



# Partnership News

Putnoe Heights & St Mark's Church  
11 November 2018  
Remembrance Sunday



## Sunday Services

### 8.30am Holy Communion every Sunday

1st and 3rd Sunday at Putnoe Heights Church  
2nd, 4th and 5th Sunday at St. Mark's Church

### 11 November 2018—Remembrance Day

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

Preacher - Mrs Wendy Waters  
Leadership - Mr Jim Williams  
Intercessions - Mr. Richard Ledger  
Organist - Mr. Clive Simmonds

#### 11.00 am Putnoe Heights Church— Morning Worship

Preacher - The Reverend Caroline Weaver  
Leadership - Mr Barry Southam  
Intercessions Mrs Sylvia Cohen  
Organist - Mr. Clive Simmonds

### 18 November 2018

#### 9.30am St Mark's Church - Holy Communion

Preacher - The Reverend Dr Sam Cappleman  
Leadership - Mrs Wendy Waters  
Intercessions - Mrs Margaret Appleton  
Organist - Mr. Clive Simmonds

#### 11.00 am Putnoe Heights Church – Holy Communion

Preacher - The Reverend Dr Sam Cappleman  
Leadership - Mrs Sue Allen  
Intercessions - Ministers  
Organist - Mr. Clive Simmonds

### Lectionary Readings:

1. Daniel 12:1-3 2. Hebrews 10:11-25

## Thank you

The flowers in St Mark's Church this week have been given by Elizabeth Bean & Family in loving memory of Phil.

The Lectern flowers have been given by David & Erica Coleman in loving memory of Alfred and Sidney Coleman who fought for their country in the first world war. Both 1914 "Kitchener" volunteers.

The flowers in the Chapel have been given by Gill Williams in loving memory of David on his birthday.

The flowers at Putnoe Heights Church have been given by the Charie family in loving memory of Margery.

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## Welcome to our service of Remembrance, Commitment and Dedication

“Let us commemorate and commend to the loving mercy of our Heavenly Father, the Shepherd of Souls, the Giver of Life Everlasting, those who have died in the service of our country and its cause.”

“Remember, O Lord, all those who have died the death of honour and are departed in the hope of resurrection to Eternal Life, especially the Officers, Men and Women of our Sea, Land and Air Forces, to whom it was given to lay down their lives for the cause of Freedom and Justice.

In that place of light, whence sorrow and mourning are far vanished, give them rest, O Lord, the Lover of Men. Grant this for Thine only Son, Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.”



# Regular Weekly Activities - Putnoe Heights Church

## Monday

**Hazeldene Heights Pre-school.** Sessional and Full Day care available—open Mon.—Fri. Full Day Care 8.30am to 5pm Sessional times 9am—12noon and 12.45pm - 3.45pm. For more info please contact Nuru Lyria 01234 326685 or [www.hazeldeneheights.com](http://www.hazeldeneheights.com)

**9.30-10.30am - Body Control Pilates** –Stephanie Smith 357787 or 07973174430

**2.00pm U3A Music Appreciation** Rod Fewings 07718390188

**2.00pm U3A Italian** – fortnightly Rod Fewings 07718390188

**4.15pm Kumon Maths** Mrs Raksha Mistry 01908 392698

**6.15 pm Brownies** . Sharon Tanner 01767 699399 email [firstputnoebrownies@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:firstputnoebrownies@hotmail.co.uk)

**6.15-7.15pm Pilates** Jane Butcher 07891879571

**7.15pm-8.15pm Fit for Life Yoga** Jane Butcher 07891879571

**6.30pm-8pm Cubs** Ages 8 –10.5 Michelle Davis 07711916870 email: [michelle@putnoescouts.org](mailto:michelle@putnoescouts.org)

**6.30pm Fit For All** – Laura Amor 341152 / 07976259081

**7.30pm House group** 30 The Ridgeway. The home of Eddy & Margaret Peck 267567

**7.45-9.15 Get Fit Keep Fit** Diane Field 01234 404976

## Tuesday

**9.30am Candlewicking** (Needlework). Jenny Snelson 344417

**11-12.15am U3A Keep Fit** Rod Fewings 07718390188

**2.00pm Library Walk W.I.** meets monthly.

Jo Fordham (President) 01234 217396

Margaret Bull (President) 01234 267866

Cheryl Gardner (President) 01234 261584

**2.30pm. Ladies Tuesday Club** (meets monthly) Next Meeting Tuesday 13 November - Christmas Craft and AGM . 'Details Diane Bayliss 268101

**2.30-4.30 U3A Play Reading** Rod Fewings 07718390188

**6.30pm– 8.00pm Cubs** 6.30pm—8.00pm Ages 8-10.5 [michelle@putnoescouts.org](mailto:michelle@putnoescouts.org)

## Wednesday

**9.30am Body Control Pilates.** Stephanie Smith 357787 or 07973174430.

**11.00am U3A Keep Fit.** Rod Fewings 07718390188

**12.30pm Luncheon Club.** Fortnightly. Contact Putnoe Office 365630

**2-4pm U3A Ukulele Group.** Beginners welcome. Contact Chris Fordham 217396

**2.00pm - Fifty plus Keep Fit.** Mrs Webster 856966

**4.15pm Kumon Maths.** Mrs Rakha Mistry 01908 392698

**5.00–6.00pm Rainbows** Gayle email : [1stputnoerainbows@gmail.com](mailto:1stputnoerainbows@gmail.com)

**6.15-7.15pm ATSK Karate** Kevin Stark 01234 353865

**6.15-7.45pm GKR Karate** Daniel Freer 07931 504 712

**7.00pm-9.00pm Scouts** ages 10.5-14; Michelle Davis 07711916870 email:[michelle@putnoescouts.org](mailto:michelle@putnoescouts.org)

**7.00pm Archaeological & Local History Society** monthly. Sylvia Woods 365095

**7.15pm Putnoe Guild** Putnoe 3rd Wednesday in every month except August Mrs Jo Street 344600

## Thursday

**8.15-2.15pm Sing & Sign.** Julie Warriner **01767 691488**

**9.30am Thursday Prayer Group.** Valerie Capon 356306. Request for prayer can be written in the prayer diary on the information table.

**10.00-12pm U3A Painting & Sketching** Rod Fewings 07718390188

**1.30-3.00p.m Little Fishes** for the under 4's and their carers. Playtime, craft, story time, music and singing. For further details please contact Carolyn Morris tel 07751348925 or email [storyboxplus@btinternet.com](mailto:storyboxplus@btinternet.com)

**2pm –4pm U3A Current Affairs** Rod Fewings 07718390188

**2.30pm-3.30pm U3A Spanish** (Weekly) Rod Fewings 07718390188

**5.15-8.15pm NHS Eat Smart Think Active** contact : Laura Rocket 355122

**6.00pm-7.30pm Beavers** Ages 6-8 [michelle@putnoescouts.org](mailto:michelle@putnoescouts.org)

**6.15pm Brownies.** Putnoe Heights Lou Brennan. 07919402797.

**7.00pm Club 2000** Putnoe Monthly second Thursday in the month. Sandra White 313645

**7.15pm Putnoe Art Group** Bob Wardale 406094

**8.00pm Bedford Folk Dancers** (formerly Barn dancers) Meet weekly with different guest callers each week. Except August. All welcome, cost £2. Including refreshments. More details Ron 825574 or Shirley 01767 651767

## Friday

**9.30pm Spanish Holiday Survival** Elena 01234 266968

**9.30am –12. 30pm Machine Knitting** group 1st and second weeks per month. Contact Marion Sutton 217647

**10am-12 U3A French Conversation** Rod Fewings 07718390188

**2pm U3A Gardening** Rod Fewings 07718390188

**6.30pm-8.00pm Beavers** Ages 6-8 Michelle Davis 07711916870 email: [michelle@putnoescouts.org](mailto:michelle@putnoescouts.org)

## Saturday

**2.15pm Society of Recorder Players** G. Parry 01462 674792

## Sunday

**11.00 - 12.00 Church and Junior** for the under 9's . A crèche is also available.

## Diary Dates

**St Mark's Church Council** - 13 November

**St Mark's Leadership Team** - 6 November

**St Mark's Church AGM** - April 28 2019

**Putnoe Leadership Team** –

**Putnoe Management Meeting** –

**Putnoe Church Council** - October 30.

**Pastoral Group Meeting** –

**Churchyard Committee** -

**Circuit Meeting** -

**Deanery meeting** - 29 November

**Woodland Burial Trustees** –

**Putnoe Heights Children & Youth Meeting** -

**St Marks Messy Church** - 21 November, 12 December.

*Please advise St Mark's Church Office of the dates of your meetings.*

# Regular Weekly Activities - St Mark's Church

## Monday

**7.30am-6.00pm Pre-school** Mon-Fri St Mark's

**7.30am-6.00pm Top Marks** Mon-Fri St Mark's

Manager Mrs. Helen Harpin 312634

(See website for more details)

**9.00am-12noon St Mark's Pre-School Nursery**

Manager Mrs. Helen Harpin 312634

**10.00am Bakers Barn Art Group.** Mrs M. Berry 211955

**10.00am U3A Play reading** Rod Fewings 07718390188

**9.45am - 10.45am & 11.00am-12noon Pilates** Liz Mason 07816522200

**2-4pm U3A Meditation & Wellbeing** Rod Fewings 07718390188

**2-3.15pm U3A Recorder Group** Rod Fewings 07718390188

**6.00pm Brownies** Mrs C Mathew 826190

**7.30pm Sugarcraft Guild** St Mark's (1st week in month) Mary Daly 217127

**7.00-8.00pm Laughter Club** on 2nd week each month Cheryl Green 07729187399

**7-9pm Rangers.** Nikki Lake 07584028653

**7.15pm Guides.** Mrs Gill Lake 218091

**7.30pm Whist Drive.** Weeks 3 & 5 in the month. Judith Stanton. 823313

## Tuesday

**9.15am-11.15. Chat & Make** A term time group for Mums and toddlers 0-5. For more details ring St Mark's Church Office 01234 342613 or Janine 01234 297481

**9.30am -12.30 & 4-9pm Slimming World**

9.30, 11.30, 3.30, 5.30, 7.30. Lorrie Pearson 340473

**1.15pm U3A Cinema Group.** Rod Fewings 07718390188

**1.30pm U3A Choir.** Contact Rod Fewings 07718390188

**2.00pm U3A Book Group 1** (3rd Week in month) Contact Rod Fewings 07718390188

**2.00pm U3A Book Group 2** (2nd Week in month) Contact Rod Fewings 077183901882

**2.00pm U3A Photography Group 3** (1st Week in month) Contact Rod Fewings 07718390188

**2.30pm Knit & Natter Group.** Meetings: ,23/10, 6/11,20/11,4/12,18/12Wool and knitting needles provided. Mrs Maureen Watling 262225

**2.00-3.30pm Tuesday Afternoon Housegroup.** A social and Bible Study group. Meetings:30/10, 13/11,27/11,11/12. Mrs Jean Bank 355698

**6-7pm Supple Strength Yoga** Amanda Alcock 07769747393

**7.30-9pm Faith Community Church** Audua Ogilvie 01234 308644

**8.00pm Hearts in Beds Committee** (4th week in month) Mrs N Aspey 309816

**8.25-9.25pm Restoration Pilates** Johanna Debnam 07753418170

## Wednesday

**10.00-2pm Open House** for those with learning disabilities, friends, family, carers and supporters 342613.

**10.00am U3A Gardening Group 3** Rod Fewings 07718390188

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

**10am U3A Card Making,** Rod Fewings 07718390188

**10-4pm Sewing group** 4th week of the month. Contact Sue Sewell 07979797747

**1.15pm Social Bridge Club** Mr Barnes 261811

**2.00-4.00pm U3A Craft** 1st week of the month Contact: Rod Fewings 07718390188

**3.45- 5.30pm Messy Church.** (3rd Week in month). for children of lower school age and their carers. Bible-based

story, crafts, singing and a meal. Next meeting 21 November Wendy Waters 401834

**6.00pm Brownies.** Mrs C Warden 219731

**7.00pm Bunyan Bridge.** Peter Cullum 07545508185

**8.00pm Tudor Reeds Folk Dance Club** at St Mark's (1st,3rd & 5th Wednesday in month. Next meeting 7 November. Everyone welcome. All dances called, only £1 including refreshments. Call Rosemary 405594 or Graham 406359 for more details or come and join our friendly group and have a try.

**8.00pm Bedford Wine and Social Club** ( Week 1 in the month) Jill Cooper 357960

## Thursday

**9.45am Chat and Play** A term time group for Mums & toddlers.0-5 St Mark's Church Office 01234 342613 or Janine 01234 297481

**12pm Storybox** . Welcomes 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.. Contact Jaana Swaby 342613

**2-4pm U3A Indoor Games.** Rod Fewings 07718390188  
**2.30 - 4.30pm Bedford Art Society** Jean Patterson 307210

**5.15-6.45pm Weightwatchers** Jodi Henderson 07449890830

**6-7pm Supple Strength Yoga** Amanda Alcock 07769747393

**7-9pm Bedford Community Gospel Choir** weekly meeting . Contact 07554148540

**7.00pm U3A Singing for Fun** (1st & 3rd week in month) Rod Fewings 07718390188

**7.00pm Bedford Embroiderers' Guild** (3rd week in month). Carol Plant 01832710504

**7.30pm Magpies.** Meet on 2nd & 4 Thursday Next meeting 8 November ' I was only putting out the chamber pot' David Squibb. Call Rosemary 405594 for more details.

**8.00pm Bedford Writers Circle.** St Mark's (1st week in month). John Broadhouse 01525 404014

## Friday

**10am -12.00 U3A Photography** (4th week in month) Contact Rod Fewings 07718390188

**10.45am - 12 U3A Poetry & Literature** St. Marks Contact Rod Fewings 07718390188

**2.00-4.00 pm U3A Whist** (2nd week in month) Contact Rod Fewings 07718390188

**7.45 - 10.45pm Bedford Astrology Club.** St Marks(2nd week in month )Carol Brown 01438 233385

**6.30 -8.30pm Pakua Martial Arts** John Waugh 07802755914

**7-9pm Mindfulness Meditation** Bhante Samitha 07983466105

## Saturday

**9.00am Faith Community Church** (1st week in month) Audua Ogilvie 01234 308644

**10.00am-1pmTheatretrain** Dancing acting, singing. Kate Howard 01234 782414

**10am-1pm Sugarcraft Guild Cygnets** (2nd week in month) Margaret Baldry 07919404906

## Sunday

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

**10 - 5.30pm Bedford Stamp Fayre at St. Mark's.** P Harris 01623 621143 1st week Dec/Feb/Apr/Jun/Aug/Oct.

# Remembrance Sunday

## Opening Verse of Scripture Genesis Chapter 9:15

I will remember my covenant which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh.

## Collect Prayer for the Day - Before we read, we pray

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen. Common Worship

## First Bible Reading- Micah Chapter 4:1-5

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised up above the hills. Peoples shall stream to it, and many nations shall come and say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between many peoples, and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more; but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees, and no one shall make them afraid; for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken. For all the peoples walk, each in the name of its god, but we will walk in the name of the Lord our God for ever and ever. NRSV

(This is the word of the Lord—**Thanks be to God**)

## Second Bible Reading - Romans 8:31-end

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted 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, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. NRSV

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## Gospel Reading - John Chapter 15 Verses 9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another. NRSV

(This is the word of the Lord—**Thanks be to God**)

## Post Communion Sentence

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ



## Hymns - St Mark's

1. For the healing of the nations
2. God Save our gracious Queen
3. Let me have my way among you
4. In a world where people walk in darkness
5. Make me a channel of your peace
6. I vow to thee, my country

## Putnoe Heights

1. It is God who holds the Nations. stf 705
2. Longing for light (Christ be our light). stf 706
3. Make me a channel of your peace. Stf 707
4. God as with silent hearts Sft 698
5. For the healing of the nations. Stf 696p

## Commentary

How can we in words acknowledge, comprehend, commemorate and give thanks for the huge sacrifices made by many millions over the past 100 years, and in particular this year remember those sacrifices made during, and post, the First World War, frequently referred to as the Great War? By the time you read this you will no doubt have listened, read and watched many different reflections and stories of those who gave their lives during the 1914 – 18 War, the 1939 - 45 War, and a number of conflicts since these. These could have included: large displays of poppies skilfully crafted out of different materials; life sized perspex figures of soldiers in churches; similar metal figures standing on a village green; and the incredible work of the artist, Rob Heard, who has created 72,396 small figurines wrapped in shrouds. Not forgetting what these images represent the sacrifices of those who died and the sacrifices of those who survived but were, and still are, mentally or physically scarred, should play a vital part in preventing such suffering reoccurring, but sadly we only have to look around the world today to realise that humanity has not learnt from these tragedies.

So what might we learn from today's readings from Scripture? Passages that include a vision of Peace and Hope and Reconciliation, in those wonderful evocative words from Micah: 'He shall judge between many peoples, and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore'. A message of great reassurance in Romans 8: 31 – 39, where Paul is convinced that nothing earthly, or spiritual, can separate us from 'the love of God in Christ Jesus'. Then the words of Jesus from John 15: 9 – 15 that may be more of a challenge: 'No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends'.

The well respected contemporary theologian Tom Wright believes that Jesus' words were taken out of context and that it would have horrified him by the way they were used many times during the First World War to encourage young men to enlist and expect to die, if necessary, for their country. Whereas Jesus spoke within the context of friendship and love, not hate and war. 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends'. Jesus of course paid this ultimate sacrifice by his own death on the Cross. So it is for us to give thanks for all the men and women of all ages, who came and continue to come from all walks of life prepared to put their lives on the line for others.

Statistics available are complex. But if those estimated 8.5 million military personnel in World War One, plus, 21 – 25 million in World War Two, plus very many millions more civilians, and the countless lives lost in numerous conflicts since, are not to have died in vain we need to work towards Micah's vision. In Matthew 5:9 we read that Jesus taught 'Blessed are the Peacemakers'. So we, as Christians, are called to pray and work for peace. So let us all remember and resolve to pray for peace as our 'daily offering'.  
Wendy Waters

## Meditations and Prayers from '100 days of 'Prayer for Peace and Hope'

Below are a few extracts from emails that 'Remembrance 100' launched on 4 August 2018 with prayers 100 Days of Peace and Hope. The idea was inspired by King George 5th who asked that the 4th August 2018, the 4th anniversary of the declaration of war, be observed as a National Day of Prayer. 100 days later the war ended. 'Is your heart as true to mine as mine is to yours?' Jehonadab answered, 'It is.'... So he gave him his hand. 2 Kings 10:15

**Give me your hand** The key text for John Wesley's famous sermon on catholic spirit might appear at first to be a strange choice for Wesley's sweeping account of Christian love, its generosity, and, as he puts it, 'unspeakable tenderness'. He argues that diversity of opinion or belief need not prevent our walking together peaceably; 'though we cannot think alike, may we not love alike?' The joined hands of Jehu and Jehonadab provide a glimpse of 'tenderness' amidst an otherwise brutal catalogue of massacre and judgement. In a context of stark enmity in the house of Israel, Wesley identifies a moment of kinship, and its wider resonance for universal love. A truly catholic spirit, Wesley writes, is a heart 'enlarged toward' all humanity

**Prayer** Loving God, you urge us to the way of peace and kinship. Enlarge our hearts towards those we find difficult to love. May your unspeakable tenderness be known in the world.

*Owen Roberts is Heritage Officer for the Methodist Church.*

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity! For there the LORD bestows his blessing, even life for evermore. Psalm 133:1,3

## Sea Change

In 1982 I was First Officer of an 8,000 ton ocean liner sailing South American waters: 300 volunteers from 35 nationalities, including 25 Brits and about 30 Argentine. The Bos'n was the senior Argentinian; I the British. In April came the Falklands crisis. Warm fellowship cooled. Familiar friendly greetings turned to embarrassed silence. Departmental organisation suffered. I met the Bos'n on deck. 'Roberto' I said. 'Can we pray for some solution?' So all the Argentine and British volunteers met to pray that afternoon. And peace, with some tears, returned to us. And us to our calling.

**Prayer** Lord, help me to take a deliberate and provocative step for peace this week by speaking caringly to someone I know is offended by me, and to apologise to them even if the offence is not real, or meant, or my fault. I do this in Jesus name.

*Clive Langmead works with the armed forces in disaster response. After a career at sea he joined the BBC for 20 years and has written seven biographies.*

Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many. Hebrews 12:14-15

## Inner Peace

Peace comes from within; it comes when there is no cloud between us and God. Peace is the consequence of forgiveness and the hope that nothing will obscure his face and break union with him.

**Prayer** Father forgive us our sins as we forgive those who have sinned against us, so that we are able to live together in peace and harmony, releasing all our fears, woes and pain to you for your divine healing. Thank you Lord for your saving grace, through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen

*Latifah Forrest works for the Peace Alliance, a charity that works in partnership with the police, government agencies, the corporate sector, and faith and voluntary organisations.*

They must turn from evil and do good, they must seek peace and pursue it. 1 Peter 3:11

## Pursuing Peace

Conflict raged in Mozambique for three decades, starting with a war of independence from Portugal (1962-1975), immediately followed by a civil war (1975-1992). By the end of the conflicts, millions of weapons remained in the hands of private individuals. To ensure that peace would last there were several attempts to convince individuals to surrender their weapons. One project, started by Bishop Sengulane, offered instruments of production (building materials, farming tools) in return for the anonymous surrender of weaponry. The weapons were then decommissioned and some were turned into works of art aimed at encouraging peace.

Speaking to the early church, Peter's words remind us that peace is never easy to attain. It involves repentance: turn from evil and do good. Peter reminds us that it does not happen by accident, we must actively look for ways of making peace, and once we find the path to peace, it must be 'pursued'. The hatreds, suspicions and jealousies which inspire conflict must not merely be papered over. For peace to endure we must doggedly stay on the pathway to peace, however hard or sacrificial it might be for us individually. We might worry that there is so little we can do on our own to bring peace to those around us, but just as conflict starts in the hearts of individuals and spreads to encompass nations, so can peace

**Prayer** God of Peace, where evil abounds, may I do good; when conflict tears us apart, give me the eyes to find your path to peace, and grant me the endurance to stay on that path until the very end. Amen

*The Revd Al Nicoll is a Baptist pastor who has served as an RAF Chaplain for 15 years in Iraq, Afghanistan, Libya, the Falkland Islands and the Arabian Gulf.*

The Lord is enthroned as King forever. Psalm 29:10-11 (NIV)

## Never Again

As we look back on tragic events which have long been confined to the history books, how many times have we heard those two words, 'never again'? Never again, indeed, yet each time we switch on the news channels on our TVs, or pick up a newspaper, all we see is conflict: conflict between countries from across the globe. It's a far too familiar story, with history constantly repeating itself. Countries at war may seem far away, and yet, time and time again, we see similar conflicts on our own streets, with young men losing their lives ... still. What have we really learned? So, this year, more than ever, let us remember that 'never again' starts with me.

**Prayer** Lord, we remember those lives lost in all those world conflicts of yesteryear. We pray for all those families who are caught up in similar conflicts both at home and abroad today. We lift our world leaders to you and pray for your peace to be sovereign over all. Amen

*Paul Gask is a Regional Director for Christian Vision for Men.*



## St Mark's 24th Annual Christmas Craft Fayre 17 November 2018

I hate to say it but Christmas is fast approaching and this year's Craft Fayre is just 1 week away. We have the street leaflets on the table this morning please help us by taking a street to deliver. It does not have to be your own street!!! Also we have posters

available today, if you know anywhere you can put one up please take one. There is a list of various places and it would be a great help if you deliver one or two.

**Raffle Tickets** – Will be on table in Foyer after service. You don't have to pay today. Please take a few books home to family and friends returning the stubs and money anytime during week beginning 12 November for the Fayre on the Saturday.

**Tombola** – Any NEW unwanted gifts/Christmas presents etc. for our Tombola stall. –Ian Farthing and John Day are the people to see if you have any queries.

**Cake Stall**- homemade cakes required see Milly

**Refreshments** – homemade traybakes to sell at our Refreshment Counter.

**Secondhand Book Stall** – Any books or paperbacks in good condition also good jigsaws with all the pieces please.

**Indoor/Outdoor Plant Stall** – Wendy Water and Marion Prior are the ladies to see about plants etc. It would be good if plants were labelled There again donated items for the above stalls can be bought up to Church anytime week beginning 12 November.

We will need help on the day. If you are able to offer a bit of time on the 17 please let me know.

The money from the Fayre this year is going towards new lighting in the car park which is desperately needed. Please please help us to make this the most successful fayre ever. Avril

**Putnoe Thursday Prayer Group.** Request for prayer can be written in the prayer diary on the information table.

**Putnoe Heights Fairtrade Stall** - The Traidcraft Autumn and Christmas catalogues are now available in church. Only a limited number have been printed so please return when you have finished browsing. Details of how to order can be found on the inserted slip. 2019 stall dates TBC once we know more about what the future holds for Traidcraft.

**Pastime with Good Company** an evening of music with "The Ensemble of Friends". St. Mark's Church 7.30pm 24 November. Charity Concert for Canine Partners and other Rotary charities. Tickets £15 include wine and savouries. John and Janet Day 01234 295592

**Open House** are holding a Children in Need coffee morning on Wednesday 14 November from 10.00 am. Cakes, Tombola, Bric-a-Brac, Guess the name of the Teddy, pickles, jams etc . Please come and support this worthy cause.

**Thank you** to all who have visited me over the past month. Also for the church flowers. All so much appreciated. Gwyn Beswick.

## Putnoe Provender Sunday 2 December

Sales of Cakes, Mince pies, jam, marmalade, Christmas flower arrangements and much more in the welcome area after the morning service. Christmas puddings available if pre-ordered from Sue Allen (Tel: 407264) Proceeds in aid of Action for Children, contributions gratefully received. Sally Gunning (Tel:305925)

**Happy Dogs Christmas Fayre** in aid of Canine Partners Saturday 21 November 11am-3.00pm at Happy Dog Training Centre Clapham. Variety of stalls, gifts, cakes, cards etc. Refreshments, mulled wine and Santa Paws. Entrance £1

## St Mark's Weekly Offering Envelopes

Weekly Offering Envelopes are available after the service this morning. If you do not currently use the envelope scheme, or would like to find out more about regular giving to the Church please contact Jim Williams tel. 01234 360605. Thank you to all who give so generously to St Mark's.

# BATTLE'S

# OVER



A NATION'S TRIBUTE

11TH NOVEMBER 2018

100 YEARS OF REMEMBRANCE

# Battle's Over

**Brickhill Parish Council** is taking part in a nationwide commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War. The event will take place on Waveney Green on Sunday 11 November at 6:45pm and there will be a lighting of a beacon. You are most welcome to come along and take part. If you would like to share in a reading please tell Charlie.



**Bedford Foodbank** The Tesco's National Collection is planned for Thursday to Saturday, 29 Nov - 1 Dec, from 9:00am to 5:00pm each day, at both Bedford stores Riverfield Drive and Cardington Road, in support of Bedford Foodbank. I'm contacting you to see if there's anyone in your congregation who would be willing to volunteer for an hour slot, at some point during the 3 days, to support this food collection. The role is just to stand at the store entrance and offer paper 'shopping lists' to customers to buy some food on the way round the store, donate it into our collection basket on their way out - and to give them a

cheery 'goodbye' as they leave. This is one of our main food collection events during the year, and with demand for food parcels remaining high we want to make the most of this collection opportunity. We already have a schedule of 'supervisors' who will be there in store with any volunteers, to coordinate the collection and answer any tricky questions. Please can you contact Richard Brown at Bedford Foodbank ([volunteer@bedford.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@bedford.foodbank.org.uk), Tel: 01234 268569) if you could support us with this as a food collector - and let him know your preferred day and time? He will then be in touch closer to the time to share the full timetable with you.

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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.*

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### **Putnoe Heights Church Centre**

[www.putnoechurch.org.uk](http://www.putnoechurch.org.uk)

**Open Mon - Thur 9-4pm, Friday 9-1pm**

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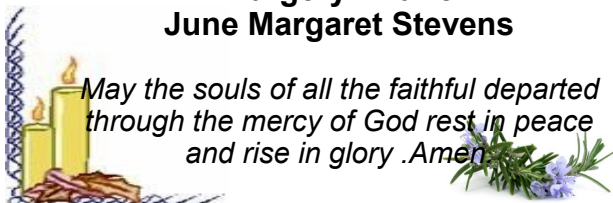
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### **Rest In Peace**

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.

**Margery Charie  
June Margaret Stevens**



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



### **Forthcoming Funerals**

*All funerals at Bedford Crematorium can be found @ [www.bedford.gov.uk/obituaries](http://www.bedford.gov.uk/obituaries)*

**The funeral of Barry James Wilson** will take place on Friday 16 November at 10.45am at Bedford Crematorium