



Methodist
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Partnership News

16 July 2006
Ordinary 15

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



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England

Church Services Today

8.30 Holy Communion - at Putnoe Heights Church only

9.30am St Mark's Church - Holy Communion

Preacher - Revd. Charles Royden
Leadership Team - Mrs Linda Parry
Intercessions - Mr Mike Elliott

11.00am Putnoe Heights - Holy Communion

Preacher - Revd. Charles Royden
Leadership Team - Mr Dave Allen
Intercessions - Ministers

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8.30 Holy Communion at St Mark's only

9.30am St Mark's Church - Morning Worship

Preacher - Revd Neil Bramble-Chapman
Leadership - Mrs Janet Day
Intercessions - Mr Chris Izzard

11.00am Putnoe Heights - Morning Worship

Preacher - Revd Neil Bramble-Chapman
Leadership Team - Mrs Sam Ware
Intercessions - Mrs Claire Peck

Reading 1 : Jeremiah 23: 1-6

Reading 2 : Ephesians 2: 11-22

Reading 3 : Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56

Thank You

The flowers at Putnoe Heights have been given this week by Carolyn and Tim Morris to celebrate their tenth wedding anniversary.

We are always grateful for any donations for flowers perhaps to celebrate a special occasion, an anniversary or in memory of a loved one. Please contact Miss Marion Prior 303254 (St. Mark's) or Miss Jennie Cooper 404950 (Putnoe Heights).

A Prayer for Sunday

**Give us, we pray, gentle God,
a mind forgetful of past injury,
a will to seek the good of others
and a heart of love,**

**that we may learn to live
in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ,
through whom we pray. 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 - 12 noon Monday & Friday

9am - 5pm Tuesday/Wednesday & Thursday

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Gift Aid Administrator - Mr John Hitt 404186

Junior Church Co-ordinator - Mrs Liz Spavins 302349

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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 Story Box Plus at St. Marks for 4 -11 year olds meet at 3.30. for refreshments & games, then till 5pm make props, sing & rehearse a short play to perform in church the 1st Sunday of each month. Lots of fun. Free. 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 17 July 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 11 July Bible Holidays remembered. Betty Wyatt 350188.

2.15pm Putnoe Heights Men's Fellowship. Next meeting. 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. next meeting 18 July 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.

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

7.30pm Dog and Puppy Training at Putnoe Heights. Contact Lynn Southwell 07974 743240

7. 45 pm Putnoe Heights Ladies Tuesday Club - Meets fortnightly. Next meeting 25 July. Bring and Share meal. 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 - first meeting 12 July Contact Audrey Hancock 365915.

Luncheon Club at Putnoe Heights fortnightly. Next meeting 12 July 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 219731

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 Kick Boxing Junior classes at St Mark's. Contact Mr James 07711687449 or 07810234890

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 Theatre Train at St Mark's – dancing acting, singing. - Kate Randle 01234 782414

2.30pm Calligraphy Group at Putnoe. Meets monthly next meeting. Philip Jones 350295

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

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

6.00pm TNT (The Nearly Teens) meet fortnightly at Putnoe Heights for various fun activities. Contact Putnoe Office 365630

Diary Dates

St Mark's Church Council , 11 Oct
Circuit Meeting -

St Mark's Leadership Team – 12 Sept

Putnoe Heights Leadership Team - 26 September

St Mark's Church Management Meeting -
12.30pm 2 August

Putnoe Heights Church Management - 17 July

Putnoe Church Council 9 Oct

Pastoral Group Meeting –

Churchyard Committee - 30 August

Putnoe Heights Mission Group Meeting - .

Partnership Council - 19 Sept

Brickhill Parish Council - 3 August

Deanery Meeting , 14 September, 16 November

Putnoe Heights Children & Youth - 4 September
7.30

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

Ordinary 15

Verse of Scripture - Ephesians 1: 3

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

A Collect Prayer - Before we read we pray

Give us, we pray, gentle God, a mind forgetful of past injury, a will to seek the good of others and a heart of love, that we may learn to live in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, through whom we pray. Amen. *Methodist Worship Amen*

First Bible Reading - Amos 7: 7-15

This is what he showed me: The Lord was standing by a wall that had been built true to plumb, with a plumb line in his hand. And the LORD asked me, "What do you see, Amos?" "A plumb line," I replied. Then the Lord said, "Look, I am setting a plumb line among my people Israel; I will spare them no longer. "The high places of Isaac will be destroyed and the sanctuaries of Israel will be ruined; with my sword I will rise against the house of Jeroboam." Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent a message to Jeroboam king of Israel: "Amos is raising a conspiracy against you in the very heart of Israel. The land cannot bear all his words.

For this is what Amos is saying: " 'Jeroboam will die by the sword, and Israel will surely go into exile, away from their native land.' " Then Amaziah said to Amos, "Get out, you seer! Go back to the land of Judah. Earn your bread there and do your prophesying there. Don't prophesy anymore at Bethel, because this is the king's sanctuary and the temple of the kingdom." Amos answered Amaziah, "I was neither a prophet nor a prophet's son, but I was a shepherd, and I also took care of sycamore-fig trees. But the LORD took me from tending the flock and said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel. (Reader : This is the word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God)

Second Reading - Ephesians 1: 3-14

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding. And he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times will have reached their fulfilment—to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ.

In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, in order that we, who were the first to hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

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



*The Head of St. John Prodomos
Work of Emmanouel Lambardon
16th century - Civici Museum Padova
Eggtempera on wood, can be viewed in
colour on our website thisischurch.com*

Third Reading - Mark 6: 14-29 — Please stand for the Gospel Reading

When the Gospel is announced — **Glory to Christ our Saviour**

King Herod heard about this, for Jesus' name had become well known. Some were saying, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead, and that is why miraculous powers are at work in him." Others said, "He is Elijah." And still others claimed, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of long ago." But when Herod heard this, he said, "John, the man I beheaded, has been raised from the dead!" For Herod himself had given orders to have John arrested, and he had him bound and put in prison. He did this because of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, whom he had married. For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." So Herodias nursed a grudge against John and wanted to kill him. But she was not able to, because Herod feared John and protected him, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man. When Herod heard John, he was greatly puzzled; yet he liked to listen to him. Finally the opportune time came. On his birthday Herod gave a banquet for his high officials and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. When the daughter of Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his dinner guests. The king said to the girl, "Ask me for anything you want, and I'll give it to you." And he promised her with an oath, "Whatever you ask I will give you, up to half my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What shall I ask for?" "The head of John the Baptist," she answered. At once the girl hurried in to the king with the request: "I want you to give me right now the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was greatly distressed, but because of his oaths and his dinner guests, he did not want to refuse her. So he immediately sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. The man went, beheaded John in the prison, and brought back his head on a platter. He presented it to the girl, and she gave it to her mother. On hearing of this, John's disciples came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

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

Hymns (Please distribute hymn sheet and Holy Communion booklets)

1. Called from safer pastures, lifestyles of our choice, Tune Noel Nouvelet
2. God has spoken to his people, alleluia 182 Mission Praise
3. Saint John was like a flaming torch, Tune Gonfalon Royal
4. God has spoken-by his prophets, Tune Ode to Joy

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Commentary

When you think of a prophet what image comes to mind? It might be like the one shown above of John the Baptist, with robes, perhaps a beard, and almost certainly in need of a hairdresser ! But there is much more to prophecy than these old fashioned pictures. Prophets are not necessarily people who can foretell the future, in fact they might not be able to do that at all. What they do is to speak to us words, or images which are of God. They tell us things about God and about ourselves, sometimes things which we don't want to hear.

Meditation - Is this a prophetic voice?

Bishops declare replacing Trident would be "evil" and "profoundly anti-God".

Twenty Church of England bishops signed a letter opposing the use of nuclear weapons, and saying the money would be better spent on developing countries. The letter coincided with a review of Trident, by the Commons defence committee, which needs to be replaced by 2024.

"Whatever our various views on conventional warfare, we all agree that Just War arguments rule out the use of nuclear weapons . . . Such weapons challenge the very core of Judaeo-Christian faith." "Trident and other nuclear arsenals threaten long-term and fatal damage to the global environment and its peoples. As such, their end is evil, and both possession and use profoundly anti-God acts." "costs involved in the maintenance and replacement of Trident could be used to address pressing environmental concerns, the causes of terrorism, poverty, and debt."



Defence Committee questions the purpose of deterrence

Statement by Steve Hucklesby, Secretary for International Affairs for The Methodist Church:

“We are pleased to see the Defence Committee’s findings reflect many of the points raised by the Methodist Church in its submission. “The report notes that the past concept of deterrence is no longer relevant in the current international context. There are clearly questions as to whether nuclear weapons will offer the best option for our security in 20 years time. We share the disappointment of the Defence Committee that the Ministry of Defence has declined to meet with it. “It is our view that our future security will ultimately depend on a strong non-proliferation regime. We need to limit the number of new countries developing weapons. We also need to limit the increase in fissile material around the globe as there is a danger that it could fall into the wrong hands and be used to make ‘dirty bombs’. An investment in a replacement in Trident cannot help us here. The world is changing fast. This report demonstrates that there is no reason for a future prime minister to feel bound by a concept of deterrence that was born out of the Cold War era.”

Prayer

O Lord, you are the beginning of all my good, the wellspring of all my love and the source of all my freedom. Let your grace work on in me, that your will may be done through me, and that I may always rejoice in your presence; now and for ever. Amen *Mary Ward, 1585-1645*

Lord, I pray not for tranquility, not that my tribulations may cease; I pray for your Spirit and your love, that thou grant us strength and grace to overcome adversity. Through Jesus Christ. Amen. *Girolamo Savonarola*



Support Woodland Burial You can make a difference.

You may have seen in the Times and Citizen a positive article relating to the application for a woodland burial site at Keysoe made by St Mark’s Church. It is most important that this application receives fair treatment by the planning department and is not derailed by malicious gossip or a lack of understanding. It would be greatly appreciated if people were able to give support to the application by writing to the planning department stressing how important such a place of burial would be to the Christian community in Bedford.

Please consider writing to Mr. G. Richards, Planning Services, Bedford Borough Council, Town Hall, St Pauls Square, Bedford. MK40 1SJ. Tell the planning department that you support the proposed woodland burial site at land north of Keysoe Row West, Keysoe, Beds. Please stress how important the need is for this place of burial because it would offer a place of consecrated burial for Christians in Bedford. Whilst our churches have provided a consecrated place for burial of cremated remains at St Mark’s, there is currently no consecrated place for burial available for Christians. Village churches have strict policies on who may be buried and Christians are therefore being denied the opportunity for burial in hallowed ground. The planners need to be advised that Christians are also deeply concerned about the environment and burial is for many an important alternative to cremation which produces of greenhouse gasses and emissions contributing to global warming and pollution. Christians are concerned about the environment and we therefore want to develop a natural woodland setting for burial which does not pollute or take up ground like traditional cemeteries. This is an ecumenical project supported by Christians of many denominations. The proposal is part of the Church of England’s national initiative to provide a network of consecrated, green burial grounds throughout the country – the other one closest is at Barton in Cambridgeshire.

Bedford is one of the most culturally diverse towns in Britain and has a wide range of faiths practiced within it. All of these faiths have the right to practise freely and should have the facility to bury their followers in their own cemeteries should they wish – this is enshrined in Article 10 of the Human Rights Act 1998 and has been a feature of British culture for many years. The Christian churches have as much of a right to this as any other religion and indeed would support other faiths in achieving this. The current proposal is therefore an important aspect of the expression of faith of the Christian community in Bedford. Although submitted by the Church of England, the burial ground would be available to people from any background who wish to be buried in a consecrated Christian burial ground. *Charles Royden*

News and Information

Putnoe Children and Youth Committee the next date for the Children and Youth committee is Monday Sept 4 at 7.30 .

Putnoe Junior Church The help rota until to September is now on the board. If you would like to join us one Sunday please sign up. Thanks for your support. Liz and Sam

Barn Dance 4 November 6pm at Putnoe. Suitable for all ages. Details to follow. See Liz

Footprints Walking Group Sunday 16 July Meet at Bromham Mill for a 3 -4 mile circular walk at 2.30pm , further details Sue 407264

Footprints September Weekend in September New venue - return visit to 'Three Swans ' at Market Harborough.

The Bedford Community Chamber Orchestra's first concert is on the 22nd July at All Saints Church, Queen's Park, Bedford. Concert starts at 7.30pm. Pieces will be from music used in films, and will include Finlandia (Sibelius), Gabriel's Oboe (Morricone) and Music from Gladiator. Tickets are on the door at £6 (£3 concessions)

'**Amazing Grace**' the annual prayer handbook published by Methodist Publishing will be available in August. This gives daily Bible readings ; Prayers for the church in Britain & overseas (Ecumenical) and quotations of inspiration. The cost £2.25 inc. postage. To order contact Vera Pearson 270737

Yarl's Wood Befrienders Volunteers needed to visit asylum seekers. Training given. Contact Heather Jones on 01933 318378

Summer arrangements for children in the partnership

Junior Church. Next Sunday, the 17th July, will be the last Jr Church at St Marks and Putnoe before the summer holidays. However the crèche at St Marks will continue as normal thanks to Debbie. We will begin back as normal on Sunday 10th September. We hope to plan a outing, possibly to Wickstead Park? following a Sunday Service in September please see Liz or Sam Ware if interested.

Storybox (under 5's, older siblings welcome) continues at 12.00 on Tuesday 25 July and Mon 31 July at Putnoe and Thurs 27 July and Thursday 3 August at St Marks please bring own lunch
Storybox Plus (4 to 10 years, younger siblings

welcome with carer) continues 1.15 on Tuesday 25 July and Monday 31 July at Putnoe and Thursday 25 July and Thursday 3 August (this session starts at 10.30) at St Marks.

Partnership Junior Church & Storybox Plus Summer Activity Day. Thursday 24 August 9.30 to 3.30 at Putnoe. Join us in putting together 'Jonah Man Jazz', a short musical. We need musicians as well as singers & anyone who likes to have lots of fun. See Joan or Liz.

Jonah Man Jazz join us on Thursday 25 August for singing, music and fun.

We hope you all have a good summer, from all the leaders

Beetle Drive at Putnoe Heights Saturday 22 July at 7 for 7.30pm. Tickets available From Church offices £4 adults- £2 under 12's. Proceeds split between Church funds St.John's, Moggerhanger. Stephen Clare.

Bedfordshire Crafts at Willington Dovecote and Stables - Sunday afternoon July 23 2006 between 1 and 5pm. Crafts made by many people from Bedfordshire and the surrounding counties will be on display and most will be for sale. Admission 50p, children under 16 free. Tea, coffee and cakes will be on sale in the nearby church. Hear about the History of these unique Tudor buildings and take a walk round Willington Village. For more information contact Dorothy Jamieson 01234 404879.

"**God Talk**" is a house group which meets on Monday mornings at 10.30, for prayer, worship and fellowship. It is mostly for mums with children at school, and so doesn't meet in the school holidays. New members welcome. Ring Joan for details. 344536

Welcome service for The Reverend Martin Hounsfield and the Reverend Dr Joan Crossley. At Priory Methodist Church at 7.30pm on 30 August

Circuit Farwell Service for Reverend Neil Bramble-Chapman

Monday 31 July, 7.30pm at Putnoe Heights

Come and join us we say farewell to Neil and wish him and the family well as he takes on the position of chaplain at St Nicholas Hospice, Bury St Edmunds.

NCH House to House collection NCH, the children's charity, works with disadvantaged and disabled children, and their families, through its family centres located throughout the country. It is an independent charity working with other groups in partnership including the Methodist Church. The annual house to house collection to support the vital work of the NCH will take place as usual in the first 3 weeks in September. St Mark's Church has the responsibility for covering most of Brickhill and last year we raised over £800. If you could spare a few hours during early September to put out and collect envelopes in the Brickhill area, perhaps near to where you live, or you would like some more information then please contact me. Mike Elliott 342507

Mission Group Meeting Wednesday 26 July 7.30pm at 14 Flint Way.

Many thanks to all who supported the coffee morning at Des and Linda Hoar's on Saturday last. £143. 80 was raised for Mission funds. A special word of thanks to those who offered transport, ensuring a successful event. Sylvia Cohen 343424

Three 10 week old guinea pig brothers are looking for a new home together. Free to anyone who would like them - donation to the Scout Group would be appreciated. Please speak to John or Jo Barrow 213038

Bypass Challenge. A sponsored fun run on the new Great Barford Bypass will be held on Sunday 20th August 2006. Funds to be shared between St. John's Hospice and registered charities of

participants' choice. There will be prizes for the best fancy dress and the biggest fundraiser. For further details lwww.barfordbypasschallenge.org or phone 01767 641044.

Tea Dance at Putnoe Heights on Friday 28 July at 2pm. Contact Monica Whittamore 853496.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land led by Revd Denis Desert. October 19 - 28 with an option to visit Petra in Jordan from October 28 - 31. There are a few vacancies. For a brochure ring 01234 211413 or e-mail denisdesert@aol.com

Channel Four, just married again, Three quarters of couples video their wedding day, but according to a recent survey half of them with disappointed with how it went. Channel 4 are looking for couples with disastrous wedding stories who are looking to tie the knot again. Did you have mass food poisoning? Did the marquee catch on fire, or worse? We are looking to give couples a second chance at their big day, whether it's six months or twenty years since they first walked down the aisle. We will the give you the wedding you have always longed for. We will need photographic and video footage of your wedding and will want to film your family and friends talking about their memories of the nightmare day. If you, a friend or relative want the opportunity to forget your disastrous wedding day and do it all over again in style then please email: anne.stone@rdfmedia.com or call 0207 013 4510

We publish the bans and pray for the marriage of Jonathan George Stanwix and Anne Letitia Clark, each single and resident in the parish of St Mary the Virgin, Marston Moretaine, on the electoral roll of this parish.

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.'

Rest in Peace



The funeral of Kathleen Longden will take place at Putnoe Heights Church on Wednesday 19 July at 12 noon