grace in all its truth. You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, and who also told us of your love in the Spirit. For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. (Reader: This is the word of the Lord - All: **Thanks be to God**)



### Gospel Reading Luke 10:25-37

On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?" He answered: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind' ; and, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'" "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."

You will love the  
Lord your God  
with all your  
**HEART**  
and with all your  
**SOUL**  
and with all your  
**STRENGTH**  
and with all your  
**MIND**  
and your neighbor  
as yourself.  
Luke 10.27

But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbour?" In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he travelled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, took him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.' "Which of these three do you think was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

(Reader: This is the word of the Lord - All: **Thanks be to God**)

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Grant, O Lord, we beseech you, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by your governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Hymns St Mark's Church** 1. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord! H&P 86 (Tune: Woodlands) 2. When I needed a neighbour (Tune: Neighbour by Carter), 3. Kneels at the feet of his friends H&Ps 145; 4. Brother let me be your servant, 5. Jesus Christ is waiting (Tune Noel Nouvelet)

**Putnoe Heights Church** 1. Jesus if still the same thou art H&P 529: 2. I am a new creation MP 254 3. Kneels at the feet of his friends H&Ps 145; 4. Brother let me be your servant 5. Jesus Christ is waiting. (Tune Noel Nouvelet)

### **Commentary** The commentary this week is by the NCH

The Old Testament's justice and righteousness cannot come about and the New Testament's eternal life cannot be won unless God's people follow the two great commandments. Unless we love our neighbour we cannot truly love God. But we, just like the ancient Israelites, create other 'false gods' and distractions in our lives, which serve our purpose rather than God's, diverting our love from Him and our neighbour and keeping us busily unable to respond to the challenge Jesus presents through his parable of the Good Samaritan. He teaches that what you believe counts for little unless you live it out – neighbour is as neighbour does. At the time of Luke writing, many would have understood 'neighbour' to mean fellow Jews. So the priest and Levite under this definition are neighbours but the Samaritan is not. What's more the Samaritans were despised by the Jews and the feeling was mutual (see the disciples' comments in the previous chapter when Jesus was denied a welcome in a Samaritan village). In fact the passage may even have come to be titled the Good Samaritan because all other Samaritans were considered bad! Those listening to Jesus would have been shocked and amazed by the intervention of the Samaritan whereas they would probably have understood the actions of the holy men who walked on by. They would have empathised with the priest who was simply following religious law, forbidding him from going near a dead body because then he would lose his turn of duty in the temple. As in Amos, the temple and liturgy have a higher claim than the needs of fellow men. By the end of the parable, the hated outsider becomes the true neighbour because of what he does for the victim. Jesus redefined 'neighbour' as not just kith and kin, or a matter of personal choice, but the person you think of as your enemy. He exposed the deep-seated racial and social prejudice that had become an acceptable way of life. He challenged the view of the Samaritan as the least likely to help, but who actually did far more than was needed and who was compassionate, tender, thoughtful, generous, trustworthy and honest –not exactly the character profile that the Jews would have wanted to attribute to a Samaritan. So what about the social prejudices and negative stereotypes of today – young people involved in antisocial behaviour, asylum seekers, those living on benefits – some of the underclasses of our modern-day society? Are we moved to action by those who have been dealt a rough deal, mistreated, suffering or in need? Or do we feel sorry, say a

quick prayer, then move swiftly on, leaving others – or no one – to pick up the pieces and do what we should have done? As with the priest, Levite and the Old Testament Israelites, we can be sure that we will be judged not by our religious beliefs alone but by the life we live and how we treat others. We are asked to love not only ‘people like us’ but anybody in need, including strangers, enemies and those who have brought trouble on themselves. There are no longer any limits to the definition of ‘neighbour’, just as God’s love through Jesus is indeed limitless. In the prayer of thanksgiving that opens Paul’s letter to the Colossians there are echoes of the Amos passage, that once again God has rescued and delivered his people from darkness, this time through giving us his son as the example to follow. It is to him that we must look to understand and practice God’s love. True followers of Christ do not have an option to pull down the shutters and ignore the uncomfortable issues that he presents us with. Rather he points us to the Samaritan, warning that we will need to go out of our way, risk something of ourselves and pay a personal price to love our neighbour and our God. The command from Jesus is clear: ‘You go, then, and do the same’. **NCH**

### **Meditation From NCH**

In the parable in Luke’s gospel, those who encounter the survivor of the attack are challenged to look beyond the broken body that lies in front of them – to forget personal prejudices, negative stereotypes and respond in the spirit of God’s love. In the same way, NCH must do that for all the young people who come through our doors each year needing help and support. Our role is not to judge, criticise or blame but to play our part in giving practical help, rebuilding self-esteem and restoring confidence. One of the significant but hidden issues for many young people using NCH projects is self-harm. It is a condition where people deliberately harm themselves in a way that is not intended to be life threatening. The most common forms of self-harm involve cutting, burning, hitting, scratching or biting. Government statistics estimate that at least one in 17 young people self-harm but the numbers may well be higher because self-harm is usually done in secret and is often hidden. Research undertaken by NCH has brought this relatively unknown condition suffered in silence by children and young people into the open. The young people we interviewed self-harmed as a way of coping with depression, emotional pain and distress, and even as a means of preventing suicide. Some wanted to punish themselves, others saw it as a way of communicating their distress to others and most used it as a way of taking back control.

It gave expression to feelings that they felt unable to talk about, caused by events such as bullying, abuse, unwanted pregnancy, bereavement or entering care. It provided them with relief from overwhelming emotional pain. Self-harm can be seen as articulating the inexpressible, a cry for help, but it is also usually a highly secretive behaviour that individuals do in absolute privacy. Having someone they could talk to seemed to be key in enabling many of the young people involved in this study to stop self-harming. Those interviewed particularly valued people that were tolerant, respectful and understanding of them as individuals and felt that NCH staff fell into this category.

When you actually cut, there’s about a minute, two minutes at the most, of actual release, and relief, and my whole body goes kind of calm... It’s kind of like everything bad, and all your hurt and pain, pours out of you, for just that second or whatever. However long it lasts. It’s my way of turning emotion and pain and things like that into something physical, which is a lot easier to handle at the time than it is in the long run.’ **Kirsty (early 20s)**

‘When you cut it’s like... each cut is a bit of how I was feeling. But instead of telling someone, because I couldn’t, I had to find another way of doing it, of expressing how I was feeling.’

**Sharon (early 20s)**

‘Look at the individual, not the harm. Look at the person beyond the scars.’ **(Mel, late teens)**

### **Prayers**

Grant, O Lord, that in your wounds I may find my safety; in your stripes, my cure; in your pain, my peace; in your Cross, my victory; in your resurrection, my triumph; and in the glory of your kingdom, a crown of righteousness; for your tender mercy’s sake. Amen    Jeremy Taylor, 1613-1667

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

# News, Views and Information

**NCH : Today** is NCH Sunday at Putnoe Heights Church. Barbara Wheeler (Asst. Director of Children's Services, Eastern Region) is coming to speak on the work undertaken by NCH. Envelopes will be available at both churches. I also have boxes for the home if any one would like one. Grace Foster (NCH coordinator North Beds. Circuit)

**Beds. & Herts. Historic Churches Trust— Annual Sponsored Bike Ride—Saturday 11 September 2004**  
10am - 6pm. St. Marks and Putnoe Heights will both be open and welcoming for cyclists and walkers participating in this event. Volunteers are needed at Putnoe Heights ( 1 hour) to be at the Church to sign sponsor forms and allow visitors to use our facilities. Cyclists or walkers who would like to participate and raise money, to be divided 50/50 between the Trust and the Church of your choice, please contact Sue Allen (407264) for details.

**Congratulations and Thank You!** A wonderful celebration took place this week to remember the Diamond Anniversary of Trevor and Mima Noble. Following the lunch event Jenny Emsley kindly donated the sum of £106 which was raised from the event. The gift is towards the building of the new extension for Autism Bedfordshire at St Mark's Church.

## **Bedford Cricketing Saints and Warthogs CC**

This weekend we are on a Tour to the Southcoast, playing a couple of matches against Church Teams in the Southampton Area. We are hoping for some good weather and success. We will let you know how we get on. We have had a busy time over the past few weeks. We have won all our last four matches, one in a controversial finish. We first defeated St. John's Bedford on the 22nd June, by 10 wickets and in the return fixture a week later we scored 75 for 9 wickets, with fine contributions of 19 runs by J Cakebread and 15 runs from T. Day. Your Minister, Neil Bramble-Chapman took 2 wickets for 15 runs off 2 overs and J. Cakebread took 4 wickets for 4 runs off 3 overs. St. Johns thought they had scored the winning runs off the penultimate ball of the final over, and so the match came to an end. But when the scorebook was checked, it was discovered that the Saints and Warthogs had in fact won by 6 runs! On the 27th June we amassed the huge total of 195 for 8 off 30 overs, easily our highest score of the season. An excellent 60 not out from T. Day was the highlight of the batting and St. Guthlac's of Market Deeping managed only 79, with T. Day again the star in taking 5 wickets for 8 runs off 5 overs. Finally we beat Eynesbury Methodists by 7 wickets on the 6th July. We have upcoming fixtures against Priory Methodists on the 13th July, 6.15pm at Bedford Park; Bunyan Rd. Baptists, Stevenage, on the 18th July, 2.15pm at Bedford Park and Eynesbury Methodists on the 20th July, 6.15pm at Mowebury Park. Supporters most welcome. Come along and watch your Organist and Minister in action!

**The Emmaus Community Carlton**, which offers a home and work for homeless people, held the official opening of its second accommodation block on 17<sup>th</sup> June. The newly converted block, named Alborada House, provides a total of 17 bedrooms for the Community. The necessary

funding for the work was provided through generous grants made by the National Lottery Community Fund and the Alborada Trust. In addition, considerable help was given through CRASH, including major material donations from the construction industry, as well as furniture from B & Q and other companies.

The Community hit the headlines last year when a genuine Rembrandt etching was found amongst the goods brought on to site, and subsequently sold at auction for over £6,000. Imagine the Community's surprise when a second Rembrandt etching was brought in for valuation by a member of the public at the Valuation Day held at the end of May! George Archdale, valuer on the BBC Antiques Roadshow, together with Sarah Flynn of Cheffins, Valuers and Auctioneers in Cambridge, valued hundreds of items during the day.

John Creasey, Project Development Manager for the Community, says "We couldn't believe it when the very first item brought in for valuation turned out to be a Rembrandt!! It must be like buses – you wait for ages and then three come along all at once. So I shall be looking carefully through the bric-a-brac in the shop to find the next one!"

Alan and Maureen Barrett, Community Leaders at Carlton, add "It has been an exciting few months for us here. The Community is going from strength to strength. The opening of Alborada House provides us with much-needed space to help even more homeless people."

For those who are not familiar with the Emmaus concept, the charity is secular, although it was founded by an inspirational French priest known by his Resistance code name of "Abbe Pierre". The first community was set up in France in 1949 to meet the needs of people made homeless by the Second World War. The concept was brought to the UK in 1990 and Emmaus Cambridge was the first of the 11 communities founded so far in this country. Emmaus Communities offer homeless people a practical way in which they can move from homelessness and dependency on state benefits to taking responsibility for their own lives through living and working in self-supporting communities. No one in an Emmaus Community gets a handout – they work for their bed and board.

Emmaus Village Carlton was opened by Terry Waite in May 2002, and now covers its day-to-day running costs from its trading income. There are, however, many areas of the site that have yet to be developed, and these will require considerable amounts of capital grant aid over the next few years.

A date for your diary – Emmaus Village Carlton Grand Sale will be held on Saturday 29 September from 10am – 4pm. Many bargains to be had, the Bistro will be open and a warm welcome awaits you. We hope to see you there!

We are pleased that the architect John Creasey, the project Development Manager for Emmaus, is now assisting St Mark's to develop the building project for Autism Bedfordshire

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**Mary Byrne  
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Mabel Cartwright**

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