



Methodist
Church

Partnership News

16 January 2005

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 -Holy Communion

Preacher –Revd Charles Royden
Leadership Team –Mr Ian Farthing
Intercessions– Mr Chris Izzard

11.00am Putnoe Heights – Holy Communion

Preacher - Revd Charles Royden
Leadership Team – Mr Dave Allen
Intercessions – Mrs Sue Allen

January 23

8.30am Service of Holy Communion

Held at both churches

9.30am St Mark's Church - Morning Worship

Preacher - Revd Dr Sam Cappleman
Leadership Team - Mr Mike Cooper
Intercessions - Mrs Mary Stubbs

11.00am Putnoe Heights—Morning Worship

Preacher - Rev Dr Sam Cappleman
Leadership Team – Mr Alan Cooper
Intercessions – Mr Eddy Peck

Thank You

The flowers at Putnoe Heights Church this week have been given by Gwen and Peter Beswick, with fond and lasting memories of their parents.

The flowers in the Church at St Mark's this week are celebrating the Golden Wedding Anniversary of Franz and Margaret Jaworsky. The chapel flowers are given by Barbara Joy in loving memory of Alan.

Prayer for Sunday

Almighty God,
By whose grace alone we are accepted
And called to your service,
Strengthen us by your Spirit,
And make us worthy of our calling;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Methodist Worship

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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 - 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 C Mathew 400987
6.15 pm Brownies Putnoe. Alison McEwen 358583
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
7.30- 9.30pm Creative Needles at Putnoe Heights. Mrs Hayward 307648
7.30pm Whist Drive - At St Mark's each month. Next 17 January
oorfields 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 - 18 January 2005 Furniture Link Contact Mrs Betty Wyatt 350188
2.15pm Putnoe Heights Men's Fellowship. Next meeting 18 January 2005 Members afternoon 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 – 18 January Handbell Ringers Meets fortnightly. Contact Sheila Cracknell 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 on 19 January 2005 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 Fledglings at **2.00pm—3.00pm Clinic At St. Mark's** 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 P Housden 376597
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 Church Calendar

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Putnoe Centre Management -Monday 17 January
 at 7.30 pm..

St Mark's Church Council Feb 1 2005

Circuit Men's Lunch
 on the

Churchyards Committee

Next meeting on Monday 17 Jan at 10am

St Mark's Centre Management Meeting

Wednesday 19 January 2005

St Mark's Leadership Team

4 May –Home of Rev Dr Joan Crossley

Deanery Synod 10 February

Partnership Council 18 Jan

Putnoe Heights Leadership Team

25 April 2005 at 7.30pm

Putnoe Church Council

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

Wednesday Bereavement Drop in Group.

The next meeting is Wednesday 2 February at St
 Mark's Church, 2.30pm., with a talk by Sonia Minney
 from the Guildhouse, followed by tea & an
 opportunity to talk with friends & members of the
 Pastoral Team until 4pm. The group will continue
 meeting on the first Wednesday of each month from
 2.30 to 4 pm with the same format, talk, tea and chat.
 We are considering changing the name to 'Tea and
 Friendship,' & would be grateful for any other ideas..

Fundraising Spectacular Weekend 5 and 6 February 2005

A note for your diaries. We have arranged 2 exciting
 fundraising events in aid of the Autism Building
 Extension at St Mark's.

Saturday Night 5 February, 7-30pm our ever
 popular themed evening this time taking in the music
 and flavours of Spain, book early to avoid
 disappointment. Donations of raffle prizes would be
 appreciated.

Sunday 6 February 4pm to 5.30pm at Bedford High
 School Swimming Pool, Battle of the Sexes
 Swimathon, 2 teams, 5 men and 5 women have laid
 down a challenge to win this spectacular race and
 raise the most sponsorship money- who will win ?
 Come and offer your support. The men's team will
 include Neil and Charlie! Please join us in our
 fundraising through these events and help us to
 make our dream of the new building into a reality.



Bible Notes

2 Sunday in Ordinary Time

Verse of Scripture Isaiah 53:4-6

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

A Collect Prayer - Before we read we pray

Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading Isaiah 49: 1-7

Listen to me, you islands; hear this, you distant nations: Before I was born the LORD called me; from my birth he has made mention of my name. He made my mouth like a sharpened sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me into a polished arrow and concealed me in his quiver. He said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will display my splendour."

But I said, "I have laboured to no purpose; I have spent my strength in vain and for nothing. Yet what is due me is in the LORD's hand, and my reward is with my God." And now the LORD says- he who formed me in the womb to be his servant to bring Jacob back to him and gather Israel to himself, for I am honoured in the eyes of the LORD and my God has been my strength- he says: "It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth." This is what the LORD says- the Redeemer and Holy One of Israel- to him who was despised and abhorred by the nation, to the servant of rulers: "Kings will see you and rise up, princes will see and bow down, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you." (Reader : This is the word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God**)

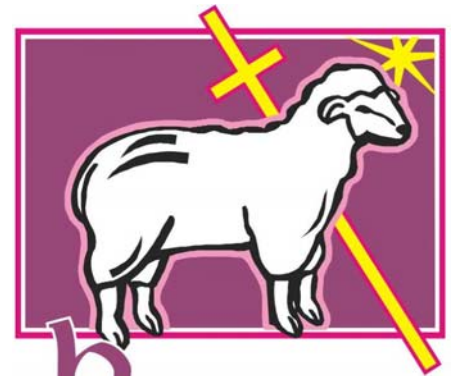
Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1: 1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be holy, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ—their Lord and ours: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I always thank God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way—in all your speaking and in all your knowledge— because our testimony about Christ was confirmed in you. Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. He will keep you strong to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful. (Reader: This is the word of the Lord - **All: Thanks be to God**)

Gospel Reading John 1: 29-42 Please stand

(After the Gospel is announced **All: 'Glory to Christ our Saviour'**)

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel." Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. I would not have known him, except that the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is he who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' I have seen and I testify that this is the Son of God." The next day John was there again with two of his disciples.



Here is the
lamb of God
who takes away
the sin
of the world!

John 1.29

When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!"

When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?" They said, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" "Come," he replied, "and you will see." So they went and saw where he was staying, and spent that day with him. It was about the tenth hour. Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. The first thing Andrew did was to



find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which, when translated, is Peter). (Reader: This is the Gospel of Christ - **All: Praise to Christ our Lord**)

Post Communion Prayer

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word, who is the Bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymns (Please distribute Hymns and Psalms and Communion Booklets)

1. Crown him with many crowns 255
2. Your mercy flows upon us like a river (On Partnership News)
3. It is a thing most wonderful 224 (Tune Heronsgate)
4. I will sing the wondrous story 223 (Tune Hyfrydol)

Commentary

The passage from John's Gospel today reminds us of the words of John the Baptist who described Jesus as 'the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!' This is a most important description of Jesus, but what exactly does it mean when we speak of Jesus in words which liken him to an animal? And how does Jesus take away the sin of the world?

William Holman Hunt painted the picture shown above called 'The Scapegoat.' On the frame of the painting is written the title 'Scapegoat' and the following scripture 'Surely he hath borne our Grievs, and carried our Sorrows/Yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of GOD, and afflicted.' (Isaiah 53: 4) 'And the Goat shall bear upon him all their iniquities unto a Land not inhabited.' (Leviticus 16:22)

Hunt learned that on the Festival of the Day of Atonement, a goat was ejected from the temple with a scarlet piece of woollen cloth on its head. It was goaded and driven, either to death or into the wilderness, carrying with it the sins of the congregation. It was believed that if these sins were forgiven the blood red cloth would turn white.

This background of sin and Old Testament sacrifice is helpful for us in understanding what John the Baptist meant about Jesus when he referred to Jesus as a lamb who took away sin. Hunt recognised the Old Testament scapegoat as a prefigurement of Jesus Christ whose suffering and death similarly cancelled the sins of the people.

Of course when Jesus died he died the once and for all, there was no longer any need for an ongoing sacrificial system based around the Temple killing animals. We believe that the scarlet red sins of this world, can be transformed by God and forgiven, so that the sins of our community too can be turned from blood red to the whiteness of snow.

Isaiah Chapter 1:18 Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.
Charles Royden

Prayers for Sunday and the week ahead.

Increase your grace in us, O Lord, that we may fear your Name beyond which nothing is more holy; that we may love you, beyond whom nothing is more loveable; that we may glorify you beyond whom nothing is more worthy of praise, and that we may long for you beyond whom nothing is more desirable; and grant that thus fearing, loving, glorifying and longing we may see you, face to face; through Christ our Lord. Amen Desiderius Erasmus, 1466-1536

Give thanks for the joy of human love and friendship

Take from me, O Lord, all desire for worldly praise and all uncontrolled anger and remorse. Give to me a humble and lowly heart, and a mind tender with kindness and compassion. Grant to me also, good Lord, fullness of faith, firmness of hope and fervency of love, that my one desire may be conformity to your gracious will; through Christ our Lord. Amen Thomas More, 1478-1535

For world peace - God our Father, as the rainbow spans the heavens when the sky is dark, so our strife and enmities stand under the judgement and promise of your over-arching love and righteousness. We praise you for signs of hope and for the fact that enemies can become friends. As your Holy Spirit draws the scattered flock of Christ together so may the nations find a unity that eliminates war. Help all who look to Christ to identify the common enemies of humanity - poverty, hunger, disease and injustice - and work to create the structures of peace, for his sake. Amen

Kenneth Greet, Methodist Peace Fellowship

A Prayer for the victims of The Asian Tsunami Disaster

A single figure stands;
Above—the sky-azure blue;
Beyond –the sea like glass;
Sand, beneath the feet-golden;
Behind -
Disaster
Devastation
Dereliction
Desolation
Despair
Death

**The earth was without form and void
And darkness was on the face of the deep,
And the Spirit of God moved on the surface of
the waters**

And so we pray:-
Come spirit of God move on this broken land.
Bring order to chaos.
Give purpose to shattered lives.
Bring the desolate people back to Life.

The Spirit of God is moving—thanks be to the God
of Hope,
For across the world hearts have been stirred to
help.

**You are not alone on your lonely beach
We want to stand with you
We will pray for you.**

We pray for the Relief Work -

We thank God for the hundreds of people working

on the clean-up operation.

We pray for courage for them, and protection from
disease.

We thank God for generous donations from all over
the world.

We pray that it will all reach all the people who
need it and than none of it will be stolen from them.
That it will be used wisely and for the greatest
good, as you direct them.

We pray for the governments and agencies
involved. We pray that God's Wisdom will underpin
their plans and that they will be able to work
together amicably.

We pray for health workers, medical teams, field
hospitals and all who work to relieve and heal
suffering.

We thank God that Jesus showed us how much
you love the sick and want to heal them. May the
supplies get through quickly to all areas of need.

We pray for the children left orphaned

We pray for the parent left childless

We pray for the old ones left with no descendants

We pray for all who see no hope

We pray for those who mourn

**Lord in ourselves we are worthless - but joined
to you in prayer there is value beyond price.
Take our prayers weak though they may be,
and use them through your power, Oh Great
God who created this unpredictable universe
and can still bring order out of chaos.**

Prayers taken from Christchurch, The Grove, Ilkley

News, Views and Information

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. Volunteers will be needed to make refreshments, help with the crèche and support the group. Please ring Joan on 344536.

Lunch Club - Please can you help. Lunch Club will be operating from Putnoe Heights Church from February. It is very important to help Lunch Club as they seek to make the transition from St Mark's as smooth as possible. They would very much appreciate your help in the following ways.

Transport. Can you help with a lift to enable somebody to get to Lunch Club? Please consider if you might offer some transport, especially in the first few weeks. **Cooking, serving meals.** Do you feel that you are able to offer some practical help with cooking or serving meals. This would be very much appreciated. If you do think that you could help in any of these ways please contact Pam Kinselly 354480 or Margaret Standley 305352

Footprints (formerly Putnoe Ramblers) are holding their second walk of this year on Sunday 16 January. Meet at the Visitor Centre, Priory Marina at 2pm for a walk to Danish Camp. Arrangements can be made for those wishing to return from Danish Camp, Willington by car. Contact Barry or Jenny 344417.

Magnet This magazine is printed quarterly costing £6 annually. Beautifully illustrated, thoughtfully produced, touching on all aspects of life. If you would like to order a copy please contact Hilda Hicks or Margaret Standley or the church office 342613.

Many Thanks to all who gave to the Sue Ryder Christmas appeal at St. Mark's and Putnoe Heights. We made £92.25 this year. Sheila & John Whittemore.

Keith Handscomb, the brother of Helena Lowther, died peacefully this week in Staffordshire. Helena, who moved away to Chipping Sodbury last year, would like to thank those who prayed for him during his long illness.

The Putnoe New Year Lunch raised a total of £314.25 which will be held in Mission Funds to be distributed to communities in need. Many thanks to all who helped to make the lunch such a success.

Brickhill Parish Council will meet on Thursday of this week at St Mark's Church at 7.45pm. The meeting is an open meeting and you are all welcome to attend.

Junior Church at Putnoe are having a fund raising event for the Tsunami Appeal after the family service on Sunday 6 February. They will be selling cakes and doing a sponsored sing whilst you are having coffee. Contributions of cakes and sponsorship welcome. Forms available in the foyer. *Liz Spavins*

Thank You from NCH to St Mark's Church. NCH were delighted to receive £357.38 which was raised through the Christmas Collection. Thank you for your continued support.

Thank you to St Mark's Church from Sue Ryder Care St John's. Thank you for collecting in our Hospice Christmas Appeal. You raised £45.43 and also raised the profile of St John's by letting people know that we are their local hospice. We are well on the way to raising over £6,000, which is much needed because our budget for 2005 for running costs alone is £827,153

A Hymn for Sunday

- 1 Your mercy flows upon us like a river.
Your mercy stands unshakeable and true.
Most holy God, of all good things the giver,
we turn and lift our fervent prayer to You.
*Hear our cry, O Lord, be merciful once more.
Let Your love Your anger stem,
remember mercy, O Lord, again.*
- 2 Your church once great,
though standing clothed in sorrow,
Is even still the bride that You adore;
Revive Your church,
that we again may honour
Our God and King, our Master and our Lord.
Chorus
- 3 As we have slept, this nation has been taken
By every sin, ever known to man;
So at its gates,
though burnt by fire and broken,
In Jesus' name we come to take our stand.
Chorus

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Reassurance when you need it most

Rest In Peace

The funeral of Mrs Irene Dorothy Harvell will take place at Bedford Crematorium on Monday 17 January at 2.30pm.

The funeral of Thomas Anthony Pyne will take place at Bedford Crematorium on Monday 24 January at 2.30pm Royden

The funeral of Ernest Norrish will take place at Bedford Crematorium on Friday 28 January at 11.30am Royden

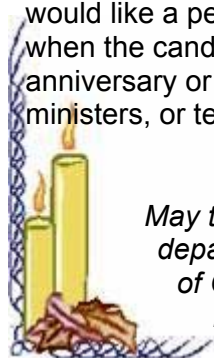
The funeral of Gwendoline May Lock will take place at Foster Hill Road Cemetery on Monday 17 January at 1.00pm Royden

The funeral of David Francis will take place at Bedford Crematorium on Friday 21 January at 10.45am Royden

The funeral of Jacqueline North will take place at Bedford Crematorium on Friday 21 January at 11.30am Royden

Rest In Peace

On the Sunday following a funeral service we remember in church those who have died. We light a candle to symbolise the light of Christ which eternally shines and brings hope. If you would like a person remembered in our service when the candle is lit, perhaps on an anniversary or birthday, please inform the ministers, or telephone the church office.



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

We 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.

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