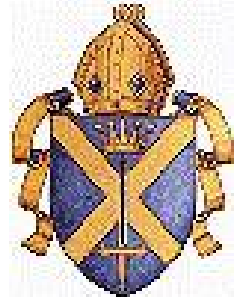


Partnership News

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Partnership Church Services Today

8.30am Holy Communion every Sunday

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

9.30am St. Mark's – Morning Worship

Preacher - Deacon Jane Mason MHA Sunday
Leadership – Mr Mike Ovenden
Intercessions – Mrs Delia Shepherd

11.00am Putnoe Heights – Morning Worship

Preacher – Deacon Jane Mason MHA
Leadership - Mrs Linda Hoar
Intercessions -Dr Tim Wilkes

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9.30am St. Mark's – Holy Communion

Preacher - Revd Charles Royden
Leadership – Mrs Jean Bank
Intercessions – Mrs Pat Leusby

11.00am – Putnoe - Holy Communion

Preacher - Revd Charles Royden
Leadership - Mrs Jean Kirk
Intercessions - Mrs Sylvia Cohen

Readings 1 1 Kings 19: 1-4,8-15a

2. Gal 3: 23-29

3. Luke 8: 26-39

Midweek Worship

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

Thank You

The flowers at Putnoe Heights Church this week have been given by Eddy and Margaret Peck to celebrate their wedding anniversary.

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

Love is your meaning, O Lord.
Before ever you made us you loved us.
Your love has never slackened nor ever shall.
In love all your works have been begun,
by love you sustain them and our life in your
love is everlasting.
So let the beginning and ending of all our
loving be to see our God for ever;
and this may Jesus grant us. Amen.

Julian of Norwich (c.1343-c.1417)

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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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Regular Weekly Activities - A Guide To Our Churches

Monday

9.15 -11.45 am Mon-Fri Putnoe Heights Pre-school

Head teacher Mrs Janet Smith ☎326685

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

9.30-3.15pm Top Marks Mon-Fri St Mark's

Headteacher Mrs. Helen Harpin ☎312634

(See website for more details)

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

9.45am - Body Control Pilates –Putnoe Heights

Stephanie Smith ☎ 357787 or 07973174430

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

10.30am U3A Play reading St Mark's J Birks ☎219607

12.00pm Story box 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.

3.30pm Storybox Plus Putnoe Heights for 4-9 year olds. Meet at 3.30 for refreshments & games. Then until 5pm stories, drama, singing & craft activities.

4.15pm Rosemary Conley Diet & Fitness. Putnoe Heights. Margo Needham ☎843747 or 07881730747

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

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

6.15 pm Brownies Putnoe. Sharon Tanner ☎07720713738.

6.15 Pilates at Putnoe Heights Jane Butcher 300859

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

7.30pm Cancer Care Society. St Mark's. 1st Week. Mr J Dewhurst ☎01908 377020

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

7.15pm Yoga. Putnoe Heights Denise Green ☎244970

7.30pm Whist Drive. St Mark's 3rd & 5th week . Next meeting June 21 Judith Stanton. ☎823313

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

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

Tuesday

9.30am Jo Jingles. St. Mark's. Music & movement for pre-school children. Renu Elston ☎07790296016

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

9.30am -12.30 & 4-9pm Slimming World St. Mark's. Helen Folbigg ☎351223

10am Autism Beds Adult Support Group. St Mark's. Sally Cripsley ☎350704

11.15am U3A Keep Fit Putnoe Heights Sally Banks ☎ 870357

1.15pm Sing and Stomp. For toddlers & their carers. Run by the Putnoe Children's Centre. Putnoe Heights Majella Atkinson ☎325293.

1.30pm U3A Cinema Group. St Mark's 4th Week in month . Mrs Beaumont ☎261461

2.00pm U3A Book Group. St Mark's 3rd Week Mrs Forrest ☎344043

2.00pm Library Walk W.I. Putnoe Heights, meets monthly. Morag Tomkins ☎356895

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

2.15pm Putnoe Heights Women's Fellowship. Next meeting June 15 Tea & Chat Betty Wyatt ☎350188.

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

2.15pm Tuesday Afternoon Housegroup. St Mark's Fortnightly. Mary Stubbs ☎406784.

3.45pm Stars School of Dance. Putnoe Heights. Esther Sancto ☎295862 or 07917582468.

6.30pm Creative Card making. Putnoe Heights Church. Carol Houghton ☎346718

6.30pm Yoga Putnoe Heights Veronica Lafferty ☎781466 or 07788750360

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

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

7.30pm Hearts in Beds. Cardiac Support Group 1st Tuesday in the month at St Mark's. Brian Ibberson ☎403497

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

7.30pm Putnoe Heights Ladies Tuesday Club - Meets fortnightly. Next meeting 15 June 'Infra Red Devices' Allister Pirrie Janet King ☎313946

8.15pm - 10.15pm Bedford Advanced Dancers St. Mark's 1st Tuesday in month. Shirley Sadler ☎01767 651767

Wednesday

9.30am Body Control Pilates. Putnoe Heights. Stephanie Smith ☎357787 or 07973174430.

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

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

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

10am U3A Card Making. St Mark's Church. 4th week in the month. Janet King ☎313946

12.30pm Luncheon Club. Putnoe Heights fortnightly. Next - June 23 Putnoe Heights Office ☎365630

1.00-3pm Police Surgery at Putnoe Heights .

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

1.45 Scots Society Whist Putnoe monthly .All welcome Nancy Barr ☎268147

2-5pm Police Surgery. St Mark's Foyer. ☎349179

1.30-4.30pm U3A Craft St Mark's 1st & 3rd week. Pat Holland ☎262823

2.15pm - Fifty plus Keep Fit. Putnoe Heights Mrs Webster ☎856966

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

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

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

6-8pm Karate. St Mark's Karen King ☎079412 64885

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

7.00pm Archaeological & Local History Society Putnoe Heights monthly. Vanessa Aykac 268098 or 07917385987
7.00pm Putnoe Guild Putnoe Heights monthly Janice Loxley ☎ 347073

7.00pm Line Dancing Putnoe Heights Mike Del-Boyer ☎348378

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

8.00pm Tudor Reeds Folk Dance Club meet at St Mark's 1st,3rd & 5th Wednesday in month. Next meeting 16 June Everyone welcome. All dances called, only £1 including refreshments. Ring Alan ☎ 345312.Graham 406359 or Rosemary 405594 for more details.

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

Thursday

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

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

9.45am Yoga Putnoe Heights Denise Green ☎244970

9.45am Chat and Play St.Mark's. A group for Mums & toddlers. Emma Strangwick ☎211070

11am-12noon Citizens Advice Bureau at Putnoe Heights.

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 ☎ 363283

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

1.30pm Toddler Playtime. Putnoe Majella Atkinson ☎325293.

2pm Putnoe Bridge Club. Gerald Palmer ☎345991

2.30 - 4.30pm Bedford Art Society at St Mark's. Malcolm Smith ☎400741

4 - 7.00pm Police Surgery. St Mark's Foyer. ☎349179

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

6.15pm Brownies. Putnoe Heights Lou Watkins 07919402797

7.00pm Club 2000 Putnoe Heights Nina Ovenden ☎825059

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

7.15pm Putnoe Art Group Bob Wardale ☎406094

7.30pm Bedford Embroiderers' Guild St Mark's 3rd week in month. Pauline Lynham ☎01525 714517

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

8.00pm Magpies Women's Group St Mark's 2nd & 4th week Jean Birks ☎219607

8.00pm Brickhill Ladies Group St Mark's 1st and 3rd week in month. Julia Nicholson ☎353642

Friday

9.30-12.30pm U3A Photography (Group 1) St Marks 4th week in month Val Scrivener ☎346397

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

10am - 12 & 1.15 - 3.15pm U3A Beginners French St Mark's Joyce Fields ☎353086

12.15pm U3A Photography (Group 2). St Mark's 4th week in month. Sue Butler ☎354183

5pm Stars School of Dance Putnoe Heights Contact

Esther Sancto ☎295862 or ☎07917 582468

2.00pm U3A Gardening Group Putnoe Heights Eve Whitehead ☎356875

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

7.45 - 10.45pm Bedford Astrology Club. St. Mark's. Carol Brown ☎01438 233385

Saturday

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

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

Sunday

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

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

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

6pm T.N.T. Putnoe. For 9-12 year olds (fortnightly) join us for fellowship & fun.

Earth provides enough to satisfy every man's need, but not every man's greed.

Mahatma Gandhi, 20th century



Diary Dates



St Mark's Church Council – 22 June, 8 November.
St Mark's Leadership Team –
Putnoe Heights Leadership Team - 18 October
Putnoe Heights Management Meeting ; 27 Sept.
St Mark's Church Forum Meeting - 12 noon, 13 July, 15 September, 16th November
Putnoe Church Council - 21 June, 25 October.
Pastoral Group Meeting - 13 July 4pm
Churchyard Committee -
Putnoe Heights Mission Group
Partnership Council—TBA
Brickhill Parish Council Meetings
Deanery Meeting - 17 June.
Circuit Property/Treasurers Meeting
Circuit Meeting 13 Sept.
Woodland Burial Trustees –
Putnoe Heights Children & Youth – 12 July at 1.15pm

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

MHA Sunday

Opening Sentence from Scripture

The Lord will keep you from all harm – he will watch over your life: The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and for evermore (Ps 121:7-8)



Minister: Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

All: **And also with you**

Minister: This is the day the Lord has made

All **We will rejoice and be glad in it**

God of yesterday, today and tomorrow, you have been with us throughout our history. You made the world and all that is in it and the glory of creation is all around us. You brought your people to freedom, and now you make us free through your love in Christ. You are the one who calls us on into the unknown, and gives us the Spirit to lead us into the truth. Through your creative love make us new, so that the past may not enslave us. Spirit, Christ, Creator, lead us into newness of life as we worship you.

Hymn H&P 329 'All creatures of our God and King'

Prayer of Adoration and Thanksgiving

Holy God, to you alone belong glory, honour and praise. We join with the hosts of heaven as we worship. You alone are worthy of adoration from every tongue, and every tongue shall sing your praise. We meet today as pilgrims who are journeying together and we thank you for our shared life. For church families rooted in love, where character is formed and values are learned, where lives are filled with hopefulness and laughter, where the wisdom of elders enriches the pilgrimage of others. To you, loving God, Father Son and Holy Spirit, be all glory, honour and praise, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, in your love you call us your pilgrim people, but so often we prefer to stay where we are: comfortable in our prejudices and with a narrow view of what is possible.

When we look for comfort and the known way instead of taking your hand.

Forgive us Lord; and help us change our ways.

When we don't see beyond the labels we put on people that limit them.

Forgive us Lord; and help us change our ways.

When we make judgements of others based on what the world thinks, not on Kingdom values.

Forgive us Lord; and help us change our ways.

Anyone in Christ becomes a new person: the past is finished and gone, everything becomes fresh and new.

This is the Good News of the gospel: In Jesus we are forgiven. Amen.

All age talk

Offering and Dedication

Using the reflective presentation "The Pilgrimage of Life", inviting people to offer their pilgrimage to God along with their gifts.

Loving God; You reveal your compassionate grace by the simple act of always being present with us. You unselfishly feed us when we are hungry and quietly walk with us when we feel alone.

Gracious God, accept these gifts, and with them our lives to be used in your service through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn H&P 688 "Who would true valour see"

Collect (*Before we read we pray*)

Generous God, you gather your people and lavish your gifts upon us, day by day. Grant that each experience of your pardon may enlarge our own love, until it meets the measure of your extravagant forgiveness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *Methodist Worship*

Bible Readings Isaiah 35: 1-10

The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom. Like the crocus, it will burst into bloom; it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy. The glory of Lebanon will be given to it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they will see the glory of the LORD, the splendour of our God. Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way; say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you." Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert. The burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs. In the haunts where jackals once lay, grass and reeds and papyrus will grow. And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness. The unclean will not journey on it; it will be for those who walk in that Way; wicked fools will not go about on it. No lion will be there, nor will any ferocious beast get up on it; they will not be found there. But only the redeemed will walk there, and the ransomed of the LORD will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

(Reader This is the Word of the Lord, **All: Thanks be to God**)

Philippians 3: 7-16

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Pressing towards the Goal. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. Let those of us then who are mature be of the same mind; and if you think differently about anything, this too God will reveal to you. Only let us hold fast to what we have attained.

(Reader This is the Word of the Lord, **All: Thanks be to God**)

Luke 9: 1-6

Then Jesus called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal. He said to them, 'Take nothing for your journey, no staff, nor bag, nor bread, nor money — not even an extra tunic. Whatever house you enter, stay there, and leave from there. Wherever they do not welcome you, as you are leaving that town shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.' They departed and went through the villages, bringing the good news and curing diseases everywhere.

(Reader This is the Word of the Lord, **All: Thanks be to God**)

Hymn H&P 447 "Deep in the shadows of the past" (*Tune Ellacombe*)

Address

Hymn H&P 809 'City of God' (*Tune Richmond*)

Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

HYMN: "God who sets us on a journey"

1. God who sets us on a journey
to discover, dream and grow,
lead us as you led your people
in the desert long ago;
journey inward, journey outward
stir the spirit, stretch the mind;
love, for God and self and neighbour,
marks the way that Christ defined.
2. Exploration brings new insights,
changes, choices we must face;
give us wisdom in deciding,
mindful always of your grace;
should we stumble, lose our bearings,
find it hard to know what's right,
we regain our true direction
focused on the Jesus light.
3. End our longing for the old days,
grant the vision that we lack –
once we've started on this journey
there can be no turning back;
Let us travel light, discarding
excess baggage from our past,
cherish only what's essential,
choosing treasure that will last.
4. When we set up camp and settle
to avoid love's risk and pain,
you disturb complacent comfort,
pull the tent-pegs up again;
keep us travelling in the knowledge
you are always at our side,
give us courage for the journey,
Christ our goal and Christ our guide.

Joy Dine (1937-2001) Reprinted with permission. Tune: Hyfrydol

Blessing

All: O God, whose love for all is everlasting, help us to trust that the future rests in your care. Guide us as we continue on our journey and may we go from this place secure in your love and care.

Minister: Go now, led by the promises of God, the presence of Jesus Christ, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Amen

TNT We look forward to meeting again on Sunday 27 June at 2.00pm for our annual bicycle ride to the Danish Camp. All Welcome. -Carolyn Morris

Children and Youth group meeting, Putnoe

Our next meeting will now be on Monday 12 July 2010, at 1.15 p.m. in the meeting room, instead of Monday 14th June 2010.

Footprints Walking weekend Sept 24-26: The chosen venue for this year's weekend away is the Best Western Studley Castle Hotel, Castle Road, Studley, Warwickshire B80 7AJ, built in the Victorian style of a medieval castle. Please contact Barry Snelson at the Putnoe Heights Church office [Tuesday to Thursday] on 01234 365630 or at home on 01234 344417 as soon as possible to register your interest. Non-walkers are welcome as there is ample opportunity to visit local places, such as Stratford-Upon-Avon."

Anjulita Court, Woodlands Park, Bramley Way Brickhill, is holding a Summer Fete on Saturday 3 July from 11am until 3pm. You are invited to join everyone there for their first Summer Fete. Attractions include a Plant Stall, Cake Stall, Face Painting, a Tombola. Raffle and many more things.

Summertime Sunday Lunch July 11 at Putnoe Heights. Bridging the gap between New Year lunch and Harvest lunch we invite you to Summertime lunch - three courses of light, fresh summer food and drinks. Come along and invite a few friends! Tickets from Putnoe Office £8.00 each with reduction for children.

Arthritis Research UK Annual Appeal. As we are short of volunteers for our annual house to house collection, there will be a basket containing donation envelopes in the welcome area this week & next where you can place any donations or they can be handed into the office. Any donations would be greatly appreciated for this important medical research into a disease that affects people of all ages. Thank you Marian Goddard. Hon. Sec.

Tuesday Club Charity Beetle Drive Tuesday 29 June at 7.30pm at Putnoe Heights Church. Tickets £5 inc. refreshments and raffle. In aid of Anjulita Court MHA Care Home.

Joyful Noise Putnoe Heights Church on Saturday 16th October 2010 1.30 to 5pm, entry £2 per child. Come and explore the theme of Creation through music and singing, drama, dance and craft. Open to children aged 7 to 13 yrs on 1st September 2010. Please can you let Emma know at email Youth@thischurch.com or telephone Julia on Tel: 295964 by 1st July 2010 if you wish to take part.

Anjulita Court update June 2010;

The given theme for MHA Sunday this year is 'PilgrimAGE', and both encourages us to explore/review our own journey of faith and especially to acknowledge the experiences of older people. I have been actively involved at Anjulita Court, the MHA residential/care home in Bedford, for 9 months now and I can honestly say that it has been a privilege to share in this journey with so many beautiful people, both members of staff and residents as well as relatives and volunteers.

The set readings help us to explore the theme in a number of ways, from the preparation to set off (Luke) the importance of what we take compared to where we go (Philippians) to the promise of the destination God has prepared for us (Isaiah).

How many of us have spent time preparing for a holiday, for moving home or planning what is needed for a term at university? It often seems like the smallest person needs the most luggage, especially in the case of all the 'paraphernalia' required for taking a baby even the shortest distance! On life's journey we pick up so much, experiences and insights that benefit ourselves and others but also many items of 'baggage', those things that simply weigh us down and need leaving behind. As we get older there is more and more we carry, both material belongings and experiences, but unfortunately our society seems to value the material while neglecting the wisdom that our elders have to share with us. According to the Philippians reading even the best of what we have gained is nothing beside the beauty of life in Christ. This is not to say that all we have done to date, all our gifts and skills etc... are worthless, it is rather that the very best of what we know or can even dream of doesn't come close to what God has prepared for us.

This Lent I was able to share in a study group at Anjulita Court, involving both residents and a couple of relatives. Lent is a journey in its own right and the new insights I gained from sharing with those who have recently given up everything - home and belongings, friends and social routine - to enable the latter stages of their pilgrimage to be easier have been deep and powerful. The grace shown by some is incredible, while the inner turmoil for some is the point at which we meet, for example how do we focus on the positive of having moved there to 'live life to the full' when it is also true that they have moved there to die?

God made each one of us, and we are perfect in his sight. Some questions do not have easy answers, and it is right that this should be so. Our task is to travel the road with each other, to share our experiences, to be prepared to learn from each other, to be ready to carry others burdens for a while and to have the grace to let others do the same for us.

If you would like to get involved in life at Anjulita Court there is now a regular programme of activities provided for residents, so there are opportunities for most gift to be shared, from group performances to one-to-one contact with residents. The Coffee Shop is also now open 10am - 3pm Monday to Friday, and we have a Fete on July 3rd, so feel free to drop in.
Yours in faith, Jane

Joint statement from Cumbria church leaders on the shootings that took place in West Cumbria on Wednesday 2 June 2010

Our thoughts and prayers are with all those who have been caught up in the terrible events of yesterday, but particularly they are with the family and friends of those who have been killed or injured. The community grieves deeply at the losses we have suffered; the confusion and pain will be long-lasting.

We are all grateful for the dedication of all those members of the emergency services who have worked tirelessly to help the injured and to bring the situation to a conclusion. We also pay tribute to the members of the public who did what they could to help other people, perhaps total strangers, who had been wounded.

All the churches from across a very wide area have been, and will continue to be, involved in supporting those affected by yesterday's tragedy. In addition to ministering to people in our communities, clergy will be available to support the hospital and emergency services chaplains as required. The church will continue to play a longer term role in providing support and sanctuary to those who need it, and we strongly encourage all churches in the area to make their buildings and people available for people to come and pray, light candles and have someone to talk to.

The communities of West Cumbria are close-knit and hugely supportive, and we know that people throughout the area will be caring deeply for each other both now and in the months to come.

Christians in Cumbria and further afield are praying for everyone who has been affected, and are doing everything they can to offer comfort and practical

help at a local level.

Right Revd James Newcome, Bishop of Carlisle
Revd Rachel Poolman, President of the URChurch Cumbria Area and President of Churches Together in Cumbria

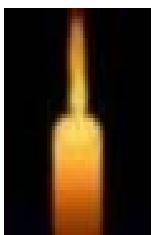
Revd Richard Teal, Chair of the Cumbria Methodist District

The Right Revd Michael Campbell, Roman Catholic Bishop of Lancaster

Revd John Goddard, Cumbria Baptist Network

Open Gardens – today, 13 June More than 20 gardens in Pavenham High Street will be open this afternoon from 1.30pm to 5pm in aid of Cancer Research UK. The gardens are very varied, from the natural country cottage style to more formal designs. Many have wonderful views across open countryside. Teas will be available at both ends of the village and a courtesy bus will run the length of the High Street for those unable to walk too far. Admission is £5 adults, £4 concessions and £1 for children. This covers entry to all gardens, use of the bus and parking, which is available at both ends of the High Street.

Congratulations to Delia Shephard from St Mark's who has qualified as a civil funeral celebrant. Please remember Delia in your prayers as she takes on this important role in our community. Delia will be seeking to help people at a most distressing time following the death of a loved one. An increasing number are finding a Civil Funeral Ceremony a more appropriate choice for them to make. Delia will help families of religious faiths and none to find an appropriate and meaningful Ceremony for this final act of love and respect.



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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.



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

We publish the banns and pray for the marriage of

Adam Gold and Rebecca Louise Perry, both single and of this parish.

This is for the first time of asking.



Forthcoming Funerals

There are no funerals this week