



Methodist
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Partnership News

11th November 2007

Remembrance Sunday



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Partnership Church Services Today

8.30am Holy Communion every Sunday on the 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday at Putnoe Heights Church. On the 2nd & 4th Sunday in St Mark's Chapel.

9.30am St Mark's - Morning Worship

Preacher - Revd Dr Joan Crossley
Leadership Team - Mrs Morag Stewart
Intercessions - Mr Chris Izzard

11.00am Putnoe Heights - Morning Worship

Preacher - Revd Dr Joan Crossley
Leadership Team - Mr Alan Cooper
Intercessions - Mr Eddy Peck

3.00pm Service of Commemoration at St Mark's

Thank You

The flowers at Putnoe Heights Church this week have been given by Doreen Denny in loving memory of her husband, Len, on the anniversary of his death.

The flowers at St Mark's Church have been given by Elizabeth Bean and family in memory of Phil. The flowers in the chapel have been given by Wendy Rider in memory of her sister Jill.



Remembrance Sunday Prayer

Almighty God, grant that we who gather here today may pay fitting tribute and honour to the memory of those who have died in the service of their country.

May we be so inspired by the spirit of their love and courage that, forgetting all selfish and unworthy motives, we may live only to your glory and to the service of all people.

May we who desire peace be willing to work for justice.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Regular Weekly Activities - A Guide To Our Churches

Monday

9.30-12.00pm Mon-Fri Putnoe Heights Pre-school

Headteacher Mrs Janet Smith ☎326685

8.30-5.30pm Mon-Fri St Mark's Pre-school

Headteacher Mrs. Helen Harpin ☎312634

(See website for more details)

9.00am Clubhouse at St. Mark's for those with Learning Disabilities. Karen Bywater ☎315460.

10.00am Bakers Barn Art Group. St Mark's

Mr Kellie ☎721063

10.45am U3A Playreading St Mark's C Birks ☎219607

12.00pm Story box We welcome the under 5's and their carers to join them between 12noon and 1pm for a sandwich lunch followed by a Bible based story and singing. ☎Liz 302349

2.30pm Bedford Arts Society Putnoe Heights Malcolm Smith ☎01234 400741

4.00pm Storybox Plus Putnoe Heights for 4-9 year Old. Meet at 3.30 for refreshments & games. Then till 5pm 'follow the year' through stories, drama, singing & craft activities. We then make a short presentation in church on first Sunday in each month. ☎Liz Spavins 302349

4.15pm Rosemary Conley Diet & Fitness. Putnoe

Heights. Miriam Adcock ☎01908 565044

4.15pm Kumon Maths Putnoe Heights. Ms Raksha Mistry ☎01908 392698

6.00pm Brownies St Mark's. Mrs C Mathew ☎826190

6.15 pm Brownies Putnoe. Sharon Tanner ☎364710

7.30pm Sugarcraft Guild St Mark's 1st week every month Pat Nicholson ☎353518

7.15pm Guides. St Mark's. Mrs Gill Lake ☎218091

7.15pm Yoga. Putnoe Heights Karen Simpson ☎244970

7.30pm Creative Needles. Putnoe Heights. Jacky Hayward ☎307648.

7.30pm Whist Drive. St Mark's each month next meeting 19 November - St Mark's Judith Stanton. ☎823313

7.30pm Housegroup 30 The Ridgeway. The home of Eddy & Margaret Peck ☎267567.

8.00pm 'Get Fit, Stay Fit' Putnoe Heights. Mrs Diane Field ☎404976

Tuesday

9.30am Candlewicking (Needlework). Putnoe Heights. Judi Staughton ☎341821

9.30am -12.30 & 4-9pm Slimming World St. Mark's.

Helen Folbigg ☎351223

10am -Bedord Arts Society starting at St Mark's on the 11th September. ☎Mrs Brown 771676

1.30pm Toddlers Playtime. Putnoe Heights Majella Atkinson ☎325293.

1.30pm U3A Cinema Group. St Mark's last Tuesday of the month. Mr Austin ☎365184

2.00pm U3A Book Group. St Mark's 3rd Tuesday of the month Mrs Berman ☎364723

2.00pm Library Walk W.I. Putnoe Heights, meets monthly. Mrs C Allen ☎363878

2-5pm Police Surgery. St Mark's Foyer.

2.15pm Putnoe Heights Women's Fellowship. Next meeting 13 November Remembrance. Betty Wyatt ☎350188.

2.30pm Mother Teresa Support Group. St Mark's alternate weeks. Wool and knitting needles provided. Mrs Maureen Watling ☎262225

2.30pm Tuesday Afternoon Housegroup. St Mark's alternate weeks. Mary Stubbs ☎406784.

3.45pm Stars School of Dance. Putnoe Heights. Esther Sancto ☎272517 or ☎07917 0582468.

6.30pm Yoga Putnoe Heights. Rachel Leontyne ☎783129

7.00pm Hearts in Beds Cardiac Support Group

St Mark's 1st Tuesday ☎Parsons 351150

7pm Creative Card Making St Mark's 1st & 3rd Week of the month Carol Houghton ☎346718

7pm Keep Fit. St. Mark's Jan Gregory ☎328455

7pm MT Karate [all ages] Putnoe Heights. Karen King ☎07941 264885

7.30pm Tabernacle of Truth Church Putnoe Heights Bible study & prayers. Revd.Tarr ☎360188 or 07866775515

7.30pm Chartered Management Institute St Marks 3rd week of the month. Mrs Dimmock ☎01525 862374

7.30pm Putnoe Heights Ladies Tuesday Club - Meets fortnightly. Next meeting 20 November Holiday Slides . Audrey Wilkins ☎365068 or Margaret Gentle ☎309043

Wednesday

9.00am Paint Tots St Mark's Jacqui Harrahan ☎824475

9.30am Childminding Support Group Putnoe Heights.

Mrs S Longman ☎313949

9.30am Body Control Pilates. Putnoe Heights. Stephanie Smith ☎357787.

9.00am Clubhouse at St Mark's for those with Learning Disabilities. Karen Bywater ☎315460.

10.00am Holy Communion. St. Mark's Chapel. A half hour service followed by coffee. All welcome.

10am Sewing & Chat. Putnoe Heights Valerie Russell ☎01462 815966

10.30 am U3A Art Appreciation Putnoe Heights Fortnightly. Audrey Hancock ☎365915.

Luncheon Club. Putnoe Heights fortnightly. Next meeting 14 November Putnoe Heights Office ☎365630

1.00-3pm Police Surgery at Putnoe Heights .

1.15pm Bridge Club for the Retired. St. Mark's. Mr Barnes ☎261811

2pm U3A Whist Group St Mark's 3rd week of the month Ken Silvester ☎400584

2.15pm - Fifty plus Keep Fit. Putnoe Heights

Mrs Webster ☎856966

4.15pm Kumon Maths. Putnoe Heights Mrs Raksha Mistry ☎01908 392698

6.00 pm Brownies. St Mark's. Mrs Carol Warden ☎219731

6.15pm Yoga and Relaxation Putnoe Heights Rachell Monton ☎01234 297138

6.30pm Karate. St Mark's Karen ☎079412 64885

7.00pm Bunyan Bridge. St. Mark's Brian Sallows ☎407725

7pm U3A Whist Group St Mark's 4th Wednesday of the month. Ken Silvester ☎400584

7.00pm Archaeological & Local History Society Putnoe Heights monthly. . Sylvia Woods ☎365095

7.00pm Yoga St Mark's Dorothy Turner ☎721763

7.00pm Putnoe Guild Putnoe Heights monthly Janice ☎Loxley 347073

7.45pm Badminton Club Putnoe Heights All welcome. Ken Marriott ☎214867

8.00pm Tudor Reeds Folk Dance Club St Mark's, 1st, 3rd & 5th Wednesday. Next meeting 7 November Graham ☎406359 or Danny ☎401668.

8.00pm Bedford Wine and Social Club St Mark's 1st week in the month. Mrs Gansfield ☎215016

Thursday

9.30am Thursday Prayer Group. Putnoe Heights in the quiet room. Sylvia Cohen ☎343424

Request for prayer can be written in the prayer diary on the information table.

9.30am Jo Jingles. St. Mark's. Music & movement for pre-school children. Jayne Phillips ☎01582 485333

9.45am Yoga Putnoe Heights Karen Simpson ☎244970

9.45am Chat and Play weekly at St. Mark's. A group for Mums & toddlers. £1.75 for first child. More details from St. Marks Office ☎342613 or Emma Strangwick ☎211070

1.30pm-3.00pm NHS Baby Clinic. St. Mark's ☎267444

12pm Storybox weekly at St Mark's welcome the under 5's and their carers to join them between 12 noon and 1pm for a sandwich lunch followed by a Bible based story and singing. Lots of fun. Contact Emma Strangwick ☎211070

1.30pm Toddler Playtime. Putnoe Majella Atkinson ☎325293.

2pm Putnoe Bridge Club. Gerald Palmer ☎345991

5.30pm Police Surgery. St Mark's Foyer.

6.15 pm Weightwatchers. St. Mark's. Mrs Margaret Ralph ☎01767 224978.

6.15pm Brownies. Putnoe Heights Helga Nash ☎218521

6.15pm Bedford Junior Chess Club. St. Mark's Mr C Hill ☎772922

7.00pm Club 2000 Putnoe Heights Sheila Jakeman ☎261935

7pm U3A Folk & Poetry Group. St Mark's 2nd & 4th week of the month. Doug Ovenden ☎825059

7.30pm Bedford Senior Chess Club St Mark's Mr P Housden ☎376597

7.30pm Bedford Embroiderers' Guild St Mark's 3rd Thursday of the month. Mrs C Smith ☎344544

7.30pm Tabernacle of Truth Church Putnoe Heights Bible Studies every 2 Thursday- Pastor Tarr ☎360188

8.00pm Bedford Writers Circle. St Mark's 1st week each month. Mr Newton ☎01525 378193

8.00pm Magpies Women's Group St Mark's 2nd & 4th week Mrs Cotchin ☎402089

8.00pm Brickhill Wives St Mark's 1st and 3rd week Next meeting Mrs Woods ☎404702

Friday

9.30-12.30pm & 12.30 - 2.30pm U3A Photography Group St Marks 4th week Joyce Fildes ☎353086

9.00am Clubhouse St. Mark's for those with Learning Disabilities. Karen Bywater ☎315460.

1.30pm Stars School of Dance Putnoe Heights Contact Esther Sancto ☎272517 or ☎07917 582468

2.00pm U3A Gardening Group Putnoe Heights Eve Whitehead ☎356875

6.30pm Line Dancing. St Mark's Christine Rushton ☎782360

7pm Bedford Arts Society fortnightly Putnoe Heights from 8 September. Malcolm Smith ☎01234 400741

7pm Youth Club for age 10-15. St Mark's Church. Contact PC Dave Hawkey ☎349179

Saturday

9.00pm Stars School of Dance. Putnoe

Esther Sancto ☎272517 or ☎07917 582468

10.00 pm Theatretrain St Mark's. Dancing acting, singing. Kate Randle ☎01234 782414

7.00pm Duplicate Bridge. St Mark's Mrs Pillinger ☎212066

Sunday

9.30 - 10.30 Church and Sunday School at St Mark's with crèche for under 3's

11.00 - 12.00 Church and Junior at Putnoe Heights for the under 9's and Young Peoples Fellowship (Y.P.F) for our young adults. A crèche is also available.

1pm Tabernacle of Truth Church Putnoe Heights Revd. Tarr ☎360188 or ☎07866775515

6pm T.N.T. Putnoe. For 9-12 year olds (fortnightly) join us for fellowship, fun, games & outings. Liz ☎302349.

6pm T.X.T Putnoe. for 13 + fortnightly, join us for fellowship, debate & discussion. Liz ☎302349

Diary Dates

St Mark's Church Council – 12 November

St Mark's Leadership Team – 28 November 2007
27 February 2008, 13 May 2008

Putnoe Heights Leadership Team – 13th
November 2007

St Mark's Church Forum Meeting - 28th
November 2007 at 12 noon

Putnoe H Centre Management - 19 November

Putnoe Church Council - 28 January 2008

Pastoral Group Meeting – 4.30pm 15 January
2008

Churchyard Committee - 16 January 2008

Putnoe Heights Mission Group Meeting :

Partnership Council - 26 Feb 2007

Brickhill Parish Council Meetings

Deanery Meeting -

Circuit Meeting - 10 March 2008, 12 June 2008

Woodland Burial Trustees - January 21st 2008

Putnoe Heights Children & Youth-

Please advise St Mark's Church Office of the



Telecare

It is extremely helpful to the Ministers to be able to have feedback, especially if somebody is poorly or in hospital. If you have not yet put your name down on the

Telecare scheme, please do so. Additional members of the Pastoral Team are sharing the task of making telephone calls. Please do not be concerned if a new person calls.

Remembrance Sunday

Opening Verse - Psalm 121:1-2

I lift up my eyes to the hills – from whence will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Collect Prayer for the Day

Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted either by death or life: Hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all whom we remember this day; fulfil in them the purpose of your love; and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



First Bible Reading - Micah 4: 1-5

In the last days the mountain of the LORD's temple will be established as chief among the mountains; it will be raised above the hills, and peoples will stream to it. Many nations will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths." The law will go out from Zion, the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He will judge between many peoples and will settle disputes for strong nations far and wide. They will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore. Every man will sit under his own vine and under his own fig tree, and no one will make them afraid, for the LORD Almighty has spoken. All the nations may walk in the name of their gods; we will walk in the name of the LORD our God for ever and ever.

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

Second Bible Reading - Romans 8: 31-end

What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." "No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.. (This is the word of the Lord - **All: Thanks be to God**)

Third Reading - 1 Corinthians 15: 50

.I declare to you, brothers, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed— in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain

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

Post Communion Prayer

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Commentary

The passage from Romans 8 is one I most often use at funerals. The passage, written by Paul in a letter to the Christians in Rome is the longest of the epistles. The church at Rome was not founded by either Paul or followers of Paul, so the letter is not only long but carefully crafted so that he conveyed to them the essentials of his theological position. At a time when so many stories about Jesus abounded, when so many heresies were in the air, Paul wanted to lay out his understanding that Christians could be heirs of Abraham through the love of Christ, even if they were not Jewish. Paul wanted to speak of the universality of sin and its remedy in Baptism and the love of God. I believe that this small passage is of a different tone, that it is not about ideas and theology but it is about reaching out for God in the worst of times. Perhaps Paul had been granted by God a vision of the terrible suffering that would come to the church at Rome. The passage, which is heartfelt and simple, points the reader beyond the trials and griefs of ordinary life to the ultimate reality of God's love. In that reality we know ourselves to be loved and supported. We glimpse the great truth that despite all the unfairness and tragedy of human existence we are held safe by God. The trials enumerated by Paul in this letter were not inventions, they were all things that had happened to him or to his followers. Some of the early Christians had been reduced to total poverty, had been made outcasts, violently attacked and martyred. Yet, Paul reminded them that the pain of human life is transcended by the world of heaven, where loved ones are, by the grace of God, reunited and every tear will be wiped away. When we are holding on to our faith by a thread, when life seems overwhelmingly cruel and sad, it is helpful to re-read Paul's words. As we turn the strong phrases over, it helps to reflect how they have helped many men and women before us. The words remind us that we are not alone in our suffering, although we may feel desperately isolated. Paul's own life was difficult and confusing, riven with private pain and many changes in location and fortune, but he could say these words to his followers in Rome: that in spite of everything he was convinced, utterly convinced, that Christ Jesus is with us in our suffering and cannot be parted from us. "For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." We can say to ourselves even in the worst of times- "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?" *Joan Crossley*

Meditation

I am currently reading a book by Pete Ward, a lecturer in Theology at King's College, London, called "Liquid Church". In the book Dr Ward offers challenging insights into the plight of churches in our culture. He remarks that far from being a lost cause, Christianity can find hope in the large numbers of young people looking for an outlet for their spiritual longings. The generation which is now thirty-something and twenty-something is, according to surveys, very interested in the big spiritual questions: what is the purpose of life; can humanity be better, what happens when we die? We know that in Christ we have the answer to all these questions and more. Yet for the most part, our churches are empty of this and the generation after it. This is where the book becomes a little frightening. Dr Ward argues that "solid churches" with a fixed congregation and a building to maintain are unable to attract the young who fear commitment. Rather than expect the young to come for Church as we know and like it, we may have to offer them what they want, a looser, more liquid set of relationships through which they can find the way to Christ. He speaks about the activity of the Holy Spirit being liquid, like a strong current which sweeps things away. This is partly a scary image but it is also an exhilarating and exciting one. We can allow ourselves to be carried along by the refreshing, empowering activity of the Holy Spirit or we can try and hide. For Pete Ward, the current cultural climate is one which challenges institutions to reassess how we communicate the Gospel. He is not alone in his diagnosis, the Methodist Connexion and the Church of England are addressing these issues in their "Fresh Expressions" and other mission initiatives. The fate of the church is not to decline

but to evolve, perhaps in far more wonderful and fulfilling ways than we can currently imagine. We just need to allow the tide of the Holy Spirit to carry us out of our familiar comfort zones and see where we are taken. Joan Crossley

Hymns (Please distribute Hymns and Psalms and Morning Worship)

1. O worship the king **28**
2. Give thanks (Partnership News)
3. Lord of creation **699**
4. Make me a channel of your peace **776**
5. Take my life and let it be **705**

Prayers for Sunday and the Week Ahead

May this community be a true spiritual home for the seeker... In the silence of this community may all the suffering, violence and confusion of the world encounter the power that will console, renew and uplift the human spirit. May this silence be a power to open the hearts of men and women to the vision of God and so to each other, in love and peace, justice and human dignity. May all who come here weighed down by the problems of humanity leave giving thanks for the wonder of human life. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen

O God, we bring you our failure, our hunger, our disappointment, our despair, our greed, our aloofness, our loneliness. When we cling to others in desperation or turn from them in fear, strengthen us in love. Teach us, women and men to use our power with care. We turn to you, O God, we renounce evil. We claim your love, we choose to be made whole. Amen (Monica Furlong)

Give thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ His Son.

Give thanks.....

And now let the weak say "I am strong."
Let the poor say "I am rich."
Because of what the Lord has done for us;
And now let the weak say "I am strong."
Let the poor say "I am rich."
Because of what the Lord has done for us;

Give thanks.....

And now.....

Prayer for Sunday

Flood our lives with your grace,
O Lord.
Fill our whole being with your
radiance, our innermost souls with
your presence, and our very wills
with your strength.
Let us shine with the light of Christ,
let us preach by example and let us
carry nothing in our hearts but your
love; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

John Henry Newman, 1801-90



For all your Christmas presents this year

Please always log on to Amazon through www.thisischurch.com to buy all your books, music, DVD's, electrical goods, we receive 5% commission.



Church Christmas Cards in aid of church funds. Are now available from the church offices. The cards are priced at £2.50 for 10 cards and envelopes. If you ordered from St Mark's Church these are now ready for collection. More orders are still being taken.

Footprints Walking Group

Wednesday 14 November. Annual Planning meeting at 1 Mitford Close, 7.30pm. Please bring ideas for next year's programme. Contributions to light supper will be welcome. Those who are unable to attend may like to volunteer to lead a walk and choose their date.

Sunday 2 December 2.00pm start. Meet at St Mark's Church for walk in Mowsbury area followed by cup of tea in the coffee shop. Contact Sue 407264

Partnership' God Talk ' Group. For the last two years a group of women have been meeting on a Monday morning to pray, to share talks about God and enjoy each other's company. Since many of us are now working, we have decided to meet monthly on a Wednesday evening. We hope that you might like to join us. Our first meeting is on Wednesday 5 December 8-9pm at the home of Claire Peck, 22 Brecon Way. Contact Majella Atkinson (group co-ordinator) on 325293 or Liz 302349

Charity Performance for Cancer Research UK Sharnbrook Mill Theatre Trust is donating all proceeds from their performance of "Thoroughly Modern Millie" on Friday 16th November to Cancer Research UK. Tickets are now available for this performance at £12.50 each to include a glass of wine/juice and nibbles prior to the 7.45pm start of the show at the Mill Theatre, Sharnbrook. Tickets are available from Sue and Richard Butler (Tel: 354183) or Howard Lawrence (Tel: 267837). Please come, and bring your friends - we want this performance to be a sell-out!

Sunday Offerings at St Mark's Church

New sets of weekly offering envelopes are now available. There are a number of ways you can make regular gifts to St Mark's Church including the weekly offering envelopes, or by taking out a standing order, or by using the yellow Gift Aid envelopes left on the Church chairs each Sunday. In addition, if you are a UK tax payer, you can complete a declaration form and St Mark's can claim back the tax on the gifts you make through the above ways of giving – increasing your gift by 28%. If you don't currently make regular gifts to St Mark's

and would like to find out more, please contact Jim Williams after the service or on 01234 360605.
Jim Williams Gift Aid Administrator

Wednesday Holy Communion - Please do not forget that there is a service of Holy Communion every Wednesday at St Mark's Chapel, you are always offered a warm welcome and the service is followed by refreshments.

Christmas Voices - Come and enjoy a selection of poetry and prose and a little music around the Christmas Tree as some of our regular Putnoe readers help us capture the Christmas Spirit. Mulled Wine and Mince Pies during the interval. Thursday December 6th at Putnoe Heights at 7.30pm. Tickets £3 from Putnoe Office or on the door.

Putnoe Provender - The Christmas Provender will take place on Sunday 2nd December after morning service. Cakes, jam, marmalade, chutney, mince pies and Putnoe's own Christmas puds will be on sale. Please help to make this a record fund-raiser for the work of our Missions Group. John & Sally Gunning tel. 305925.

The 1st Putnoe Brownies would like to invite you to their Christmas Fund Raising Sale Monday 19 November at 6.30pm. Does anyone know the history of a wooden owl carved by a 2nd World War P.O.W & inscribed 1st Putnoe Brownies. If so please see Liz.

Thanks to everyone who brought shoes for the Malawi appeal. We collect 330 pairs, enough to buy a bicycle for a community worker. The appeal has now finished.

St Mark's Church Council. The Church Council will meet at St Mark's on Monday 12 November at 7.30pm. As usual coffee will be served and we will have a time of informal gathering before the business is conducted at 7.45pm. Minutes of the June meeting are available this morning by request at the church office or can be downloaded from the church website.

Partnership Council Christmas Party. Please note the date of Sunday 16 December. You are all invited for lunch at the Vicarage from any time after 1.00pm

The new Lytch Gate has now been fitted at St Mark's to mark the entrance to the Garden of Remembrance. There are few pieces of detail to be finished but it looks beautiful. A pond water feature will be constructed soon.



Our love, prayers and congratulations to Chris and Patricia Izzard upon the birth of Thomas to Patsy their youngest daughter. Patsy gave birth late on Monday evening. Thomas is a great addition to their two granddaughters. *(Suits you Chris)*

Mission Update. Thank you to all who have already taken their envelopes. If you were unable to get one last week they are still available from the table in the foyer at St Mark's or from the church offices. Please return as soon as possible and at the latest by 2 December. We will keep you updated on progress.

Smartie Tubes will be available at St. Mark's and Putnoe today. Eat the Smarties & replace with money for BeCHAR / Keech Cottage. Please return cash filled tubes on Gift Sunday 2 December.

Fun Barn Dance Putnoe 17 November 6.00pm - 9.00pm .Superior Sausage & Mash supper, please bring your own drinks. Tickets £3 each or £10 for 4 available from Church Office or contact Liz to reserve. Contributions for raffle prizes for the Barn dance would be appreciated. Reserve your tickets today.

TNT meets 11th and 25th November for Christmas crafts. Butterfly Park visit will be Sunday 9th December 6pm till 8pm £4.50 adults, £4.00 concessions, £3.50 under 16's to include light

refreshments, please see Liz or Wendy to book a place. All members of the congregation are very welcome to join us to see this attraction at night and be guided around by Andrew Green its owner..

Hazeldene Heights Pre-school Nearly New Sale. At Putnoe Heights Church Friday 16 November. 7 - 7.54pm. Entrance 50p.

Peals of Wisdom Quiz- £1 per entry, proceeds to Putnoe Mission Funds. Draw made on Sunday 25 November. Quiz sheets available from the church office. Sylvia Cohen

Putnoe Heights Leadership Team meeting Tuesday 13 November 7.30 for 7.45 in The New Putnoe Meeting room.

St Mark's Christmas Craft Fayre

There are only 2 weeks left to our Annual Christmas Craft Fayre on Saturday 24th November 2007. We would be grateful for help with the following:- Tombola – Any NEW unwanted gifts\Christmas present etc. for our Tombola stall. Please bring any items up to the Church Office in the week beginning 19th November 2007.

Raffle – Raffle books are now available as for Sunday 21st October.

It would be appreciated if you could take a few books to sell to family and friends. We would also be grateful for any new items suitable for the raffle.

Cake Stall -Milly is kindly co-ordinating the cake stall again. If you are able to bake a cake for this stall please contact Milly via the Church Office.

Refreshments – We would very much appreciate donations of tray bakes to sell with tea and coffee. Ploughman's lunches will be on sale at lunchtime as usual. Volunteers to help in the kitchen on the day would be very much appreciated. To put your name down please see Avril Williams or Trudy Bunday. Any help gratefully received.

Secondhand Book Stall

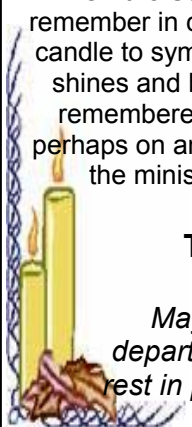
Delia has very kindly volunteered to co-ordinate the second hand bookstall. Any good second hand books can be brought up to the Church anytime during the week beginning 19th November 2007.

Rest In Peace

On the Sunday following a funeral service we remember in church those who have died. We light a candle to symbolise the light of Christ which eternally shines and brings hope. If you would like a person remembered in our service when the candle is lit, perhaps on an anniversary or birthday, please inform the ministers, or telephone the church office

The Faithful Departed

May the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.'



Rest in Peace



The funeral of Mr George Mallows will be held at St Mark's Church on Monday 12th November at 3.15 *Royden*

The funeral of Mrs Hilda Iris Brown will take place at Bedford Crematorium at 10.00am on Thursday 15th November *Royden*