



Partnership News

Putnoe Heights & St Mark's Church

12 October 2014

Ordinary 28



Sunday Services

8.30am Holy Communion every Sunday

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

12 October - Morning Worship

9.30am St Marks - Morning Worship with Baptism

Preacher - Rev Canon Charles Royden
Leadership - Mr Edward Parry
Intercessions - Mrs Morag Stewart
Organist - Miss Marion Prior

11.00 am Putnoe - Morning Worship

Preacher - Rev Canon Charles Royden
Leadership - Mrs Jenny Snelson
Intercessions - Mr Alan Bayliss
Organist - Mr Alan Bunker

19 October—Holy Communion

9.30am St Marks - Holy Communion

Preacher - The Reverend G. Cl. Knights
Leadership - Mr. Mick Ovenden
Intercessions - Mrs. Wendy Waters
Organist - Miss Marion Prior

11.00 am Putnoe - Holy Communion

Preacher - The Reverend G. Cl. Knights
Leadership - Mrs. Veta Hudson-Rae
Intercessions - Mrs. Sue Allen
Organist - Mr. Ben Mason

- Readings** 1. Exodus 33:12-33
2. 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 3. Matthew 22:15-22

Midweek Holy communion at St. Mark's Chapel every Wednesday at 10am and at Sir William Harpur House on first Monday of every month at 10.00am.

Thank You

The flowers at Putnoe Heights this week are given by Christina and Paul Halsey in loving memory of her husband, and his father, Maurice Halsey.

We are grateful when people make donations towards flowers perhaps to celebrate a special occasion such as an anniversary or in memory of a loved one. Please contact Miss Marion Prior 303254 (St Mark's) or Ann Hitt 404186 (Putnoe Heights) or add your name to the rota in the foyers.

Prayer for Sunday

Grant to us, O Lord, purity of heart and strength of purpose, that no passion may hinder us from doing your will, and no weakness from doing it; that in your light we may see light clearly, and in your service find perfect freedom; through Christ our Lord. Amen. *Augustine of Hippo (354-430)*

Welcome

We welcome you all to our worship today. At St Mark's Church we especially welcome the family and friends of Jack David Farthing who has been brought for Baptism

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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

Open Monday to Thursday 9am - 5.30pm, Friday 9-1pm
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St. Mark's Church Centre

Open Monday - Friday 9am - 5.00pm
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Regular Weekly Activities - A Guide To Our Churches

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 Laura Leggett 01234 326685 or www.hazeldeneheights.com

8.30-12.30pm St Mark's Pre-School Nursery

Headteacher Mrs. Helen Harpin 312634

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

9.00-3.45pm Top Marks Mon-Fri St Mark's

Headteacher Mrs. Helen Harpin 312634

(See website for more details)

9.45am - Body Control Pilates –Putnoe Heights

Stephanie Smith 357787 or 07973174430

10.00am Bakers Barn Art Group. St Mark's Mrs M. Berry 211955

10.30am U3A Play reading Putnoe Heights Contact

Janet King 313946

11am-12noon Pilates St. Mark's. Liz Mason

07816522200 (starts 8 Sept.)

1.30pm Chat & Make. Term time for babies and

toddlers 0-5. Crafts, toys, songs, story and refreshments

£1. More details contact St Mark's Church Office on 01234

342613 or Janine 01234 297481 Restarts 8 September

12.00 noon Storybox Putnoe Heights 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. Contact Carolyn Morris

youth@thisischurch.com 365630

2pm U3A Music Appreciation Putnoe Heights Contact

Janet King 313946

2.00pm U3A Italian Putnoe Heights– fortnightly

4.15pm Kumon Maths Putnoe Heights. Mrs Raksha

Mistry 01908 392698

5.30 - 8.30 NHS Eat Smart Think Active at Putnoe

Heights. For more details contact Emily Taverner 01234

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

6.15 pm Brownies Putnoe. Sharon Tanner

01767699399 or 07720713738.

6.15 Pilates at Putnoe Heights Jane Butcher 300859

6.15pm-8.15pm Fit for Life Yoga - Putnoe Heights

Contact Jane Butcher 07891879571

6.30pm Boot Camp Putnoe Heights – Laura Amor

341152 / 07976259081

7.00pm Sugarcraft Guild St Mark's (1st week in month)

Pat Nicholson 353518

7.00pm Cancer Care Society. St Mark's. (1st week in

month) Mr J Dewhurst 01908 377020.

7.00-8.00pm Laughter Club at St. Mark's 2nd week each

month) Cheryl Green 07729187399

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

7.30pm Whist Drive. St Mark's (Weeks 3 & 5 in the

month).. Next meeting– 20 October Judith Stanton.

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7.30pm No Fear Bridge Club St. Mark's Mrs. Susan Ford

300218.

7.30pm House group 30 The Ridgeway. The home of

Eddy & Margaret Peck 267567

7.45-9.15 Get Fit Keep Fit at Putnoe Heights Diane

Field 01234 404976

Tuesday

9 –1pm Bedford Stop Smoking at Putnoe Heights. For

more details please contact Olivia Tornyie 01234 276826

9.30am Candlewicking (Needlework). Putnoe Heights.

Pat McCart 365507

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

Lorrie Pearson 01234 340473

11.15am U3A Keep Fit Putnoe Heights Contact Janet King 313946

1.15pm U3A Cinema Group. St Mark's Contact Janet King 313946

1.30pm U3A Choir. St Mark's Contact Janet King 313946

2.00pm U3A Book Group 1 St Mark's (3rd Week in month) Contact Janet King 313946

2.00pm U3A Book Group 2 St Mark's (2nd Week in month) Contact Janet King 313946

2.00pm Library Walk W.I. Putnoe Heights, meets

monthly. Morag Tomkins 356895

2pm U3A Photography Group 3 St. Mark's (1st Week in month) Contact Janet King 313946

2.30pm Mother Teresa Support Group. St Mark's (1st & 3rd week in month). Wool and knitting needles provided.

Mrs Maureen Watling 262225

2.15pm Tuesday Afternoon Housegroup. St Mark's

(2nd & 4th week in month) Mary Stubbs 406784.

4.00pm-6.15pm Stars School of Dance at Putnoe

Heights. Esther Richardson 295862 or 07917582468

7.30-8.30pm Pilates St Mark's Church Jane Butcher

07891879571

7pm - 8.30pm Daisy Birthing Putnoe Heights Susie

07980447390

7.00pm Keep Fit. St. Mark's Jan Gregory 328455

(Unfortunately Jan has had to cancel her sessions at the moment, but hopes to re-start in January 2015.

7.30pm Ladies Tuesday Club at Putnoe Heights (Meets

fortnightl 14 October Shoe Boxes Details Janet King

313946

8.00pm Hearts in Beds Committee St Mark's (week 4 in

month) Mrs N Aspey 309816

Wednesday

9.30am Body Control Pilates. Putnoe Heights.

Stephanie Smith 357787 or 07973174430.

10am-2pm Open House at St Mark's for those with

learning disabilities., their friends, family , carers and

supporters 342613.

10am U3A Gardening Group 3 St Marks. Contact Janet

King 313946

10.00am Holy Communion. St. Mark's Chapel. A half

hour service followed by coffee. All welcome.

10am U3A Card Making, St Marks Contact Janet King

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10am U3A Diet and Nutrition- Putnoe Contact Janet

King 313946

11.15am U3A Keep Fit at Putnoe Heights

12.30pm –4pm St Mark's Nursery

Headteacher Mrs. Helen Harpin 312634

12.30pm Luncheon Club. Putnoe fortnightly. Next

meeting 8 October Putnoe Heights Office 365630

1.15pm Bridge Club for the Retired. St. Mark's.

Mr Barnes 261811

2.00-4.00pm U3A Craft at St Marks.Contact Janet King

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2pm U3A Gilbert and Sullivan Putnoe Heights Contact

Janet King 313946

2.15pm - Fifty plus Keep Fit. Putnoe Heights

Mrs Webster 856966

3.45.- 5.30pm Messy Church. St Mark's (3rd Week in

month). for children of lower school age and their carers.

Bible-based story, crafts, singing and a meal. Next

meeting 15 Oct.

2014 Wendy Waters 401834 Jean Bank 355698

4.15pm Kumon Maths. Putnoe Heights Mrs Raksha

Mistry 01908 392698

6.00 pm Brownies. St Mark's. Mrs C Warden 219731

6.15pm Yoga and Relaxation Putnoe Heights Racheall Monton 01234 297138 or 07910835994

6-7pm ATSK Karate at Putnoe Height Kevin Stark Tel. 01234 353865

7.00pm Bunyan Bridge. St. Mark's Colin Jackson 363398 or Brian Sallows 407725.

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

7.00pm Putnoe Guild Putnoe 3rd Wednesday in every month except August Mrs Jo Street 344600

7.00pm Line Dancing Putnoe Mike Del-Boyer 348378

8.00pm Badminton Club Putnoe Heights All welcome. Ken Marriott 214867

8.00pm Tudor Reeds Folk Dance Club at St Mark's (1st,3rd & 5th Wednesday in month). Next meeting will be 15 October Everyone welcome. All dances called, only £1 including refreshments. Rosemary 405594 or Graham 406359 for more details.

8.00pm Bedford Wine and Social Club St Mark's (Week 1 in the month) Greta Cansfield 215016

Thursday

8.30am—12.30pm St. Mark's Pre School Nursery Headteacher Mrs. Helen Harpin 312634

9.30am Thursday Prayer Group. Putnoe Heights. Valerie Capon 356306. Request for prayer can be written in the prayer diary on the information table. Will not meet on July 31 and August 7

9.15am Spanish for beginners Plus at Putnoe Heights

10.30pm Spanish Holiday Survival at Putnoe Heights. Elena 01234 266968

9.45am Chat and Play St. Mark's. A term time group for Mums & toddlers.0-5 Contact St Mark's Church Office 01234 342613 or Janine 01234 297481 Restarts September 11

12pm Storybox . 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 Jaana Swaby 342613 Restarts 4 September

1.30 - 3.00pm NHS Baby Clinic at St Mark's (Weeks 1 & 3 in the month)Contact 897401

1pm-2.30pm Drop in (small hall) Next Steps 9-24months Putnoe Children's Centre. Please call Trudy Hamilton (centre assistant) for more information 340552. 2pm - **Friendly Chicago Bridge** at Putnoe Heights £2 per session inc. refreshments. New members welcome. Contact Pat 01234 294220.

2pm U3A Current Affairs - Putnoe Heights Contact Janet King 313946

2-4pm U3A Indoor Games. St. Mark's Contact Janet King 313946

2.30 - 4.30pm Bedford Art Society St Mark's Jean Paterson 307210

3.15-5.15pm Social Care Solutions Drama Group Claire Creek 262650

5.45pm Weightwatchers. St. Mark's. Clare Martin 07805408811.

6.15pm Brownies. Putnoe Heights Lou Brenna. 07919402797.

7.00pm Club 2000 Putnoe Nina Ovenden 825059

7pm U3A Folk & Poetry St Marks (2nd and 4th week in month)Contact Janet King 313946

7.15pm Putnoe Art Group Bob Wardale 406094

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

Bedford Folk Dancers (formerly Barn dancers) Meet weekly at Putnoe Heights Different guest callers each week. Except August. All welcome, cost £2.50 Including refreshments. More details Ron 825574 or

Shirley 01767 651767

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

8.00pm Magpies Women's Group St Mark's (2nd & 4th week in month) Mrs Marie Cotchin 402089

8.00pm Brickhill Ladies Group St Mark's (1st and 3rd week in month) Susan Perugi 300219

Friday

8.30am—12.30pm St. Mark's Nursery Headteacher Mrs. Helen Harpin 312634

8.30am Diabetic Centre St Mark's (1st week in month) Deborah Hennessey 792013

9am -1pm Machine Knitting group at Putnoe Heights, fortnightly . Contact Marion Sutton 217647

10am -12.00 U3A Photography St Marks.(4th week in month) Contact Janet King 313946

10am - 12 & 1.15 - 3.15pm U3A Beginners French St. Marks Contact Janet King 313946

2.00-4.00 pm U3A Whist St Marks. (2nd week in month) Contact Janet King 313946

2pm U3A Gardening - Putnoe Heights Contact Janet King 313946

4.50pm-8.15pm Stars School of Dance Esther Richardson 295862 or 07917582468

7.00pm-9.00pm Meditation St Mark's. Cheryl Green 07729187399

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

Saturday

9.00am Faith Temple Ministries St Mark's (1st week in month) Dawn Kelly 07863762593

10.00am Theatretrain St Mark's. Dancing acting, singing. Kate Howard 01234 782414

Young Embroiderers bi monthly Putnoe Heights Terry Fletcher 357198

2.15pm Society of Recorder Players at Putnoe Heights. G Parry 01462 674792

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. 1st Sunday Feb/Apr/ Jun/Aug /Oct/Dec. Contact P Harris 01623 621143

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.

2- 4.30pm Indoor Bowls at St. Mark's 1st and 3rd Sunday. Ray Seymour 305695 or church office.

Messy Church Dates 15 Oct, 19 Nov, 10 Dec



Diary Dates



St Mark's Church Council – 14 October

St Mark's Leadership Team -

Annual Congregational Meetings— 26 April 2014

Putnoe Heights Leadership Team -

Putnoe Heights Management Meeting -

Putnoe Church Council - 16 October

Pastoral Group Meeting -

Churchyard Committee -

Commemoration Service - 2nd November

Circuit meeting –

Deanery meeting -

Woodland Burial Trustees—

Putnoe Heights Children & Youth Meeting - Monday 19 January 2015

Please advise St Mark's Church Office

of the dates of your meetings.

Ordinary 28

Sentence of Scripture Philippians Chapter 4

Rejoice in the Lord always.
I will say it again: Rejoice!

Collect Prayer for the Day

Before we read we pray

Lord, in your goodness, open our eyes to your light and so fill our hearts with your glory, that we may acknowledge Jesus as Saviour and hold fast to his word in sincerity and truth. We make our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen *Methodist Worship*



First Bible Reading - Exodus 32: 1-14

When the people saw that Moses was so long in coming down from the mountain, they gathered around Aaron and said, "Come, make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don't know what has happened to him." Aaron answered them, "Take off the gold earrings that your wives, your sons and your daughters are wearing, and bring them to me." So all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron. He took what they handed him and made it into an idol cast in the shape of a calf, fashioning it with a tool. Then they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt." When Aaron saw this, he built an altar in front of the calf and announced, "Tomorrow there will be a festival to the LORD." So the next day the people rose early and sacrificed burnt offerings and presented fellowship offerings. Afterward they sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry. Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go down, because your people, whom you brought up out of Egypt, have become corrupt. They have been quick to turn away from what I commanded them and have made themselves an idol cast in the shape of a calf. They have bowed down to it and sacrificed to it and have said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.' "I have seen these people," the LORD said to Moses, "and they are a stiff-necked people. Now leave me alone so that my anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation." But Moses sought the favour of the LORD his God. "O LORD," he said, "why should your anger burn against your people, whom you brought out of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out, to kill them in the mountains and to wipe them off the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce anger; relent and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, to whom you swore by your own self: 'I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and I will give your descendants all this land I promised them, and it will be their inheritance forever.' " Then the LORD relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

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

Second Bible Reading Philippians 4:1-9

Therefore, my brothers, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, that is how you should stand firm in the Lord, dear friends! I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to agree with each other in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you, loyal yoke fellow, help these women who have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you

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

Gospel Reading - Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come. "Then he sent some more servants and said, 'Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.' "But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. Go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.' So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, both good and bad, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. 'Friend,' he asked, 'how did you get in here without wedding clothes?' The man was speechless. Then the king told the attendants, 'Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "For many are invited, but few are chosen." (This is the word of the Lord -- **Thanks be to God**)

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.

Hymns *(Please distribute Morning Worship booklet)*

1. Tell out my soul
2. Colours of day
3. Jesus put this song
4. Love divine
5. Thine be the glory

Commentary

In the passage from Matthew this week we read about a very special invitation to a banquet. It is not just an ordinary party to which a man invites guests, it is an invitation from a king. When kings threw banquets and invited you along you went, not because you necessarily wanted to, but because it was expected. It's just like the boss inviting you round for a meal, if you want to get on you go, you don't say you have a better offer or make excuses. So, the best food and drink would have been prepared, servants were sent out to "summon the invited guests to the feast." According to the custom of the time, the guests would already received the invitation and were waiting for when things were prepared and they received the announcement to come to the feast. The guests had already accepted the invitation and been catered for! But the story takes an unexpected twist. At the last minute and for some unexplained reason the cream of society behaves quite rudely. They claim they have more important things to do, important business to conduct and so, cannot come to the feast. What an insult to the royal house! They are utterly unappreciative of the offer which is made. They are so ungrateful that one not only refuses to go but kills the servant who bring the invitation.

So in the story Jesus is clear, the deviant guests were not outsiders. When people heard Jesus speaking about a king inviting people to a banquet they would know exactly what he was speaking about. The King is God and the people who were invited were the Jews. God was planning the great party for which the Jewish people had waited for so long, but now at the last minute they were refusing. The prophets who had proclaimed the coming kingdom had been ridiculed and killed, the Messiah was present and ready and they all rejected the offer. The hearers would also come to realise exactly what Jesus meant when he spoke of the King sending his soldiers to destroy the city. After the fall of Jerusalem in AD70 the pieces of the story would all fit neatly into place.

So what about those who came? Since the guests who were invited refused, the invitation went out instead to all and sundry. People who would never have imagined being invited to such an event heard the call, the labourers, the down and outs, the criminals and just ordinary folk. Nobody who came would be able to boast of anything they had done to get there. They could claim no privilege or rank, none of them had a special status. They came because they were hungry, not because they could afford it or were posh. So the parable becomes our story too, we are now the recipients of God's gracious hospitality and generosity. We are Christian people because of God's generosity, not because of any good we may have done. We claim no right and we feel privileged to find ourselves in the banquet hall. We are from the

highways and byways no longer. We are honoured guests. Just like the guests invited to the banquet in the story, each one of us is invited as a special guest by God to his celebration. It is a truly remarkable thing that God should bother with us at all and yet he goes so far as to make us honoured guests.

In the midst of a troubled and turbulent world, where the frailty of life is ever before us, the simple message of this parable should come to us as a great reassurance. In spite of the seeming unimportance which attaches to us in the universe, nevertheless our lives are significant. Life might so often seem cheap and unimportant and yet we are individually watched over and cared for by God. The realisation that God is involved with each of us should change the way that we think about things, life is no longer a series of abstract choices, we are not adrift subject to the vagaries of life. This message should cause us to have much peace and a sense of purpose for the future which gives real meaning to our lives. Sadly for many people this is simply not the case, offered such a magnificent invitation they choose to ignore the blessings of God and miss out on the generosity of God. The message of the story is clear, if you choose not to go, then somebody else will take your place. For this reason we should not be slow to respond but willingly answer God's call on our lives. *Charles Royden*

Meditation—The following was mentioned in our address about Emmaus last week.

Appeal by Abbé Pierre, printed in Le Figaro and broadcast on Radio Luxembourg on 1st February 1954.

"My friends, come help... A woman froze to death tonight at 3:00 AM, on the pavement of Sebastopol Boulevard, clutching the eviction notice which the day before had made her homeless... Each night, more than two thousand endure the cold, without food, without bread, more than one almost naked. To face this horror, emergency lodgings are not enough.

"Hear me; in the last three hours, two aid centers have been created: one under canvas at the foot of the Panthéon, on Montagne Sainte-Geneviève Street; the other in Courbevoie. They are already overflowing, we must open them everywhere. Tonight, in every town in France, in every quarter of Paris, we must hang out placards under a light in the dark, at the door of places where there are blankets, bunks, soup; where one may read, under the title 'Fraternal Aid Center', these simple words: 'If you suffer, whoever you are, enter, eat, sleep, recover hope, here you are loved'.

"The forecast is for a month of harsh frosts. For as long as the winter lasts, for as long as the centers exist, faced with their brothers dying in poverty, all mankind must be of one will: the will to make this situation impossible. I beg of you, let us love one another enough to do it now. From so much pain, let a wonderful thing be given unto us: the shared spirit of France. Thank you! Everyone can help those who are homeless. We need, tonight, and at the latest tomorrow, five thousand blankets, three hundred big American tents, and two hundred catalytic stoves. Bring them quickly to the Hôtel Rochester, number ninety-two, la Boétie Street. The rendez-vous for volunteers and trucks to carry them: tonight at eleven, in front of the tent on Montagne Sainte-Geneviève. Thanks to you, no man, no child, will sleep on the asphalt or on the waterfronts of Paris tonight. Thank you."

Prayers for today and the week ahead

Gracious God, rejoicing in your blessings, trusting in your loving care for all, we bring you our prayers for the world.

We pray for the created world: for those who seek to rebuild what has been destroyed; for those who work to alleviate hunger, poverty and disease – in particular those who risk their own lives to care for victims of ebola; for those whose lives have been turned upside down by conflicts in the Middle East; for those who have power to bring change for the better and to renew hope.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our nation: for those who have authority in our national life, framing our laws and shaping our common life; for those who work to keep the peace and foster mutual understanding and respect; for those who teach, heal and care, and all who give freely of themselves in the service of others.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for people in need: those for whom life is a bitter struggle; those whose lives are clouded by death or loss, pain or disability, discouragement or fear, shame or rejection. May they know the warmth, the comfort and the assurance of your love.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the church, weighed down by the baggage of history, drawn on by the power of the Spirit: may all who profess your name learn to work and witness together, surrounded by the great company of heaven. We pray for those who lead us here and at St. Mark's : give them strength for all that they seek to be and to do.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

World War 1 Advance Notice—Saturday 15 November at 6.30pm at Putnoe Heights Church ‘Innocence and Experience’ an evening recollections of the First World War’ using poetry, prose and pictures. Trench grub will be served at tables of 8 people. Vegetarians can request an alternative to the bully beef. Tickets £10 available from church offices or Jenny Emsley. All proceeds to church funds. There will be a raffle in aid of SSAFA.

Partnership Quiz- date for your diary. This year's quiz will be held at Putnoe Height on Saturday 1 November 7.00pm for 7.30pm. Tickets are available from both church offices, £7.50 to include fish/chicken and chips supper. You are invited to make up a team of 6-8 or just buy a ticket and come along.

Samaritans Purse Shoe Box Appeal 2014

Following the success of last year's donation of 54 boxes by Messy Church and the wider congregation, we will be packing boxes at our Messy Church session on 15 October. We will be happy to accept donated items from now on. All items must be new. These include Toys, Educational supplies, Hygiene items, Other: Sweets sell by date at least March 2015. Gloves, scarves, sunglasses, hats, bangles, necklaces. Please do not donate: food (especially chocolate), no hand knitted stuffed toys, medicine, no war related items, no clothing other than those above, no fragile items, no liquids. No sharp objects, no novels. We do not need any empty shoeboxes this year. Please see the Messy Church notice board for further details of what can and cannot be put in the boxes. If you would like to support the Shoe Box Appeal but are unsure what to buy, we would be very happy to receive financial donations, then we can buy items needed. If you require further information please speak to Wendy Waters Jean Bank or Carolyn Morris.

Friends for Life is running a Volunteer Induction Session at Putnoe Heights Church on Saturday, 15 November 2014, 10am – 4pm. Volunteering for Friends for Life is extremely rewarding and very flexible – no pressure, no rotas, perhaps you could find time to be a friend to someone who could use one. Places are also still available for the Tackling Loneliness in Care Homes Forum on Wednesday, 8th October, 7pm at St Mary's Church Hall, Goldington. An evening with a presentation from Revd Dr Keith Albans, a Director from MHA, refreshments and discussion opportunities. If you would like to know more about volunteering for Friends for Life or would like to come along to the Forum, please contact Joanne Barrow on 213038, barrow.ffl@virginmedia.com or visit the website www.friendsforlifebedford.org.uk

Action for Children A big thank you once again to the 16 volunteers who knocked on 542 doors for this September's House to House Collection on behalf of Action for Children. The total raised in our St. Mark's /Brickhill area was a very worthwhile £630; an 8% increase on last year. Action for

Children will be able to claim a further £64 from HMRC as a result of completed Gift-Aid forms. The average content in the envelopes has increased by over 8% which continues the upward trend seen over the past decade or so. However this is partly offset by a general fall in the percentage of filled envelopes handed over at the door. So thank you to those Brickhill residents who gave so generously. Mike Elliott

Flower Festival Through the Ages at St. Martin's Church, Clapham Road 18 (10am—5pm) and 19 October. (2pm—5pm) Refreshments and stalls.

Men's Fellowship Meal 11th November at 7.30pm at The Pheasant Public House. £15 for two courses and first drink. Deposit £5 to be paid by 2nd November with choices. For details of menu and further information contact Barry Southam 01234 219714, mobile 07860639595 email barrysoutham@aol.com

'What then was War' The Royal British Legion presents poetry and songs from the Great War. Saturday 8th November 2014 at 7.30pm. Tickets £8/£6 from Central Box Office

Roderick Williams, Baritone, with Joseph Middleton, piano. As seen at the BBC Last Night of the Proms 2014. Saturday 22 November 2014. St Andrew's Church. Advance tickets £8, £7 concessions, Students 16-21 £3 Children free accompanied by an adult. At the door are £9/ £8 concessions available Church Centre Office, Kimbolton Road, tel 01234 216881 Central Box Office, Bedford, tel 01234 718112

Putnoe Heights Harvest Festival Thank you for all the generous donations for the food bank. These are now in their warehouse and we await news of their estimate of how many people our donation will feed. Thanks also to all who helped to make the lunch a success. Ticket sales and donations have enabled us to donate £270 to BECHAR.

1st Putnoe Brownies and Rainbows are taking part in The Poppy Challenge. This badge has been created by 1st Kedington Rangers in support of the work of the Royal British Legions Poppy Appeal and to spread the awareness about Remembrance Day whilst also raising funds for the work that they do. Last year (2013) they raised £2000 for the Royal British Legions through sales of this badge. The Brownies have to do six clauses for one of the clauses we have chosen. Make a paper chain 100 links long and write the name of 100 fallen soldiers from your area and hang this in your meeting area. We would like to make this chain personal and would like to invite any members of the church whose family lost some in WW1 to leave the details of that person their name and age at the church office and the Brownies will put it in the chain which we will display on Remembrance Sunday. Thank You Sharon Tanner Brown Owl

St Mark's Christmas Craft Fayre Saturday

22 November 2014 It comes round faster and faster each year. Our Craft Fayre is on 22nd November and your help is needed in so many ways. We will be having the usual Church stalls again and donated items will be greatly appreciated. **New Tombola:** New and unused items needed so please look in your cupboards etc. **Homemade Cake Stall:** Homemade cakes, **Secondhand Book Stall:** Books in good condition plus any jigsaws (with all the pieces) please. **Indoor Plant Stall:** Now is the time to plant cuttings and bulbs etc. **Refreshments:** Donations of tray bakes to sell with our teas and coffees. And of course the **Christmas Prize Draw:** Any new items suitable for raffle prizes would be really welcome. Raffle tickets will be on sale in October. We will need a lot of help nearer the time with leaflet delivering, selling of raffle tickets distributing posters etc. Please let me know of any locations where you think a poster would go. If you are able to help us with manning a stall, on the 22 November, helping in the kitchen or in any other way, we would love to hear from you. As always your help is very much appreciated and we could not run this large fundraising event without your help. Please contact Avril Williams.

Defibrillator Training The next session of training will take place at St Mark's on Sunday 19 October from 2.00pm—4.00pm The defibrillator will start the heart of somebody who would otherwise die. You cannot hurt anybody by using it—if their heart hasn't stopped it doesn't work! So please come along and learn you might save a life.

St Marks Junior Church Dates

12 19 and 26 October.
2 November All Saints Worship children stay in.

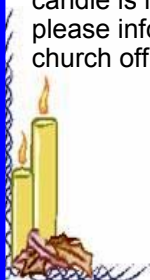
Putnoe Heights Will be holding a social evening on 18 October starting at 6.30 pm to approx. 9.00pm. Come and enjoy a game of Steeple Drive. Hot dogs and soft drinks. Everyone welcome. Tickets will be available from Putnoe Heights Church Office from 5 October onwards Adults £5 Children £3. Proceeds to Church Funds. Contact Church Office 365630. or Sue, Carolyn or Val.

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

**Shirley Christine Filby
Elsa Maud Slater**

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



St. Mark's Garden of Remembrance working party 19 October at 2pm. We would be grateful for help with Autumn clearing. Please bring own secateurs, trowels, bags, gloves, loppers, trugs, kneelers etc. Any queries please see Marion Prior.

Footprints Walk The next walk will be on Sunday 12 October starting at 2.30pm. Meet at Elstow Abbey Church car park for a County Walk in an Urban Area. A circular walk to Bunyan's Birthplace (site of), it is all flat with no stiles and will take no longer than 2 hours at a leisurely pace. Queries ring Barry Snelson 0122343 344417.

Julia Furnell - Many of the Putnoe Heights congregation will know Julia who is currently residing at Annandale Lodge. Although Julia is well looked after at Annandale she is very much missing her friends at church and would welcome a visit from anyone and everyone! The address for Annandale is 8 Linden Road, MK40 2DA, tel 218400. Julia would be thrilled to see you. Jo Barrow

Pastoral Care A free course in Pastoral Care is to be held in two parts at St Mary's Church Goldington on Saturdays 8 and 22 of November. On 8 November the times are 09.30 - 16.00 and on 22 November 9.30 to 13.00. Please speak with Wendy Waters if you are interested.

Employment Vacancy. Dorothea Court provides Sheltered Housing and Assisted Living for Elderly Christians. We are looking for an all-rounder who can cook and provide a cleaning and laundry service for our occupants. You will stand in for our regular workers when they are on leave or sick leave. We are looking for a responsible, mature person to cover when our Contracted Housing Support Workers or Cooks are off duty, or on leave or sick. The cleaning and laundry shifts are reasonably flexible. If you are interested in this position, please contact the Scheme Manager Mrs van der Tang at 03003031490 to make an appointment.

Bedfordshire Police will have their mobile station on Woodlands Park on Friday 17 Oct. It will be situated opposite Anjulita Court Bramley Way between the times of 1000hrs and 1600hrs.



Forthcoming Funerals

The funeral of Lorna Vicky Hawkins will take place at Bedford Crematorium at 3:15pm on Wednesday 15 October 2014