



Methodist
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Partnership News

15 October 2006

Ordinary 28

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



Church of
England

Church Services Today

8.30 Holy Communion at ST MARK'S ONLY
9.30am St Mark's Church - Holy Communion
Preacher - Revd Dr Joan Crossley
Leadership - Mrs Janet Day
Intercessions - Mrs Mary Stubbs
11.00am Putnoe Heights - Holy Communion
Preacher - Revd Dr Joan Crossley
Leadership Team - Mr Lawrence Wyatt
Intercessions - Mrs Sylvia Cohen

October 22

8.30 Holy Communion at PUTNOE ONLY
9.30am St Mark's Church - Morning Worship
Preacher - Rev Dr Sam Cappleman
Leadership - Mr Mike Cooper
Intercessions - Mr Chris Izzard
11.00am Putnoe Heights - Morning Worship
Preacher - Rev Dr Sam Cappleman
Leadership Team - Mrs Wendy Nash
Intercessions - Mrs Claire Peck

Reading 1 : Isaiah 53: 4-12
Reading 2 : Hebrews 5: 1-10
Reading 3 : Mark 10: 35-45

October 29 : 8.30 Communion at ST MARK'S ONLY

Thank You

The flowers at St Mark's have been given this week in memory of Phil Bean's sixtieth birthday from Liz and the family. Also by Iris Perry in memory of Cyril.

The flowers at Putnoe Heights Church this week have been given by Derrick and Betty Wren to celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary; also by Bill De Boltz in memory of his wife, Peggy.

Prayer for Sunday

Grant to us,
O Lord, ears to hear your voice,
eyes to see your beauty,
wills to obey your commandments,
and hearts to love your name,
so that hearing, seeing, obeying and loving
we may come at last to the joys of your
kingdom; through Christ our Lord. Amen

Christina Rossetti, 1830-85

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Partnership Pastoral Support Team Co-Ordinator & Churchyards Administrator

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*Please inform us if you know of anyone who is ill, bereaved,
housebound, requires a visit, home communion or counselling services.
Please also ask us if you would like a home visit for any reason.*

Putnoe Heights Church Centre

Open 9am - 12 noon Monday & Friday

9am - 5pm Tuesday/Wednesday & Thursday

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Leadership Team - Mr Alan Bayliss 268101

Treasurer Mr Ian Morse 216428 treasurerph@thisischurch.com

Gift Aid Administrator - Mr John Hitt 404186

Junior Church Co-ordinator - Mrs Liz Spavins 302349

St. Mark's Church Centre (Open 9am - 5.00pm)

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Centre Manager Miss Wendy Rider 342613

Leadership Team - Mrs Janet Day 295592

Treasurer - Mr John Day 295592 treasurer@thisischurch.com

Gift Aid Administrator Mr Jim Williams 360605

Regular Weekly Activities - A Guide To Our Churches

Monday

9.30 - 12.00 pm Mon-Fri Putnoe Heights Pre-school Mrs Janet Smith 326685

8.30 - 5.30 pm Mon-Fri St Mark's Pre-school Mrs. Helen Harpin **312634**

(See website for more details)

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

Mini-Strikers Sport for Children at Putnoe aged 2-4 years. Contact Andy Carey 01908 313751 or 07766 142754, or www.ministrikers.co.uk

12.00pm - 1.00pm Story box Putnoe Heights church welcome the under 5's and their carers to join them between 12noon and 1pm for a sandwich lunch followed by a Bible story, singing and activities. Lots of fun, donations. Contact Liz on 01234 302349

2.30 - 4.30pm Bedford Arts Society at Putnoe Heights contact Malcolm Smith on 01234 400741 (weekly from 25 September 2006)

4pm Monday Club at St. Marks for 3—8 year olds meet at 3.30. for refreshments , between 4 & 5 Bible story, craft activities & songs. Lots of fun. Contact Liz 302349

4.15pm - Rosemary Conley Diet & Fitness. Putnoe Heights. Miriam Adcock 01908 565044

4.15 - 6.00pm Kumon Maths at Putnoe Heights. Contact Ms Raksha Mistry 01908 392698

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

6.15 pm Brownies Putnoe. Penny Fulham 406045

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

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

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

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

7.30pm Whist Drive - At St Mark's each month the next 16 October Mrs. Judith Stanton. 823313

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

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

Tuesday

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

10.00am Keep Fit at Putnoe Heights. Mrs Stileman 822230

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

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

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

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

2.15pm Putnoe Heights Women's Fellowship - Next meeting October 16—Emmaus Mr. J. Creasey. Members Contact Betty Wyatt 350188.

2.15pm Putnoe Heights Men's Fellowship. Next meeting 17 October with the Women's Fellowship. Contact Lawrence Wyatt 350188.

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

2.30pm Tuesday Afternoon Housegroup. Meets fortnightly at St. Mark's. For details of next meeting contact Mary Stubbs 406784.

3.45 - 5.30pm Stars School of Dance at Putnoe Heights. Esther Sancto 272517 or 07917 0582468.

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

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

Tuesday - 7pm-9pm MT Karate [all ages] at Putnoe Heights. Please contact Karen King 07941 264885

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

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

7. 45 pm Putnoe Heights Ladies Tuesday Club - Meets fortnightly. Next meeting Oct.17 Talk & slides 'Life of a river'- Ann Doody. Contact Madge Walsh 359088

8.30pm St Mark's Church Qi Gong. Contact Mrs D Steele 356384

Wednesday

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

9.30am - Body Control Pilates at Putnoe Heights. Stephanie Smith 357787.

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

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

10am Sewing & Chat Putnoe Heights Contact Valerie Russell 01462 815966

10.30 am U3A Art Appreciation meets fortnightly at Putnoe Heights - For details of next meeting Contact Audrey Hancock 365915.

Luncheon Club at Putnoe Heights fortnightly. For details of next meeting 18 October contact Putnoe 365630

1 - 3pm Police Surgery at Putnoe Heights .

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

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

4.15pm - 6pm Kumon Maths at Putnoe Heights Ms Raksha Mistry 01908 392698

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

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6.15pm - 7.45pm Yoga and Relaxation at Putnoe Heights. Please contact Racheall Monton 01234 297138

6.30 - 7.30 at St Mark's .Karate contact Karen 079412 64885

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

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

7pm Putnoe Guild meets monthly at Putnoe Heights. Janice Loxley 347073

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

Thursday

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

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

9.45am Yoga at Putnoe Heights. Karen Simpson 244970

1.30pm - 3.00pm Clinic at St. Mark's 267444

12pm Story box St Mark's Church welcome the under 5's and their carers to join them between 12 noon and 1pm for a sandwich lunch followed by a Bible story, singing and activities. Lots of fun, donations. Contact Liz Spavins on 302349

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

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

2pm - Putnoe Bridge Club. Gerald Palmer 345991

4.00 Story box Plus at Putnoe Heights for 4-11year old. Meet at 3.30 for refreshments & games. Then till 5pm make props, sing & rehearse a short play to perform in church on the 1st Sunday of each month Lots of fun And it's free! Liz Spavins 302349

5.30 - 7.30pm Police Surgery. St Mark's Foyer.

6.15 pm Weightwatchers at St. Mark's.

Mrs Margaret Ralph 01767 224978.

6.15pm Brownies at Putnoe Helga Nash 218521

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

7pm Street Dance at Putnoe Heights. Contact Curtis Ritchie 349255 or 07984 525147

7.00pm Club 2000 at Putnoe Mrs M White 404992

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

7.30 - 9.30pm Embroiderer's Guild at St Mark's 3rd Thursday of the month. Mrs E Rigby 344442

7.30 - 9.30 Tabernacle of Truth Church at Putnoe Bible Studies every 2 Thursday– Pastor Tarr 360188

8.00 - 10pm Bedford Writers Circle at St Mark's 1st Thursday each month. Mr John Broadhouse 740271

Friday

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

1.30 - 2pm Stars School of Dance at Putnoe.

Contact Esther Sancto 272517 or 07917 582468

2pm U3A Gardening Group at Putnoe Heights Contact Eve Whitehead 356875

7 - 10pm Bedford Arts Society meets fortnightly at Putnoe Heights from 8 September. Contact Malcolm Smith 01234 400741

7.30pm Youth Club for age 13-18 at St Mark's Church. Contact PCSO Rowland Gilbey 349179

Saturday

9.30 - 11.30am Stars School of Dance at Putnoe. Contact Esther Sancto 272517 or 07917 582468

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

5 - 7pm Bethesda Church . Contact Pastor Denis Baka 07944 749357

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

Sunday

Junior Church with crèche for under 3's

9.30 - 10.30 at St.Mark's

11-12 at Putnoe Heights.

1 - 4pm Tabernacle of Truth Church at Putnoe Heights - Worship. Contact Revd. Tarr 360188 Mob. 07866775515

6-7.30pm T.N.T. for 9-12 year olds (fortnightly) join us for fellowship, fun, games & outings. At Putnoe. Ring Liz 302349.

6—7.30pm T.X.T for 13 + fortnightly , join us for fellowship , debate & discussion at Putnoe. Ring

Diary Dates

St Mark's Church Council , 6 February

Circuit Meeting -

St Mark's Leadership Team – 27th November

Putnoe Heights Leadership Team -

21 November

St Mark's Church Management Meeting -

12.30pm 6 December

Putnoe Heights Church Management - 6th Nov

Putnoe Church Council 29 February 2007

Pastoral Group Meeting – 31 January 2007

Churchyard Committee - 29 November 11am.

Putnoe Heights Mission Group Meeting –

Wednesday 18 October at 7.30pm at 14 Flint Way. .

Partnership Council - 20 February at St Mark's

Brickhill Parish Council - 30 Nov

Deanery Meeting , 16 November

Putnoe Heights Children & Youth -

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

Ordinary 28

Verse of Scripture -Amos 5 v 6

Seek the Lord and live.

Collect Prayer - Before we read we pray

God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *Common Worship Shorter Collect*



First Bible Reading - Amos 5: 6-7, 10-15

Seek the LORD and live, or he will sweep through the house of Joseph like a fire; it will devour,

and Bethel will have no one to quench it. You who turn justice into bitterness and cast righteousness to the ground you hate the one who reproves in court and despise him who tells the truth. You trample on the poor and force him to give you grain. Therefore, though you have built stone mansions, you will not live in them; though you have planted lush vineyards, you will not drink their wine. For I know how many are your offences and how great your sins. You oppress the righteous and take bribes and you deprive the poor of justice in the courts. Therefore the prudent man keeps quiet in such times, for the times are evil. Seek good, not evil, that you may live. Then the LORD God Almighty will be with you, just as you say he is. Hate evil, love good; maintain justice in the courts. Perhaps the LORD God Almighty will have mercy on the remnant of Joseph (Reader : This is the word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God**)

Second Reading - Hebrews 4: 12-16

For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account. Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

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

Third Reading - Mark 10: 17-31 Please stand for the Gospel Reading

When the Gospel is announced -

As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good—except God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony, do not defraud, honour your father and mother.'" "Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy." Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth. Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!" The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, "Who then can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God." Peter said to him, "We have left everything to follow you!" "I tell you the truth," Jesus replied, "no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel will fail to

receive a hundred times as much in this present age (homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—and with them, persecutions) and in the age to come, eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first."

(Reader : This is the Gospel of Christ **All: Praise to Christ our Lord**

Post Communion Prayer

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever. Amen

Hymns (Please distribute Holy Communion Booklets and Hymns and Psalms)

- 276 When morning gilds the skies
- 135 Go tell it on the mountain
- 704 O Jesus I have promised
- 739 May the mind of Christ my saviour

Commentary

Bible Notes Hebrews 4: 12-16

The Word of God. In this part of the letter, Paul is explaining the action of the word of God. It is not a neutral thing but alive and active in the world. The action is not to be trifled with. The writer makes it sound almost like a weapon, a scalpel perhaps which cleaves between truth and falsehood, cutting away evasions and half-truths. The Word of God is a force to be reckoned with. God can see into the hearts and minds of his people. Translations of the final phrase of verse 14 vary from the vague "with whom we have to do" to a much more powerful "Before whom we must render account". Although both are correct the latter translation is more of a warning against evasion. The picture drawn in the first half of the passage is slightly threatening, saying in effect "lies are useless" but in the second part, the compassion of God pours like balm. Christ is the compassionate priest, one who will intercede with God on our behalf. Jesus is able to understand our human frailty because of his human aspect. He knows the temptations with which we are confronted. Jesus understands the problems of being human and will not judge us with inhuman harshness. The final phrase conjures up a lovely, truly heart-warming image. We are invited to come near to the "throne of grace" where all will be judged. There, at the foot of the throne we will find not coldness but loving mercy. That gracious compassion can then be turned outward to those in need. The image drawn is of a forgiveness which overflows from God to us and from us to those around us. Comforting words indeed.

Joan Crossley

Meditation

Go placidly amid the noise and haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible without surrender be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even the dull and the ignorant; they too have their story. Avoid loud and aggressive persons, they are vexations to the spirit. If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain and bitter; for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself. Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time. Exercise caution in your business affairs; for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals; and everywhere life is full of heroism. Be yourself. Especially, do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment it is as perennial as the grass. Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with dark imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and

loneliness. Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself. You are a child of the universe, no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should. Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be, and whatever your labours and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life keep peace with your soul. With all its sham, drudgery, and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be cheerful. Strive to be happy. desiderata - Max Ehrmann - 1927

Thought for the day Believe more deeply. Hold your face up to the light, even though for the moment you do not see. Bill Wilson

Prayers for Sunday and the week ahead.

God speaks to the Soul: It is my nature that makes me love you often, For I am love itself. It is my longing that makes me love you intensely, For I yearn to be loved from the heart. It is my eternity that makes me love you long, For I have no end. AMEN

Mechthild of Magdeburg - 13th century

Send Thy peace O Lord, which is perfect and everlasting, that our souls may radiate peace.

Send Thy peace O Lord, that we may think, act and speak harmoniously.

Send Thy peace O Lord, that we may be contented and thankful for Thy bountiful gifts.

Send Thy peace O Lord, that amidst our worldly strife, we may enjoy Thy bliss.

Send Thy peace O Lord, that we may endure all, tolerate all, in the thought of Thy grace and mercy.

Send Thy peace O Lord, that our lives may become a Divine vision and in Thy light, all darkness may vanish.

Send Thy peace O Lord, our Father and Mother, that we Thy children on Earth may all unite in one family. AMEN - Pir-o-murshid layat Khan - 1921

May the living waters of Christ cleanse us, may the Spirit descend upon us, and the blessing of God be with us, this day and for evermore. Amen

Veiled Issue.

The Archbishop of Canterbury's representative to the Muslim Community in England, the Bishop of Bolton, this week defended the right of Muslim women to wear veils over their faces. Nevertheless, he welcomed the debate on the issue. The Bishop, the Rt Revd David Gillett, was speaking on Monday after the Leader of the House of Commons, Jack Straw, said that he asked Muslim women who attended his constituency surgery in Blackburn to remove the full veil, or niqab, from their faces. The Church Times conducted a website vote on whether readers thought Muslim women should be discouraged from wearing the veil—59% said yes as we went to print. Bearing in mind that this is arguably the more tolerant face of mainstream Christianity, what would most people on the street say?

Woodland Burial at Keysoe

What do people think about woodland burial? On the Keysoe and Bolnhurst Village website, people have been taking part in a poll to say how they feel about woodland burial. The results show that there is widespread support for woodland burial at Keysoe, but we still have to win over some hearts and minds. We are creating a protected natural woodland which will be place of beauty and over the coming years it is our hope that people will come to appreciate not only the importance of what is taking place, but also the positive impact that woodland burial can have for generations to come.

69% thought it positive

22% thought it negative

9% weren't sure

Visit www.thisischurch.com/woodland for more information

News and Information

8.30am Holy Communion — New policy

It has been agreed by Partnership Council and both church councils to change the pattern of 8.30am Holy Communion services. There will be a new fixed rota which will operate throughout the year, in a similar fashion to the summer holidays. If anybody finds this to be inconvenient we would like to offer transport to and from each church every Sunday, please advise us if you would like this service so that we can help.

First Sunday of every month at Putnoe
Second Sunday of every month St Mark's
Third Sunday of every month Putnoe
Fourth Sunday of every month St Mark's
Fifth Sunday of every month Putnoe

This fixed pattern should be easier to remember.

Due a shortage of ministers over half term we have already implemented a fortnightly arrangement. Therefore we have decided that the permanent change should take place from November.

Barn Dance 4 November 6pm at Putnoe. Suitable for all ages. Tickets £3 each or £10 for a 'family' of 4 Sausage & Mash with veggie option. Bring your own drinks. Raffle .Book early. Tickets from Putnoe Office or see Liz

Network Craft Day at Priory Methodist Church on Saturday 21 October at 9.45am. Please contact Pam Seymour 305695 for information and booking form. Forms to be returned no later than 10th October.

Bedford Festival of Music, Speech & Dance 3-10 March 2007. If any of our young people from the Partnership would like to enter the Bible Reading, to continue the success of this year, could they please see Liz as we need to register shortly.

Cake sale result. The cake stall run by the young people at Putnoe raised £54.15 for church funds. Thank you to bakers and buyers.

NCH House collections Thank you to everyone who helped. The total raised in our Brickhill area was £837.35 which is up 6.2% on last years figure. Mike Elliott.

Harvest gift collection. We have had a very nice letter from BECHAR thanking everyone at Putnoe for the Harvest gifts.

Pat & Maurice Leusby would like to thank all those who prayers & transport for Maurice after Pat's accident in July. Pat would especially like to thank people for their cards & prayers of healing which gave her a lift at a very difficult time. She hopes to be back in Church with us soon.

Highfield Care Home. A group from St. Mark's hold a short service at Highfield on the 3rd Sunday of each month. This group is badly in need of extra support. If you would be willing to help with these services, perhaps you would like to join us on Sunday 15 October at 2.30p.m. at Highfield for our Harvest Festival service. For further information please contact Vera Pearson, Lance Mason or Doris Cooper. Many thanks.

Belief. Bedford Ecumenical Lay Institute for Education and Faith

Course leaflets are available in the foyer with details of some excellent sessions. The courses are held at St Andrew's Church in Bedford. Please take a leaflet and consider joining one of the courses this autumn *Joan Crossley*

St Mark's Christmas Fayre will take place on Saturday 25 November. More details to follow soon

The gifts of produce at Putnoe Heights Harvest Festival have been donated to the Prebend St Day Centre. The profit from the Harvest Lunch amounted to £215.50 for church funds. Many thanks to all who supported the Harvest activities.

Sunday Services at Putnoe The 11am services are recorded on tapes, which may be borrowed, to enable people who are unable to get to Church to listen at home. More helpers are needed to maintain this service - for further details please contact Brian Lodge on 267531.

Thank You from Clubhouse To everybody who contributed to Harvest gifts at St Mark's Church. The food will be used to help our members at the day care centre. Our members are all adults who are affected by learning disabilities, some of whom have problems compounded by old age and physical disability. The kindness of members of the congregation in making these gifts is greatly appreciated

On Sunday 24th September Keech Cottage

Hospice for children held a fundraising sponsored walk. Footprints rambling group were at the time enjoying walking in the Market Harborough area. £190 was collected amongst ourselves during the weekend and this money has since been sent to Keech Cottage. Claire Peck

Card sales at Putnoe Heights continue to do very well. We have recently sent £50 to Riverbank Children's Ward at South Wing Hospital and we are now raising money for the British Diabetic Association. Cards for special occasions and Christmas can always be made to order. Telephone 267567. Thank you for your continuing support. Margaret and Claire Peck

Partnership Commemoration Service

Sunday 12 November at 3.00pm at St Mark's Church our preacher this year will be The Reverend Dr Sam Cappleman.

Special Christmas services this year in the Partnership - Something to look forward to

- Christmas trees arrive Friday 1 December
- Christmas gift service, both churches 3 December
- Christingle service, both churches 10 December
- St Mark's Carols in the car park 16 December
- Carols by Candlelight at Putnoe 17 December
- Carols by candlelight at St Mark's 23 December
- Crib service at St Mark's 3.00pm Christmas Eve
- Crib service at Putnoe 4.00pm Christmas Eve
- Midnight Mass both churches Christmas Eve
- Christmas day services 9.30 and 11.00am

Faith-based community worker

All Saints Parish Church, Queen's Park, Bedford £16,500 40 hours per week to include many evenings and weekends
The worker will be based in the Ambrose Reeves Room in All Saints Parish Church on Westbourne Road in Queen's Park, Bedford. The worker will be supervised by the Parish Priest and will be accountable to the Parochial Church Council. The worker will extend, strengthen, and professionalise faith-led community development work in Queen's Park. Specifically, the worker will - support existing faith-led community projects (Fusion Youth Singing, Queen's Park Lives oral history project, All Saints Basketball Club, Queen's Park Youth Cricket). The worker will gain community development skills via ongoing training and working alongside the parish priest. The post may also be combined with some study leading to a professional qualification in community work. *Contact St Mark's Church Office for more details*

Thank You. To all of those who attended our church council meetings this week. Each church council saw important new projects discussed and decisions taken which will impact upon the future ministry of our churches. Agreement was reached at St Mark's to proceed with the building of the Garden of Remembrance. This is a leap of faith considering that funds are not available to cover the cost of £50,000 to build the new memorial wall and landscaping. However the council were convinced the work must proceed now to avoid even more increased costs in the future.

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.

**Ernest Pitt
Elizabeth Mary Street
Anthony Brian Feetham**

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



Rest in Peace

The funeral of Mr Webster will take place at Bedford Crematorium on Wednesday 25 October at 12.15pm *Royden*

