



Partnership News

14 November 2010
Remembrance Sunday



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

9.30 am St. Mark's – Morning Worship

Preacher - Revd Charles Royden
Leadership - Mrs Margaret Appleton
Intercessions - Mrs Margaret Appleton

11am Putnoe – Morning Worship

Preacher - Revd Charles Royden
Leadership - Mr Lawrence Wyatt
Intercessions - Mr Alan Bayliss

3.00pm Commemoration Service at St Mark's

21 November – Christ the King

9.30 am St. Mark's - Holy Communion

Preacher - Mr B Owen
Leadership – Mr Mike Ovenden
Intercessions – Mr Richard Ledger

11.00 am Putnoe - Holy Communion

Preacher - Mr B Owen
Leadership - Mrs Linda Hoar
Intercessions - Ministers

Readings 1Jeremiah 23: 1-6 2. Colossians 1:11-20
3.Luke 23: 33-43

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 St. Mark's Church this week have been given by Elizabeth Bean and Family in memory of Phil and the flowers on the organ have been given by Barbara Mingard .The flowers in the Chapel have been given by Gill Williams in memory of David on his birthday

The flowers at Putnoe Heights Church this week have been given by Doreen Denny in loving memory of her husband Len, and by Dorothy Harlow in memory of her husband Ron.

Prayer for This Week

Merciful God,
we offer to you the fears in us
that have not yet been cast out by love:
May we accept the hope you have placed
in the hearts of all people,
And live lives of justice,
courage and mercy;
through Jesus Christ
our risen Redeemer.
Amen



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 12.15 and 1.15 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—15 November - Moorfields 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.

2.15pm Putnoe Heights Women's Fellowship. Next

meeting 16 November 'Tea and 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-6.15pm Stars School of Dance. Putnoe Heights.

Esther Richardson ☎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 November 16 BECHAR For

more details call Janet King 313946

8.15pm - 10.15pm Bedford Advanced Dancers St.

Mark's 1st Tuesday in month. Shirley Sadler ☎01767

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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 Fitch 838689

12.30pm Luncheon Club. Putnoe Heights fortnightly.

Next -10 November 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

3.45.- 5.30pm Messy Church. St Mark's for children of

lower school age and their carers. Bible-based story,

crafts, singing and a meal. Monthly. Next meetings 8

December. Wendy Waters 401834

4.15pm Kumon Maths. Putnoe Heights Mrs Raksha

Mistry ☎01908 392698

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

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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 17 November Everyone welcome. All dances called, only £1 including refreshments. Ring 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. Valerie Capon ☎356306 .

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 & 4th 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 -10pm Bedford Folk dancers (formerly Barn dancers) Meet weekly at Putnoe Heights . Different guest callers each week. All welcome, cost £2 Including refreshments. More details Ron Law 825574.

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

5-8pm Stars School of Dance Putnoe Heights Contact Esther Richardson ☎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.

Diary Dates

St Mark's Church Council –

Annual General Meeting 10 April 2011

St Mark's Leadership Team 31 January

Putnoe Heights Leadership Team - 7 February

Putnoe Heights Management Meeting - .

St Mark's Forum Meeting - 17 November

Putnoe Church Council - 14 February

Pastoral Group Meeting - 8 February 4.15pm

Churchyard Committee - 26 January at 11.00am

Putnoe Heights Mission Group

Brickhill Parish Council Meetings

Deanery Meeting - . 18 November at St Peter's

Circuit Meeting

Woodland Burial Trustees – 13 February 2011

Putnoe Heights Children & Youth –

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

Ordinary 32 Remembrance Sunday

Opening Sentence from Scripture -

The wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. *James 3:17-18*



Collect (*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.

Old Testament 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 ploughshares 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.

(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.

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

Gospel Reading – 1 Cor15: 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..

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

Post Communion Prayer Lord of heaven, in this Eucharist you have brought us near to an innumerable company of angels and to the spirits of the saints made perfect: as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage we have shared their fellowship, so may we come to share their joy in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Hymns for Sunday *(Please distribute Special Service sheet and Hymns and Psalms)*

1. God is love 36 *(Tune Abbots Leigh)*
2. The National Anthem *(back of hymn book)*
3. I vow to thee my country *(On Partnership News)*
4. God of grace and God of glory 712 *(Tune Rhuddland)*
5. O God whose all sustaining hand *(Tune Melita)*
6. O God our help in ages past 358 *(Tune St Anne)*

Commentary Remembrance Sunday

Today we thank God for those who have suffered as a result of war, and for those who have been disabled and injured in recent wars who suffer daily. We remember those who have been called upon by our country to put themselves in danger who are currently engaged in service in places such as Afghanistan and Iraq. Inevitably today we also bring to mind loved ones who we have lost. Increasingly Remembrance Sunday has overtaken All Souls as the yearly time in our society to remember all of those who have died. So we remember loved ones and bring to mind our own bereavement. This means that this service is inevitably a time of mixed emotions.

There is thanksgiving for memories, there is pride - and quite rightly some of it is national pride for the courage of our armed forces. There is also pain, possibly anger, emptiness and all of the other things we feel when faced with death and suffering. So it is that Remembrance Sunday confronts us with some difficult questions about ourselves and about God.

About ourselves, because wars happen as a result of what we humans do to one another. They come from human anger, resentment, greed. Religion is often blamed for war, sadly doing away with religion would never stop wars. At the heart of war lies a willingness to kill other human beings because they are different, or because they have something which we want. We would fight with or without a God who we use to try and justify ourselves. In wars we often convince ourselves that somehow God is on our side and perhaps because what we are doing is so terrible, we imagine that the people we are bombing are somehow not God's children too, so it doesn't matter how many of the other side are killed, the casualties which really matter are our own.

About God, because looking into the face of evil and suffering challenges our faith in God. Truthfully, when faced with suffering, many good people find it impossible to believe in God. A Jewish survivor of Treblinka told how the Nazi's kept a squad of Jewish slaves to clear out the gas chambers and bury the bodies. The Jewish prisoners had to open the doors of the gas chambers and drag the bodies to the grave. He said that sometimes they found living children, still alive, clinging to their mothers. They strangled them before throwing them into the grave. People who visit Auschwitz say that the thing that most shatters them is the pile of children's shoes.

We shout at God asking why he allows it. In one of the great texts of the Holocaust, Elie Wiesel describes the execution by hanging of a young boy in one of the concentration camps. He tells us that the boy twitched in his death throes on the end of the rope, a voice was heard crying out 'Where is God now' To which came back the answer 'God is there; hanging on the gallows'

God so identified with us in our sorrows that God dies our deaths and suffers our pains. The only God who can be worshipped is a God who suffers with us. At the heart of our faith as Christians lies the fact that Jesus of Nazareth, who reveals God to us, dies. The crucifixion of Jesus rescues us from naïve optimism because it identifies God with our pain and suffering.

The death of Jesus shows God bearing the pain most visibly, God suffers. There is no easy way out, no legions of angels flying to the rescue. God like us suffers. Like us when faced with unbearable grief, Jesus shouts 'why me' or 'My God, My God, why have you forsaken me'

Meditation

The death of Christ shows us that the idea of a God who watches impassively is wrong. We do not know why God allows suffering, but we do know that it hurts God as much as it hurts us and there is nothing which he is able to do to wave a wand and make it go away. It is expressed beautifully in the hymn God is Love: and he enfoldeth all the world in one embrace; with unfailing grasp he holdeth every child of every race. And when human hearts are breaking under sorrow's iron rod, then they find that self same aching deep within the heart of God. Amen.

Prayers for week ahead

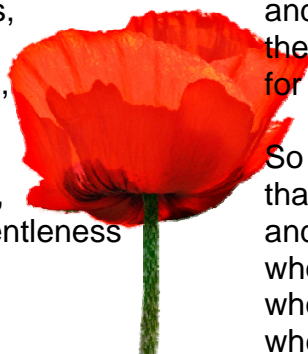
Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict, and ask that God may give us peace:

- **For the service men and women** who have died in the violence of war, each one remembered by and known to God; May God give peace - **God give peace**
- **For those who love them in death as in life**, offering the distress of our grief and the sadness of our loss; May God give peace - **God give peace**
- **For all members of the armed forces** who are in danger this day, remembering family, friends and all who pray for their safe return; May God give peace - **God give peace**
- **For civilian women, children and men** whose lives are disfigured by war or terror, calling to mind in penitence the anger and hatreds of humanity; May God give peace - **God give peace**
- **For peace-makers and peace-keepers**, who seek to keep this world secure and free; May God give peace - **God give peace**
- **For all who bear the burden and privilege** of leadership, political, military and religious; asking for gifts of wisdom and resolve in the search for reconciliation and peace. May God give peace - **God give peace**

O God of truth and justice, we hold before you those whose memory we cherish, and those whose names we will never know. Help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world, and grant us the grace to pray for those who wish us harm. As we honour the past, may we put our faith in your future; for you are the source of life and hope, now and for ever. **Amen.**

I vow to thee, my country,
all earthly things above,
entire and whole and perfect,
the service of my love:
the love that asks no question,
the love that stands the test,
that lays upon the altar
the dearest and the best;
the love that never falters,
the love that pays the price,
the love that makes undaunted
the final sacrifice.

And there's another country,
I've heard of long ago,
most dear to them that love her,
most great to them that know;
we may not count her armies,
we may not see her King;
her fortress is a faithful heart,
her pride is suffering;
and soul by soul and silently
her shining bounds increase,
and her ways are ways of gentleness
and all her paths are peace.



O God, whose all-sustaining hand
is over this and every land,
whose laws from age to age have stood,
sure guardians of our common good,
may love of justice rule our days
and ordered freedom guide our ways.

Be near to those who strive to see
our homes from harm and terror free,
who live their lives at duty's call
and spend themselves in serving all:
receive for them your people's prayer,
uphold them by your constant care.

Teach us to serve our neighbour's need,
the homeless help, the hungry feed,
the poor protect, the weak defend,
and to the friendless prove a friend;
the wayward and the lost reclaim
for love of Christ and in his Name.

So may our hearts remember yet
that cross where love and justice met,
and find in Christ our fetters freed,
whose mercy answers all our need:
who lives and reigns, our risen Lord,
where justice sheathes her righteous sword.

Tune Melita



St Mark's 'Messy Church'

Praise the Lord! Last Wednesday we were delighted to welcome 19 children and 7 Mum's to our Messy Church 'David and Goliath' session. Great fun was had by all! Once again we were blessed with a splendid team of enthusiastic helpers, although we may need more if the 'harvest gets

richer'! Our next session will be on Wednesday 8 December 3.45 – 5.30pm. The planning meeting for this is at 9.30 next Tuesday 16 November in the Chapel, please join us if you are interested in helping or speak to Jean Bank or Wendy Waters.

St Mark's Weekly Offering Envelopes

New sets of sets of weekly offering envelopes are available in the entrance lobby from today. Regular giving is an essential part of the Church's income, and helps greatly in meeting the costs of running St Mark's. We are very fortunate that so many members of the congregation already give so generously to the Church in this way.

You can make regular weekly or monthly gifts, either by standing order or through the weekly envelope scheme. In addition, if you are a UK tax payer, you can Gift Aid your offering - and the Church can claim 20% tax back from the Government. This can also be done through the yellow Gift Aid envelopes on the chairs. If you would like to find out more please speak to Jim Williams after the service or contact him on 01234 360605. As always, thank you for your generosity.

Advent with St Albans - by text, and email

St Albans Diocese are encouraging people to sign up to receive a daily Advent verse from the Bible by email or text and to download a weekly sheet from www.livinggodslve.org. In the rush up to Christmas it is guaranteed that people will value time each day in Advent to stop, reflect and pray. Sign up, on the home page of this website, to take part in the Advent Challenge, Me, You, the World and God. You will receive a daily bible verse by email or text. The verses, which begin in Genesis and go through to the Nativity, offer an opportunity to reflect on our relationship with one another, with the world and with God. The themes of the weeks are Beginnings, Relationships, Visions and Encounters.



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You can also download a leaflet for each week listing the verses. The leaflet, like the email, offers brief comments, questions for reflection and pointers for prayer. There will also be a special advent twitter so sign up now. Tell your friends !

Sign up now and also join in the 'design a logo' competition. www.livinggodslve.org

Help us Help Kisiizi. Every year before Christmas our churches help support a project either in the UK or around the world. This year we are supporting Kisiizi Hospital in Uganda. People in Uganda are struggling because of their lack of good medical facilities and support infrastructure. Please help us by saving over the next few weeks and making a donation on or before the gift service on 5 December. Donations can be made at either church office, or by dropping envelopes on a Sunday. You can also take one of the Smartie tubes, eat the Smarties and return the tube with money inside ! *Sam Cappleman*

Mother Teresa Group Thank you to all those who donated wool to our knitting group, we are very grateful. *Maureen Watling*

Bedford Messiah Choir presents 'Handel's Messiah' at Bunyan Meeting, Mill Street, Bedford on Saturday 27 November 2010 at 7.30pm. Admission by programme available from Bedford Central Box Office 01234 269519, Tourist Information Centre, 10 St Paul's Square, Bedford or St Marks Church Office. Cost £8.50 Adult, £7.50 Concession. Proceeds in aid of East Anglia Air Ambulance.

Bedford Christian Aid Committee would like to thank everyone who helped to raise £30061.16 as a result of this year's Christian Aid Week appeal. The central Christian Aid organisation are very pleased with this amount and they do recognise the sheer amount of time, energy and hard work needed to raise this amount and thank everyone for the effort they have made to raise this amount. The money will be used in Nairobi where the organisation Maji na Ufansi are working alongside slum communities to improve water and sanitation facilities." Many thanks. *Peter Littleford*. Chairman Bedford Christian Aid Committee

Friday Prayer Group at Putnoe Heights on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month at 1.45pm (prayer of stillness) For more information please contact Eileen Brown on Bedford 267909

St Mark's Christmas Craft Fayre

Calder Rise, Bedford

Saturday 20th November

10.30am—3.30pm

Ploughmans Lunches

Father Christmas



Many Craft Stalls Raffle

Entrance 50p

Donations for a luxury hamper we are having as a raffle prize at the Christmas Craft Fayre, would be gratefully received. There will be a list on Sunday where you can sign for anything you would care to donate. Thank you. Raffle tickets will be on sale.
Avril Williams

Have a great night out at 'St Mark's Italian Evening' By popular request we have booked the fabulous 'Vittorio' for Saturday November 27 at 7.30 at St Mark's. This is great night of singing and dancing with a Italian food and wine, Italian Quiz and raffle. Please bring your own liquid refreshment. Tickets £8 on sale NOW from St Mark's Church Community Centre Office 342613.or speak with Avril or Janet.

Commemoration Service for the Departed. There will be a special service at 3.00pm today to remember loved ones who have died . care home.

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.

For members of the armed forces who have lost their lives in service of their country

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

Footprints - The final walk of the season begins at 2.00pm. Sunday 5 December. Meet by the church in Clapham on Green Lane. Short circular walk through Clapham Woods with good views of Anjulita Court. Planning meeting for 2011 - 1 Mitford Close, 7.30pm Tuesday 23 November. Details from Sue Allen.

Bedfordshire Community Chamber Orchestra The magnificent, 40 strong Chamber Orchestra will be back at Putnoe Heights for their Winter Concert on Saturday 4th December 2010, starting at 7.30pm. Tickets £7 [£5 concessions] available from the Church Office. Concert programme available in the Church.

"Words & Music for Christmas", a seasonal celebration at Putnoe Heights on Friday 10th December at 7.30pm with members of the Bedford Community Chamber Orchestra and our Putnoe readers. Mulled wine & mince pies. Admission £4 - tickets from Putnoe Heights Church Office or at the door. In aid of the Partnership Charity, Kisizi Hospital in Uganda

Thank you to all our friends at Putnoe for the lovely card you sent and for your good wishes and prayers-what a wonderful surprise! We are very thankful that our move has gone well and we pray God will bless you all richly. With much love from the Nash family

Service of Praise at 6-30pm on Sunday 22 May 2011 at Putnoe Heights when the ministry of Charles and John Wesley will be celebrated. This advanced notice is given to help members avoid a clash of dates with other events. (Eric Royden)

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Forthcoming Funerals

The funeral of Mr Peter Tysoe will take place at Putnoe heights Church on Friday 19 November at 10.30am

The funeral of Gwenda Tanfield will take place at Bedford Crematorium on Wednesday 17 November at 1.45pm

