



Methodist
Church

Partnership News

11 September 2005
24 in Ordinary

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



Church of
England

Church Services Today

8.30 Service of Holy Communion

Held at both churches

9.30am St Mark's Church - Morning Worship

Preacher - Rev Neil Bramble-Chapman

Leadership Team - Linda Parry

Intercessions - Delia Shephard

11.00am Putnoe Heights - Morning Worship

Preacher - Rev Neil Bramble-Chapman

Leadership Team - Mr Alan Cooper

Intercessions - Mrs Claire Peck

18 September 25 in Ordinary

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Preacher - Reverend Dr Joan Crossley

Leadership - Mrs Janet Day

Intercessions - Mrs Delia Shephard

11.00am Putnoe - Holy Communion

Preacher - Reverend Dr Joan Crossley

Leadership Team - Mrs Jenny Emsley

Intercessions - Mr Eddie Peck

1 Reading - Jonah 3:10 - 4:11 **2 Reading** - Philippians

1: 21-31, **3 Reading** - Matthew 20: 1-16

Joan is away preaching at Westoning in her role as
Bishop's Vocations Officer for Bedfordshire

Sam is preaching this morning at All Saints Kempston

Thank You

The flowers at Putnoe Heights Church this week have been given by Eileen and Bill Cooper in thanks for Eileen's safe recovery from major surgery (amputation), and by Mollie and Deryck Cutler to celebrate their Emerald (55th) wedding anniversary.

We are always grateful for any donations for flowers, perhaps to celebrate an anniversary or in memory of a loved one. Please contact Miss Marion Prior 303254 (St Mark's) or Miss Jennie Cooper 404950 (Putnoe Heights)

Prayer for Sunday

Grant we beseech thee O Lord
the aid of thy Holy Spirit,
that whatever by his teaching
we know to be our duty,
we may by his grace
be enabled to perform;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen. *J C Chute*

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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).

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

10.00am Supple Strength at Putnoe Heights. Louise Woodcock 270302

12.00pm - 1.00pm Story box at Putnoe Heights. Service for parents/carers & children under 5. Children's activities songs and prayers, all in one hour from.

3.30 - 5pm Story box Plus at St. Mark's for 4 to 10 years. A preparation group for small drama on the first Sunday of the month. Liz Spavins 302349

4.15 - 5.45pm Kumon Maths at Putnoe Heights. Contact Ms Raksha Mistry 01908 392698

6.00pm Brownies St Mark's. Mrs C Mathew 400987

6.15 pm Brownies Putnoe. Penny Fulham 406045

7.30pm Sugarcraft Guild meets first Monday every month at St. Mark's Mrs Pauline Parrott 768419

7.15 m Guides -St. Mark's. Mrs Gill Lake 218091

7.15pm Yoga at Putnoe Heights Church. Contact Karen Simpson 244970

7.30pm Creative Needles at Putnoe Heights. Jacky Hayward 307648. New members welcome.

7.30pm Whist Drive - At St Mark's each month the next one 19 September .Moorfields & Sight Concern Mrs. Judith Stanton. 823313

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

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

Tuesday

9.30am Candlewicking (Needlework) at Putnoe Heights. Mrs Olive Shotbolt 267203

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

10.00am Keep Fit at Putnoe Heights. Mrs Stileman 822230

1.30-3pm Toddlers Playtime at Putnoe Heights. 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 Val Careless 345213.

2.00pm Library Walk W.I. at Putnoe Heights meets monthly. Contact Morag Tompkins 356895

1.30pm Body Control Pilates at Putnoe Heights. Stephanie Smith 357787

2.15pm Putnoe Heights Women's Fellowship - Next meeting 13 September Favourite Old Recipes Betty Wyatt 350188.

2.15pm Putnoe Heights Men's Fellowship. Next meeting 13 September. Members Study Afternoon Acts 16, vv 1-10. Lawrence Wyatt 350188.

2.30pm Mother Teresa Support Group. Meets fortnightly at St. Mark's. Wool and knitting needles provided. Mrs Joan Gravett 356911 and Mrs Marjorie Taylor 305709

2.30pm Tuesday Afternoon Housegroup. Meets fortnightly at St. Mark's. Mary Stubbs 406784.

6.30 - 7.30pm Yoga at Putnoe Heights. Rachel Leontyne 783129

6.45pm Guides at Putnoe Heights. Emma Holloway 293792

7.00 - 8.00 pm Keep Fit at St. Mark's. Mrs Jan Gregory 214107.

7.00 - 10pm Card Makers Club meets fortnightly at St Mark's. Carol Houghton 346718

7.30pm Bibleway Church at Putnoe Heights. Bible study & prayers. Revd.Tarr on 360188 or 07866775515

7. 45 pm Putnoe Heights Ladies Tuesday Club - Meets fortnightly. Next meeting 7pm 20 September The Abbeyfield Trust. Revd D Desert. Madge Walsh 359088

8.30-9.30pm St. Mark's - Qi Gong (Self help healing group) - Mr F Steele 355937

Wednesday

9.30am Childminding Support Group at Putnoe Heights. Mrs S Longman 313949

9.30am Bedford U3A at Putnoe Heights meets bi-monthly. Next meeting . Jenny Coggins 266379

9.00 a.m. Clubhouse at St Mark's for those with Learning Disabilities. Contact Karen Bywater 315460.

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

Luncheon Club at Putnoe Heights fortnightly. Next meeting 21 September Putnoe 365630

1- 3pm Police Surgery at Putnoe Heights . Resuming 24 August

1.30 - 4.00pm. Bridge Club for the Retired at St. Mark's. Mrs Truss Boyce 781133

4.15pm Kumon Maths at Putnoe Heights Ms Raksha Mistry 01908 392698

6.00pm Self Defence at Putnoe Mr James 07711 687449

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

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

7.00pm Archaeological & Local History Society meets monthly at Putnoe Heights. Next meeting . Sylvia Woods 365095

7pm Putnoe Guild meets monthly at Putnoe Heights. Pam Holley 771964

7.45pm Kick Boxing Junior classes at St Mark's. Contact Mr James 07711687449 or 07810234890

7.45pm Badminton Club at Putnoe Heights - all welcome. Ken Marriott 214867

Thursday

9.30am Thursday Prayer Group at Putnoe Heights in the quiet room. Sylvia Cohen 343424 *Request for prayer can be written in the prayer diary on the information table.*

9.45am Yoga at Putnoe Heights. Karen Simpson 244970

10.30am - 12.00am Fledglings at St Mark's

2.00pm - 3.00pm Clinic at St. Mark's 267444

12pm Story box at St Mark's. Service for parents, carers & children under 5. Sandwich lunch, Bible Stories, Children's activities, songs & prayers, all in one hour from 12-1pm. Restarts 8 September.

1.30-3pm Toddler Playtime at Putnoe Heights. Geraldine Skeel 406828

1.30pm St. Mark's Church Toddler Group. Debbie Coppenhall 356828.

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

2pm U3A Indoor Games at Putnoe Heights. Radmila Dancer 404811

4.00 Story box Plus at Putnoe Heights for 4-10year old. A preparation group for a drama for the first Sunday in the month.. Meets 4-5pm, drinks from 3.30pm Liz Spavins 302349

6.15 pm Weightwatchers at St. Mark's.

Mrs Margaret Ralph 01767 224978.

6.15pm Brownies at Putnoe Heights. Helga Nash 218521

7.00pm Club 2000 at Putnoe Height. Pat Stidolph 345247

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

7.30pm - 11.00pm Bedford Senior Chess Club at St Mark's Mr P Housden 376597

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

7.30-9.30pm Bibleway Church- Bible Studies every 2nd Thursday- Pastor Tarr 360188

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

8.00 - 10pm Bedford Writers Circle meets at St Mark's 3rd Thursday each month. 1st Thursday as from January 2006 Mr John Broadhouse 740271

Friday

9.30am U3A Exercise at Putnoe Heights. Carole Maunder 301325

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

6pm Self Defence at Putnoe. Mr James 0771 687449 or 07810 234890

7. 30pm Bibleway Young Peoples meeting Contact Pastor Tarr 360188

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

Saturday

9.30am Stars School of Dance at Putnoe Heights. Contact Esther Sancto 272517

10.00am - 1.00pm Theatre Train at St Mark's - dancing acting, singing. - Kate Randle 01234 782414

2.30pm Calligraphy Group at Putnoe Heights. Meets monthly next meeting. Philip Jones 350295

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

Sunday

1- 3pm & 7-9pm Bibleway Church at Putnoe Heights - Worship. Contact Revd. Tarr 360188 Mob. 07866775515

6.00pm TNT (The Nearly Teens) meet fortnightly at Putnoe Heights for various fun activities. Restarts Sunday 11 September Contact Putnoe Office 365630

Diary Dates

St Mark's Church Council 12 October

Circuit Meeting 14 September

Bedford Deanery Meeting 15 September

St Mark's Leadership Team - 4 October at Vicarage

Putnoe Heights Leadership Team Sept 26

St Mark's Church Management Meeting 12 September, 2 November. All meetings to start 7.00pm

Putnoe Heights Management - 19 Sept, 14 Nov, 16 Jan 2005

Putnoe Church Council 10 Oct 2005

Pastoral Group Meeting - 29 September 2.00pm

Churchyard Committee - 7 October at 4.15

Putnoe Heights Mission Group Meeting .

Partnership Council - 20 September at St. Mark's 7.30pm

Brickhill Parish Council 8 September, 26 September, 13 October

Visit of Bishop Christopher 23 October

Calendar dates appear also on our church website www.ThisChurch.com. **Please advise St Mark's Church Office of the dates of your meetings.**

Bible Notes

Ordinary 23 Year A (Trinity 16 Green)

Verse of Scripture Psalm 103:13

As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him.

A Collect Prayer - Before we read we pray

Gracious God, like a mother you give us new life, and make us your children in Jesus Christ. Look on us in your love, and bring us to the inheritance which you promised. Grant this through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.
Methodist Worship

First Reading – Genesis 50:15-21 ‘Joseph forgives his brothers’

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?" So they sent word to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died: 'This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.' Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father." When their message came to him, Joseph wept.

His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said. But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them. Joseph stayed in Egypt, along with all his father's family. He lived a hundred and ten years
(Reader: This is the word of the Lord -- **Thanks be to God**)

Second Reading - Romans 14: 1-12

Accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgment on disputable matters. One man's faith allows him to eat everything, but another man, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. The man who eats everything must not look down on him who does not, and the man who does not eat everything must not condemn the man who does, for God has accepted him. Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. And he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand. One man considers one day more sacred than another; another man considers every day alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. He who regards one day as special, does so to the Lord. He who eats meat, eats to the Lord, for he gives thanks to God; and he who abstains, does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God. For none of us lives to himself alone and none of us dies to himself alone. If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living. You, then, why do you judge your brother? Or why do you look down on your brother? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. It is written: "'As surely as I live,' says the Lord, 'every knee will bow before me; every tongue will confess to God.'" So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God.
(Reader: This is the word of the Lord -- **Thanks be to God**)

Third Reading - Mathew 18:21-35

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?" Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times. "Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him. Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt. "The servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with



me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.' The servant's master took pity on him, cancelled the debt and let him go. "But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded.

"His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.' "But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. When the other servants saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed and went and told their master everything that had happened. "Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I cancelled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' In anger his master turned him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother from your heart."

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

Commentary Matthew 18:21-35

Peter asks a question we may all have considered asking at some point in our lives: "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me?" He then adds the question, "Up to seven times?" Jesus reply, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times." suggests to us that forgiveness is unlimited. As this conversation begins, it suggests that the subject concerns the unlimited nature of forgiveness. Jesus then tells the story of the unforgiving servant. The lord hears his servant's plea for mercy and releases him from this enormous debt. Ten thousand talents would be the equivalent today of millions of pounds and by comparison, the income that Herod received in a year from the whole of Palestine, was in the region of 900 talents. The servant then goes out and condemns his fellow servant, who owes him a few denarii, a paltry debt by comparison, and has him thrown into jail. So we find the story changes in emphasis from being about forgiveness, to be about a person who, having been forgiven himself is in turn unwilling to forgive his brother.

The story moves on, when the fellow servants report the unforgiving servant to their master, who then revokes his act of mercy and condemns him to jail and torture. The story has moved on to be about judgement being brought upon the unmerciful. In the parable there is a final commentary that God will respond in the same way with us if we do not show mercy to our neighbour.

We are not to be troubled with the number of times we forgive another. The Teachers of the Law would have had great debates over the number of times that we should forgive, but that is not our concern. At the heart is the message that we should forgive our neighbour in the same manner in which we have been forgiven ourselves. God is supremely generous in His mercy towards us and so likewise, we should forgive those who have wronged us. There is also the warning, that we face a judgement about those times when we are unforgiving, when we are unwilling to let go of the hurt we have incurred. There will be a time of reckoning. Are we ready to give an account of our lack of mercy in the face of God's generosity to us? Finally, the message from this parable is quite clear, as we have been forgiven, so we should forgive our neighbour.

Meditation 'Forgiveness is giving up hope of a better past'

Jesus tells us today that we should forgive, in an unlimited way. The offence, or the person who commits it is not the question, rather the condition of our souls. If we do not forgive then our lives become twisted and damaging to ourselves and others. It is only as we learn to forgive that we let go of destructive anger. If we are loving beings then our souls are in good shape, however a lack of forgiveness can make us angry and full of hatred and desire for revenge. Whilst we may desire to see wickedness punished, nevertheless if we are personally unforgiving then we only punish ourselves. Lack of forgiveness damages us, not the person with whom we have the grievance. Christians are encouraged to let go of anger and forgive, no matter how legitimate our anger really is. In doing this we are not turning a blind eye to evil, which may or may not be discovered and prosecuted, rather we are allowing ourselves to be healed and in letting go we enable ourselves to live free of the past hurts. Forgiveness is not just something we do for others it is something we do for ourselves to enable us to live free of the past.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayers

O God, our Father, we would thank you for all bright things of life. Help us to see them, and to count them, and to remember them, that our lives may flow in ceaseless praise; for the sake of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen. John Henry Jowett

O Saviour Christ our woes dispel, for some are sick and some are sad; and some have never loved you well, and some have lost the love they had. Your touch has still its ancient power, no word from you can fruitless fall; here in this joyful worship hour and in your mercy, heal us all. Henry Twells

Almighty and most merciful Father, who hast given us a commandment that we should love one another, give us also grace that we may fulfil it. Make us gentle, courteous and forbearing. Direct our lives so that we may look each to the good of the other in word and deed. And hallow all our friendships by the blessing of thy Spirit, for his sake who loved us, and gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord Amen. Bishop Westcott 1825 - 1901

Make us ever eager, Lord, to share the good things that we have. Grant us such a measure of thy Spirit that we may find more joy in giving than in getting. Make us ready to give cheerfully without grudging, secretly without praise, and in sincerity without looking for gratitude, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Give us courage, O Lord, to stand up and be counted, to stand up for others who cannot stand up for themselves. To stand up for ourselves when it is needful to do so. Let us fear nothing more than we fear thee. Let us love nothing more than we love thee, for then we shall fear nothing also. Let us have no other god before thee, whether nation or party or state or church. Let us seek no other peace but the peace which is thine, and make us its instruments, opening our eyes and our ears and our hearts, so that we should know always what work of peace we should do for thee. Alan Paton

Hymns Please distribute Mission Praise and Morning Worship)

1. Lord of creation to you be all praise 440 (Tune H&Ps 699 Slane) 2. For I'm building a people of power 151 3. Lord thy church - On Partnership News Tune H&P 774 Abbots Leigh) 4. God forgave my sins MP 181 5. Take my life and let it be MP 624 (Tune: Nottingham by Mozart)

Third Hymn

1 Lord, thy church on earth is seeking
thy renewal from above;
teach us all the art of speaking
with the accent of thy love.
We would heed thy great commission:
go ye into every place-
preach, baptise, fulfil my mission,
serve with love and share my grace.

2 Freedom give to those in bondage,
lift the burdens caused by sin.
Give new hope, new strength and courage,
grant release from fears within:
light for darkness; joy for sorrow;
love for hatred; peace for strife.
These and countless blessings follow
as the Spirit gives new life.

3 In the streets of every city
where the bruised and lonely dwell,
let us show the Saviour's pity,
let us of his mercy tell.
In all lands and with all races
let us serve, and seek to bring
all the world to render praises,
Christ, to thee, Redeemer, King.

News, Views and Information

Story Box and Story Box Plus Storybox Plus starts at St Marks

StoryBox Plus will be starting the group at St Marks. We will begin on Monday 12th September 3.30 start for refreshments and a chill out with a 4.00 start and 5.00 finish. During that hour we will read, study, and rehearse a Bible based story in preparation to perform at the Family Service on the 1st Sunday. We will also spend time making props for the play. Anyone between 4 (at school) and 10 can join us to make friends and have fun. The groups success will need volunteers if you can help with any aspect of our activities or have a child that would like to see what we are all about please phone *Liz Spavins* on 302349.

Putnoe Heights Mission Group Meeting

Wednesday 14 September 7.30pm. 14 Flint Way.
Sylvia Cohen 343424

Putnoe Heights Harvest Lunch - Sunday 2

October. A simple two course meal with soft drinks provided - please bring your own wine. Tickets available from the Church Office £5 for adults, £2.50 for children under 10 years.

Flower Festival "For the Beauty of the Earth"
10am - 6pm Renhold 24-26 September In aid of church funds. Refreshments available entry by programme £1.

Network Autumn District Day on Tuesday 4 October from 11am—3.30pm at St. Margaret's Church, Luton. The theme is "Looking at Overseas Mission". Further details from Pam Seymour 305695 or Eleanor MacKirdy 360271

Thank you to all friends who attended our wedding ceremony and to those who worked behind the scenes to make everything so special. It was lovely to be married with you all there to share it with us. Helen and Richard Wright.

St Mark's Church is selling a Nissan Micra on behalf of one of our parishioners. It is an 'R' registration with 55,000 miles on the clock and has a full service history. It has only had one owner and a full service history. If you would like to make a reasonable offer, then please contact the church office for more details.

Bedford Ecumenical Lay Training Centre

'Practical Spirituality' course. Wednesday 5, 12, 19 October & 2, 9 November 2005. 7.45 - 9.30pm at St Andrew's Church.
Contact Rev Dr Joan Crossley 344536

Fifties Nite!

Putnoe Heights church
Saturday 22nd October 2005
at 7.30pm



to celebrate the dedication
of the site for a new
Methodist Church at
Putnoe Heights
in October 1955

Rock'n'Roll!

Pop !!

Swam !!!

Ticket: £7-10s-0d (£7.50p)

Tickets are now available for this
fantastic night of celebration

Garden of Remembrance. The plans for the extension are now displayed in the foyer at St Mark's and we are in the process of seeking a faculty. Please take time to study the drawings and let me have any comments/suggestions— CR

Putnoe Heights Church Mission Coffee morning

Saturday 24 September 10.00am - 12 noon at the home of Mr & Mrs York 8 Aldens Mead (rear access via Little Headlands, off Putnoe Street). Raffle, cakes. Proceeds to Mission project. Sylvia Cohen 343424

Piano lessons: I have a few vacancies for new pupils for the coming year. Special rate for members of the Partnership Churches. All ages welcome! Adrian Quarry Tel. 409612.

Concert at Elstow Abbey on Saturday 24 September 2005: This is being organised by SSAFA- Forces Help in partnership with The Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen and features the local group "Patchwork". The concert will start at 7.30 pm; tickets are priced at £8 each which includes a glass of wine or soft drink in the interval - these can be obtained at the door or contact Pam Kinselley 354480.

Make a Difference - cards, wraps, gifts, food—at 22, Mallard Hill, Bedford on Friday 23rd September, 7-9.30pm, Saturday 24th September 2-5pm and Sunday 25th September -10am-1pm. 50p including refreshments.



**Auction of Promises
September 17 at St Mark's Church
Entrance Free**

Programmes can now be bought in advance to make bids if you cannot come on the night.

Thank you to those who have offered fantastic promises, in aid of the Building Development to replace the Portakabin and provide accommodation for Autism Bedfordshire. The evening promises to be a fantastic event, All that we now need is a great turn out for the night, so please come along and please bring your friends.

Offertory Envelopes Members of the Envelope Scheme at Putnoe Heights Church are invited to collect their offertory envelopes for the year beginning 4 September from the table in the welcome area. New members of the scheme are always welcome. Please speak to John Hitt (tel. 404186) if you would like further information.

Visit by Bishop Christopher St Mark's Leadership team are arranging a social evening to welcome Bishop Christopher on Sunday 23 October. It will be a night not to be missed and one for your diary.

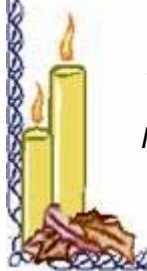
Auction of Promises September 17 at 7.30pm
Entrance to this event will be free, so please use it as an opportunity to invite friends along. Please bring

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.

**Sheila Gladys Hardiman
Joyce Kathleen Gitter**

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



your own wine/drinks along to keep costs down. Programmes are available now and cost £1. They include a form to make bids prior to the evening if you are unable to attend.

Bechar; Bedford Concern for the Homeless & Rootless. A.G.M. Tuesday 13 September at 8pm at the Prebend Day Centre. 12 Prebend St. Bedford.

Cancer Research UK - Theatre Tickets. Bedford Dramatic Club are performing "Veronica's Room", a thriller by Ira Levin, at the end of September. They have donated 50 tickets to Cancer Research UK, and all proceeds from the sale of these tickets will go to the charity. The performance is at The Place, Bradgate Road, Bedford on Tuesday, 27th September at 7.30pm. Tickets are £6 each (concessions £5) which is a discounted price for us, and are available now from Howard Lawrence (tel. 267837) and Sue Butler (tel. 354183). Reserve yours soon, or you may miss out on what will be a very entertaining evening, and a chance to help this worthwhile cause.

Circuit Men's Fellowship Lunch. This takes place at St Mark's this week Wednesday 14 at 12.30pm. Speaker Charles Royden

Partnership Council The next Partnership Council meeting on 20 September takes place at the Chapel at St Mark's. We will discuss the Partnership Review document with the reviewer Rev Stephen Heap and be assisted in the process by The Rev Colin Davey. Please would all members ensure they have a copy of the review document prior to the meeting.

Circuit Bulletin. Copies of the latest Circuit Bulletin are available at both churches this morning

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The funeral of Blanche Elizabeth Davis will take place on Tuesday 13th September 12.25, at Bedford Crematorium. Joan Crossley