



Methodist
Church

Partnership News

14 November 2004

Remembrance Sunday

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



Church of
England

Church Services Today

8.30am Service of Holy Communion

Held at both
churches

9.30am St Mark's

Church—Remembrance

Preacher - Revd Charles Royden
Leadership Team - Mr Ian Farthing
Intercessions – Mary Stubbs

11.00am Putnoe Heights – Remembrance

Preacher – Revd Charles Royden
Leadership Team -Mr Dave Allen
Intercessions – Mr Alan Bayliss



21st November

8.30 am Service of Holy Communion

Held at both churches

9.30am St. Mark's Church –Holy Communion

Preacher – Elaine Allen
Leadership Team - Mrs Delia Shephard
Intercessions— John Stubbs

11.00am Putnoe Heights - Holy Communion

Preacher – Elaine Allen
Leadership Team - Mrs Betty Wyatt
Intercessions - Dr Tim Wilkes

Thank You

The flowers at Putnoe Heights Church this week have been given by Grace Foster, Jane & Robert in loving memory of Bob, a dearly loved husband, Dad & Grandad.

The flowers at St Mark's this week have been given by Elizabeth Bean and family in memory of Phil.

Prayer for Sunday

Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life.

Hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all whom we remember this day; fulfil in them the purpose of thy love; and bring us all, with them, to thine eternal joy; though Christ our Lord.

Amen

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*Please inform us if you know of anyone who is ill, bereaved,
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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).
10.00 am Day Care Centre at St. Mark's Church for those with Learning Difficulties. Contact K Stenton 07748 760082
12.00pm - 1.00pm Storybox at Putnoe Heights Church. Service for parents/carers & children under 5. Children's activities songs and prayers, all in one hour from 12-1pm!
4.15 - 5.45pm Kumon Maths at Putnoe Heights. Contact Ms R.Mistry 01908 217555
6.00pm Brownies St Mark's. Mrs Gill Lake 218091
6.15 pm Brownies Putnoe. Alison McEwen 358583
7.30pm Sugarcraft Guild meets first Monday every month at St. Mark's Mrs. Jill Williams 357020
7.15 m Guides -St. Mark's. Mrs Gill Lake 218091
7.30- 9.30pm Creative Needles at Putnoe Heights. Mrs Hayward 307648
7.30pm Whist Drive - At St Mark's each month. Next 15 November Moorfields & Sight Concern Christmas Whist Drive. Contact Mrs. Judith Stanton. 823313
7.30pm Housegroup 30 The Ridgeway. The home of Eddy & Margaret Peck 267567.
8.00 - 9.00 pm 'Get Fit, Stay Fit' at Putnoe Heights. Mrs Diane Field 404976

Tuesday

9.30am - 12.30pm Candlewicking (Needlework) at Putnoe Heights - Mrs Olive Shotbolt 267203
9.30am - 11.30pm Jo Jingles at St. Mark's. Music & movement for pre-school children. Contact Renu Elston 01908 282866
10.00am - 11.00am - Keep Fit at Putnoe Heights. Contact Mrs Stileman 822230
1.30 -3.00pm Putnoe Heights Church Toddlers Playtime Contact 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 Contact Val Careless 345213.
2.15pm Putnoe Heights Women's Fellowship - Next meeting - 16 Nov. Slides Mr. Alan Cox Contact Mrs Betty Wyatt 350188
2.15pm Putnoe Heights Men's Fellowship. Next meeting 16 November Contact Lawrence Wyatt 350188.
2.30pm Mother Teresa Support Group. Meets fortnightly at St. Mark's. Wool and knitting needles provided. Contact Mrs Joan Gravett 356911 and Mrs Marjorie Taylor 305709
2.30pm Tuesday Afternoon Housegroup. Meets fortnightly at St. Mark's Church. Contact Mary Stubbs 406784.
3.30 - 4.30pm Putnoe Heights Church Essential Stretch Contact Caroline 07778 898135 or 326096

6.30 - 7.30pm Yoga at Putnoe Heights. Contact Rachel Leontyne 01234 783129
6.45pm Guides at Putnoe Heights - Liz Rix 363607
7.00 - 8.00 pm Keep Fit at St. Mark's Church. Contact Mrs Jan Gregory 214107.
7.30- 9.00pm Bibleway Church at Putnoe Heights - Bible study & prayers. Contact Revd.Tarr 309881 or 07891095746
7. 45 pm Putnoe Heights Ladies Tuesday Club - Next meeting 16 November Estate Agent Jayne Beard Meets fortnightly . Contact Sheila Cracknell Tel.217009
8.30-9.30pm St. Mark's - Qi Gong (Self help healing) group) - Contact Mr F Steele 355937

Wednesday

10.00 am Childminding Support Group at Putnoe Heights. Mrs S Longman 313949
10.00 am Day Care Centre Putnoe Height Church for those with Learning Difficulties. Contact K Stenton 07748 760082
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
12 - 1pm Putnoe Height Church Total Body Toning Contact Caroline 07778 898135 or 326096
Luncheon Club at St. Mark's meets fortnightly. Next one 17 November Contact St. Mark's 342613
1.30 - 4.00pm. Bridge Club for the Retired - Meets weekly at St. Mark's. Mrs Truss Boyce 781133
4.15 - 5.45pm Kumon Maths at Putnoe Heights Contact Ms R Mistry 01908 217555
6. - 7.00pm Self Defence at Putnoe Contact Mr James 07711 687449
6.00 -7.30 pm Brownies at St Mark's Contact Mrs Carol Warden 219731
7.00pm St. Mark's Church Bunyan Bridge. Contact Brian Sallows 407725
7-10pm Putnoe Guild - Putnoe Heights 3rd Wednesday each month. Contact Mrs Dallas 212609
7.45 - 8.45pm Kick Boxing Junior classes St. Mark's. Mr James 07711687449 or 07810234890
7.45pm Badminton Club at Putnoe Heights - all welcome. Contact Ken Marriott 214867

Thursday

9.30am Thursday Prayer Group at Putnoe Heights in the side chapel. Sylvia Cohen 343424 *Request for prayer can be written in the prayer diary on the information table.*
10.30am - 12.00am Brickhill Clinic at St Mark's with **Fledglings 2.00pm—3.00pm** Contact 267444
10.00am - 11.30am Yoga at Putnoe Heights Contact 244970
12 - 1.00 pm Storybox at St Mark's Church. Service for parents, carers & children under 5.

Sandwich lunch, Bible Stories, Children's activities, songs & prayers, all in one hour from 12-1pm.

1.30 - 3.00 pm St. Mark's Church Toddler Group.

Contact Debbie Coppenhall 356828.

1.30 -3.00pm Putnoe Heights Church Toddlers

Playtime Contact Geraldine Skeel 406828

2.30 Bedford Arts Society at St. Mark's. Contact

Celia Maddison 782901

6.15 pm Weightwatchers at St. Mark's.

Contact Mrs Margaret Ralph 01767 224978.

6.15pm Brownies at Putnoe Mrs S Lewis 300198

7.30 - 9.30pm Club 2000 Putnoe 2nd Thursday of

the month. Contact Mrs Moreton 771261

6.15 - 7.30pm Bedford Junior Chess Club. St.

Mark's Contact Mr & Mrs Pike 823795

7.30pm - 11.00pm Bedford Senior Chess Club at

St Mark's Contact Mr Hatton 824988

7.30 - 9.30pm Embroiderer's Guild St Mark's— 3rd

Thursday month. Contact Mrs K Sage 771525

7.45pm. Housegroup-Meets fortnightly at 3 Little Headlands. Newcomers always welcome. Contact

Betty Wyatt 350188

8.00 - 10pm Bedford Writers Circle meets at St

Mark's Church 3rd Thursday each month. Contact

Mr John Broadhouse 740271

Friday

10.00 am Day Care Centre at St. Mark's Church

Contact K Stenton 07748 760082

6 -7.00 pm Self Defence at Putnoe Contact Mr

James 0771 687449 or 07810 234890

7. 30 - 9.30pm Young Peoples meeting Contact

Pastor Tarr 376841

7.30pm Music Group St. Mark's Church/monthly

6.30pm –8.30 pm Dog Training Classes at St.

Mark's Contact Mrs L. Laton 365601

Saturday

10.00am - 1.00pm & 2 - 5pm Theatre Train at St

Mark's –dancing acting, singing,- Kate Randle

304865

7.15pm - 10.30pm Duplicate Bridge at St Mark's

Contact Ann or Peter 212066

Peace Project Saturday School at Putnoe Heights.

For details contact Mrs.E.Tarr 309881

Sunday

1- 3pm & 7-9pm Bibleway Church at Putnoe

Heights - Worship. Contact Revd. Tarr 309881

Mob. 07891095746

News, Views and Information

The Calendar

Putnoe Centre Management -15 Nov

St Mark's Church Council Feb 1 2005

Churchyards Committee

Next meeting on Monday 17 Jan at 10am

St Mark's Centre Management Meeting

Wednesday 10 Nov

St Mark's Leadership Team

Next meeting on 17 Nov, 12 Jan

Deanery Synod 18 Nov, 10 Feb

Partnership Council 18 Jan

Putnoe Heights Leadership Team 22 Nov

Putnoe Church Council

11 Oct 2004, 7 Feb 2005

13 June 2005, 10 Oct 2005

Pastoral Group Meeting

January 24 at 2.00pm

Calendar dates now appear on our church website www.ThisChurch.com. Please advise us if you have a date to be added to the church calendar

Carers Rest invite you to a Christmas Concert & preview of the Christmas Tree Festival at St.Paul's Church Tuesday 30 Nov at 7pm, featuring the Risley Singers & Bedford Brass. Tickets £10(£8 concessions) available at both Church Offices. In aid of Carers Rest & Christmas Tree appeal. More details Dereck Cutler 354037.

NCH – Christmas Cards—Thank you to all friends who purchased Christmas cards at Putnoe Heights. £132 was raised. I still have a few packs left. If anyone would like any £2 for 10. I will have them with me. Grace Foster.

Putnoe Ramblers Annual Planning Meeting Wednesday 17th November at the home of Sue and Richard Butler, 1 Mitford Close, Bedford at 7.30pm. Drinks and nibbles. Please pick up a sheet with further details from both churches. Last walk of the season on Sunday 21 Nov. meet at Thurleigh Farm Centre at 2 pm for a short walk followed by cup tea.

Christmas Services. Christmas falls on a Saturday this year and so we will have the usual Christmas services on that date. However on Sunday 26 December—Boxing Day—there will be only one service in the Partnership. It will be held at Putnoe Heights Church at 9.30am.

Coffee Morning on Saturday 27th November for Mission Funds. At the home of Margaret and Eddy Peck, 30, The Ridgeway 10-12 noon. All Welcome

Coming Soon Storybox Plus is an After School Club for 4—9 year olds which will be starting in January from 4.00 to 5.00pm on Thursdays. The group will rehearse a short drama and make the props and costumes for a performance at the Family Service at Putnoe.



Bible Notes

31 Sunday in Ordinary Time

Verse of Scripture John Chapter 5:13

Jesus said, There is no greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

A Collect Prayer - Before we read we pray

Eternal God, in whose perfect realm no sword is drawn but the sword of justice, and no strength known but the strength of love: guide and inspire all who seek your kingdom, that peoples and nations may find their security in the love which casts out fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

First Reading -Micah 4: 1-5

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

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

Second Reading– Romans 8: 31-end

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

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

Gospel Reading –1 Cor 15: 50-end

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

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

Post Communion Prayer

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

Hymns (Please distribute special order of service only)

1. God who weeps when we are weeping (Tune: Austria)
2. National Anthem
3. As the deer pants
4. I vow to thee (Tune: Thaxted)
5. God is love (Tune: Abbot's Leigh)
6. O Father on your Love we call (Tune: Melita)

Meditation

Christ be with you, Christ before you, Christ behind you,
Christ in us, Christ beneath us, Christ above us,
Christ on your right, Christ on your left,
Christ where we lie, Christ where we sit, Christ where we arise,
Christ in the heart of every one who thinks of you,
Christ in every eye that sees us,
Christ in every ear that hears you.
Salvation is of the Lord, Salvation is of the Christ,
May your salvation, O Lord, be ever with us.
Go in peace to serve the Lord and all you meet.
And the blessing of the Three in One God keep you in eternal life. Amen.

Commentary

Do you remember the thieves on the cross with Jesus and the conversation which took place? One thief challenged Jesus and hurled insults at him, telling him that if he was the Christ he should save himself and them. The other thief recognised that Jesus was an innocent victim and did not deserve this punishment. He showed faith in Jesus when he asked if he would remember him when he came into his kingdom.

In her book 'Eats, shoots and leaves' Lynne Truss draws attention to the importance of the comma. She does this by reference to how Cecil Hartley in his 1818 Principles of Punctuality, considered the difference between the following

'verily I say unto thee, This day thou shalt be with me in Paradise.'

And:

'verily I say unto thee this day, Thou shalt be with me in Paradise.'

Huge doctrinal differences hang on the placing of this comma. The first version, which is how Protestants interpret the passage (Luke 23:43), lightly skips over the whole unpleasant business of purgatory and takes the thief straight to heaven to meet the Lord. The second promises Paradise at some later date (to be confirmed as it were) and leaves Purgatory nicely in the picture for Catholics who believe in it.

We are all at a loss when talking about life after death, simply because none of us have any first hand experience and those who claim to have visited the other side in 'near death' or 'out of body experiences' all have remarkably little to tell of any significance considering where they have supposedly been.

So we have to be very careful when making bold statements about what happens to us when we depart this earthly life for pastures new.

However, we can say some things with confidence. Clearly Jesus believed that after death came paradise, the better place. Where the comma should be placed in Jesus reply is ultimately a matter for God to reveal to us, and questions of timing may be irrelevant, since at death we pass beyond the earthly measurements of time. We should concentrate on the fact that Jesus assures us, just as he assured the thief, that those who trust themselves to him will not be disappointed and are secure in his love forever. This is the message of Romans Chapter 8:31, our second reading today, there is nothing which can separate us from the love of God in Jesus. Where human reasoning fails, the love of God assures us that his promises are true.

Without hope our lives are pretty meaningless. Thankfully in his teaching Jesus gave us all something to look forward to. Jesus left the early church with his clear teaching that he had conquered death and it should no longer hold power. He spoke of his kingdom being something which was already present, but he also had a clear vision of a kingdom which was yet to come. Jesus spoke in pictures about a time when there would be feasting and laughter. The time to come would be different, the hungry would be filled and those who had been downtrodden would be freed.

In the passage from Corinthians we read about flesh and blood not inheriting the kingdom and the perishable and the imperishable. It is all very confusing ! Perhaps it is no wonder that the writings of the first Christians were lacking in detail what happens after death. The Gospel accounts show that after his resurrection from the dead, the disciples did not even recognise Jesus. It was only when he said something familiar or did some characteristic thing, that they recognised it was clearly Jesus. However those early disciples believed that Jesus really did triumph over the grave, they had such confidence and conviction that they were willing to die for their beliefs, believing that ultimately death would only open for them the path to life. Charles Royden

Prayers for Sunday and the week ahead

Be to us, O Lord, the affection of our hearts, the closest of our companions, our everlasting love, our enduring happiness and the fulfilment of all our desires. Through your Spirit, create in us holy fire and purity of life, that loving you above all things and our neighbours ardently, we may come at last to the glories of your everlasting kingdom; through Christ our Lord. Amen Thomas a Kempis, 1380-1471

O Almighty God, grant we beseech thee, that we, who here do honour to the memory of those who have died in the service of their country and of the crown, may be so inspired by the spirit of their love and fortitude that, forgetting all selfish and unworthy motives, we may live only to thy glory and to the service of mankind through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

God of wisdom and truth, we pray for the leaders of the nations, for wisdom and courage in those who stand firm against terrorism; for patience and persistence in all who work to secure freedom, justice and peace on earth.

God of mercy, we pray for peoples and nations bleeding still from the unhealed wounds of their history. Deliver them from violence and vengeance; nurture in them the ancient wisdom of respect and mutual understanding

God of time and eternity, you travel with us through deep waters yet never abandon us in the storm. We live still in darkened days yet never without your healing light. Renew our confidence, rekindle our hope, deepen our faith, guide us in truth and give us peace in our day.

Merciful Father of all, in darkness and in light, in trouble and in joy, in death and in life, help us to trust your love, to serve your purpose and to praise your name for ever.

God of unending mercy, we pray with those who cry: For women and men who are battered in body or spirit, for children who sleep the fitful sleep of grief, for all who are imprisoned by walls or worries, for all who wonder if they can ever live again, for the least, the lost and the last, and for the dead.

Christ, have mercy on those who cry;

Christ have mercy on us when we turn away from the cries of others.

Give us the strength of compassion, that we may never shield our eyes and hearts from pain, but seek to heal and bless.

Bless us with courage and arm us with hope, that we may lessen the suffering of our world.

Hear this our common prayer and those of our hearts which we offer now. (Paul Sheppy)

A prayer for those who mourn O God our refuge and our strength, a very present help in trouble, we seek your comfort and your blessing for those who mourn the death of those they love, for all whose lives are torn apart by violence, for all the suffering people of the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord

A prayer for the leaders of the nations

O God our heavenly father, whose love sets no boundaries and whose strength is in service; grant to the leaders of the nations wisdom courage and insight at this time of darkness and fear. Give to all who exercise authority a determination to defend the principles of freedom, love and tolerance strength to protect and safeguard the innocent and clarity of vision to guide the world into the paths of justice and peace.

This we ask through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

News, Views and Information

Brickhill Parish Council Appointment of Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

Applications are invited for the above post to assist the new Brickhill Parish Council as it seeks to develop and promote an enhanced role on behalf of the residents of Brickhill, the largest ward in Bedford. The successful applicant will have considerable responsibility in managing the Council's affairs and will need to be able to demonstrate the ability to work professionally at a high level. He or she will be expected to contribute towards the Council achieving Quality Parish Council Status and possess or be willing to work towards the relevant qualification. An understanding of Local Government practice and procedures would be useful.

As the Clerk will be the main point of contact between the public, other local authorities and the Parish Council, good communication and interpersonal skills will be required. The successful applicant must be able to demonstrate administrative and accounting ability, flexibility and be IT literate. Hours are 30 per week and will include attendance at evening meetings.

Salary will be in the range of £17,409 to £20,370 pro rata. Apply with CV, providing details of qualifications, experience and two referees, by midday Friday 19th November 2004. Details may be found on the council website www.brickhillparishcouncil.gov.uk or write to Brickhill Parish Council, c/o 1 Amberley Gardens, Bedford MK40 3BT or email: clerk@brickhillparishcouncil.gov.uk Tel/Fax: 01234 306831.

Cards for Christmas: Handmade Christmas cards for sale at Putnoe Heights Church in the Welcome Area, before and after service. Third of profits go to charity. Aiming to raise £100 for NCH this Christmas. Thank you for your continuing support. Cards can be made to order. T: 267567 Margaret & Claire Peck

Bridge Cottage Steering Group. Please note that the meeting with our architect has been postponed until 29 November 10.00am at St Mark's. Members should ensure that they have seen copies of plans which have now been sent completed.

Thank you to all who helped organise and facilitate the performance of Kempston Music Society at St Mark's Church on Saturday. All proceeds were donated to the extension for Autism Bedfordshire at St Mark's Church.

Putnoe Heights are welcoming a church from America to Putnoe on 20 February next year. Thank you to all of those who have offered accommodation.

However we still need another 11 offers to take 2 students each. Offers from people from both churches would be greatly appreciated

This week TNT takes place at 6.00pm at Putnoe, with cookery and craft. Please bring some kind of overall to protect clothes.

Bedford Deanery Synod -next meeting will be on Thursday 18th November at St. Paul's Church, Bedford at 7.30pm. Please note that for this meeting, because Dr. G. Fletcher is speaking, all church treasurers, church wardens, gift aid secretaries and anyone else interested are invited.

Organ Recital by Bill Fudge in aid of Renhold church funds on Saturday 20th November at 7.30pm at All Saints Church, Renhold. Coffee and biscuits, retiring collection.

The Methodist Church are holding a conference on 22 January 2005 at Hinde Street Methodist Church, London from 10—4pm, entitled 'Worship & the Missing Generation'. Cost £10. For more details & to book your place ring: Chris Jones 01245 262312 or Paul Kybird 01908 678755

Advent Course. Our course will take the theme of 'Pilgrimage,' with four talks on 24 November, 1, 8 and 15 December at Putnoe Heights Church. The evenings will begin with refreshments at 7.30pm for 8.00pm start. Each evening will finish at 9.00pm. We are delighted that the first two of our talks this year will be given by Professor Paul Crossley. Other speakers will be The Reverend Dr Joan Crossley and the detective novelist Kate Charles.

Network - Spring Celebration on 7th March 2005 at The Square Methodist Church, Dunstable. Tickets £1, limited to two per church. Please order ASAP but not later than the end of December from Eleanor Mackirky Tel 360271. See poster in foyer for more details.

For Sale Vauxhall Vectra 1.8L S Reg 1999—65,269 miles very good condition one owner air con, metallic, serviced 12 months mot Contact Ian Farthing 077990 71857 Donation to the extension for Autism Bedfordshire at St Mark's Church.



Thank you to NatWest for a donation to St Mark's Church Pre-school. The donation was

awarded as a result of the community involvement of Ian Farthing a Senior Manager with NatWest, who also works voluntarily as treasurer for pre-school.

Special Commemoration Service This Afternoon. Our Commemoration Service for the Faithful Departed will take place at St Mark's Church today—14th November at 3.00pm. Our preacher this year will be the Reverend Neil Bramble-Chapman. Please accept our invitation to this service if you would find it helpful to remember somebody who has died. Please do also tell anybody who you know who may appreciate a welcome.

Methodist Homes for the Aged. On Sunday 21 November Elaine Allen from MHA will be speaking at both churches, outlining some of the wonderful work carried out by MHA especially for the frail elderly. It will be great if MHA build a complex in Bedford but to carry out these projects they do need our support. Thank you Grace Foster MHA Co-ordinator

Christmas Craft Fayre

St Mark's Annual Christmas Craft Fayre on Saturday 20th November 2004 11am— 4pm. We would be grateful for help with the following:

Tombola – Any new unwanted gifts\Christmas present etc. for our Tombola stall. Please bring any items up to the Church Office before the day or if you would like them picked up please phone The Church Office 01234 342613.

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

Cake Stall - After a number of years organising and manning the Cake Stall at the Fayre the Mother Teresa Group have decided to step down. We would like to thank the group for all their dedication and hard work organising the

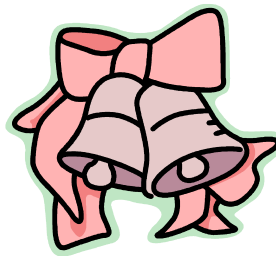
stall. Milly Rollinson has agreed to man the stall. Any cakes for the stall would be very much appreciated. Please bring them to Church either on the Friday or on the Saturday morning. Any problems please ring the Church Office.

Bookstall There will be a stall for nearly New ' books & jigsaws. Please bring contributions to the church. Thank you.

Help delivering the hand bills advertising the Fayre would be gratefully appreciated. They are in the foyer.

The Church Office at Putnoe Heights would welcome additional volunteers. If you are able to give even two hours every other week, please contact Barry Snelson at Putnoe Heights. Training and support will be given to all new volunteers. Thank you, Barry.

St Mark's Church Leadership Team meet this Wednesday at the home of Delia Shephard. 7.30pm for 7.45pm



We publish the banns of and pray for the marriage of Keith John Chappell and Kirsten Margaret Elizabeth Mason of this parish and on the electoral roll of St Andrews Bedford. This is for the 2nd time of asking.

We were so saddened to hear this week of the death of Wilma Taylor. Our thoughts and prayers are with her sisters Irene McKenzie and Norma Taylor, also Kate and their families. The funeral will take place at Bedford Crematorium on Monday 15 November at 11.30am

The funeral of Matilda May Dale will take place at Bedford Crematorium on the 16 November at 1.45pm

The funeral of Anne Rosemary Simms will take place at Bedford Crematorium on the 19 Nov at 11.30am

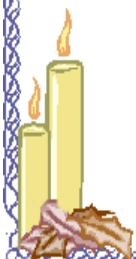
Rest In Peace

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.

**Peter John Bailey
'Bill'**

Joan Eleanor Pursey

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



We are extremely grateful when donations are made for the flowers. This may be as a celebration of a happy occasion such as an anniversary or in memory of someone who has died. Contact Miss Marion Prior 303254 (St. Mark's) or Miss Jennie Cooper 404950 (Putnoe Heights)

