



Methodist
Church

Partnership News

17 September 2006
Ordinary 24

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 both Churches
9.30am St Mark's Church - Holy Communion
Preacher - Revd. Charles Royden
Leadership - Mr Ian Farthing
Intercessions - Mrs M Appleton
11.00am Putnoe Heights - Holy Communion
Preacher - Revd. Charles Royden
Leadership Team - Mrs Sam Ware
Intercessions - Mrs Sue Allen

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8.30 Holy Communion at both Churches
9.30am St Mark's Church - Morning Worship
Preacher - Revd Dr Joan Crossley
Leadership - Mrs Avril Williams
Intercessions - Mrs Delia Shephard
11.00am Putnoe Heights - Morning Worship
Preacher - Revd Dr Joan Crossley
Leadership Team - Mr Alan Cooper
Intercessions - Mr Eddy Peck

Reading 1 : Proverbs 31: 10-31
Reading 2 : James 3: 13 - 4: 3, 7-8
Reading 3 : Mark 9: 30-37

Thank You

The flowers at Putnoe Heights Church this week have been given by Deryck and Mollie Cutler to celebrate their 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

We are on the way again Lord -
the time of busyness.
The time of new schooling,
of new activities in church and in the
community.
We ask you to bless our activities -
our special services -
our ways of doing things, our volunteers -
and those who continue to serve as
faithfully as they have for many years....
Amen.

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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 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 18 September 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 19 Sept. Melodians Clapham..For more

details contact Betty Wyatt 350188.

2.15pm Putnoe Heights Men's Fellowship. Next meeting 19 September 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.

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 Sept 19 Talk on Citizens Advise Bureau—Phillippa Harris. 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 20 September 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 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 Theatretrain 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
6-7.30pm 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 , 11 October
Circuit Meeting - 28 September 7.30 Priory
St Mark's Leadership Team -
Putnoe Heights Leadership Team - 26 September
St Mark's Church Management Meeting - 12.30pm 11 October, 6 December
Putnoe Heights Church Management - 18 Sept
Putnoe Church Council 9 October
Pastoral Group Meeting - 26 September 11am.
Churchyard Committee - 29 November 11am.
Putnoe Heights Mission Group Meeting - Wednesday 18 October at 7.30pm at 14 Flint Way. .
Partnership Council - 19 September
Brickhill Parish Council - 12 Oct,30 Nov
Deanery Meeting , 14 September, 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.

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Verse of Scripture—Psalm 116

I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.



Collect Prayer - Before we read we pray

Almighty God who called your church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Bible Reading - Proverbs 1: 20-33

Wisdom calls aloud in the street, she raises her voice in the public squares; at the head of the noisy streets she cries out, in the gateways of the city she makes her speech: "How long will you simple ones love your simple ways? How long will mockers delight in mockery and fools hate knowledge? If you had responded to my rebuke, I would have poured out my heart to you and made my thoughts known to you. But since you rejected me when I called and no one gave heed when I stretched out my hand, since you ignored all my advice and would not accept my rebuke, I in turn will laugh at your disaster; I will mock when calamity overtakes you- when calamity overtakes you like a storm, when disaster sweeps over you like a whirlwind, when distress and trouble overwhelm you. "Then they will call to me but I will not answer; they will look for me but will not find me. Since they hated knowledge and did not choose to fear the LORD, since they would not accept my advice and spurned my rebuke, they will eat the fruit of their ways and be filled with the fruit of their schemes. For the waywardness of the simple will kill them, and the complacency of fools will destroy them; but whoever listens to me will live in safety and be at ease, without fear of harm."

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

Second Reading - James 3: 1-12

Not many of you should presume to be teachers, my brothers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. We all stumble in many ways. If anyone is never at fault in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to keep his whole body in check. When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. Likewise the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole person, sets the whole course of his life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell. All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and creatures of the sea are being tamed and have been tamed by man, but no man can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in God's likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers, this should not be. Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? My brothers, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

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

Third Reading - Mark 8: 27-38 Please stand for the Gospel Reading.

When the Gospel is announced - '**Glory to Christ our Saviour**'

Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "Who do people say I am?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Christ." Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him. He then began to

teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men." Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it. What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."
(Reader : This is the Gospel of Christ. **All: Praise to Christ our Lord**)

Post Communion Prayer

God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymns (Please distribute Hymns and Psalms and Communion Booklets)

1. Through all the changing scenes of life 73
2. If any man will follow On page 4 Partnership News
3. O Sacred head 176 4. Onward Christian soldiers 718

Commentary

The people who listened to Jesus were right to recognise him as the Messiah, the Christ. He was not a forerunner, somebody sent to prepare the way, he was the way. He was the fulfilment of all the hopes and dreams of the Jewish people. God had kept his promise, he had sent in Jesus not a prophet, not a person to speak about what God was like, it was God himself in human form. It was most wonderful. The Jews who heard Jesus and who recognised who he was could have been forgiven for assuming that this meant that as Messiah Jesus would be the one who would raise Israel up from under Roman occupation and restore her fortunes as a nation. The role of Messiah had military and political expectations which they could justifiably expect Jesus to carry out.

The air would have been filled with excitement at being in the presence of one who was about to reverse the fortunes of the downtrodden Israelites. Peter and disciples must have had in their minds episodes from the history of Israel, such as when Moses freed the people from Pharaoh. Once more God was about to do a great thing and the opportunity to be a part of it must have been elating.

Imagine the disappointment then when Jesus acknowledges the fact that he is the Messiah, but then says he is going to be captured and put to death. How on earth could they convince anybody to follow a leader who was already predicting his own failure and demise! Jesus insists on honesty, they must not lead anybody into false expectations or misguided hopes. Anybody who wanted to follow would be a part of a movement which was destined to suffering and hardship.

The disciples found it almost impossible to understand Jesus. Later we read that Jesus gathered his disciples together and made his teaching really explicit. He broke bread as a visual aid, to help them understand that his body was going to be broken. His blood was going to be poured out, just as he gave them wine to drink. The disciples found such ideas beyond comprehension, they wanted the inauguration of the Kingdom of God, the new Golden Age.

This is an important lesson to learn, for many are deceived in their faith by imagining that faith in Christ acts like a barrier against trial and tribulation. Some are wrongly advised that the trusting soul is not occasioned by adversity to the same degree as those who live without the Christian religion. How easy it would be to stand in the pulpit and declare that the act of faith works to bring health and wealth and immunity from the dangers which trouble others. How easy and yet how false.

Thomas a Kempis wrote of those who have taken up the cross of Jesus Christ

'They are proved by tolerance of injuries, and the removal of internal consolations; by the death of friends, and by the loss of property; by pains in the head, and injuries in the limbs; by abstinence from food, and roughness of garments; by the hardness of their bed, and the coldness of their feet; by the long watches of the night, and the labours of the day; by silence of the mouth, and reproofs of superiors; by worms that gnaw, and tongues that detract. In their sufferings, however, they are consoled by the devout meditation of the Lord's Passion.'

Nobody could accuse him of trying to pull the wool over the eyes of potential converts. The Christians life is not for those seeking an escape, it is just another way of walking the path of life with its many adversities and dangers. The difference is that as we walk we are accompanied along the path by one who has walked this path before and who promises to be with us as we pass over to the other side.
Charles Royden

Meditation

There is a story told about the great psychiatrist Viktor Frankl. After giving an address in Melbourne, he was given a boomerang as a gift. He commented that the boomerang reminded him of our human existence. People assume that the function of the boomerang is to return to the thrower, he said. But it is the real function of the boomerang to hit the target and to return to the thrower only if it misses the target. The same is true for life. We return to ourselves, to become self-absorbed and preoccupied, only if we have failed to find meaning in life. The meaning of life is to move out beyond ourselves, beyond our own meaning, and therefore find meaning. If we live only unto ourselves, spending money only for ourselves, squandering our time and our strength only on ourselves, focusing chiefly on ourselves, life boomerangs and comes back to us with only ourselves to show for it.

Prayers for Sunday and the Week Ahead

And now, O blessed Redeemer, our rock, our hope, and only sure defence, to thee do we cheerfully commit both our soul and body. If thy wise providence see fit, grant that we may rise in the morning, refreshed with sleep, and with a spirit of activity for the duties of the day, but whether we wake here or in eternity grant that our trust in thee may remain sure, and our hope unshaken, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *Henry Kirke White 1785-1806*

Lord of light – shine on us;
Lord of peace – dwell in us;
Lord of might – succour us;
Lord of love – enfold us;
Lord of wisdom – enlighten us.
Then, Lord, let us go out as your witnesses,
in obedience to your commands;
to share the good news of your mighty love for us
in the gift of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

A prayer for Mission – from the Church in Wales



Telecare

We are all delighted with the way that Telecare has been so well received. It is extremely helpful to the Ministers to be able to have feedback, especially if somebody is poorly or in hospital. If you have not yet put your name down, please do so. It helps us make our churches more able to care.

Introducing Sue Mark's one of our Telecare Team. Sue regularly telephones people on our list, often on a Thursday evening. Sue is a school teacher with two grown up children Emma and Peter. She has been a member of Putnoe Heights Church since her son Peter was baptised as a baby. Usually she sits near the back of the church, if anybody wants to see her. When not working or helping with Telecare Sue is often found walking her two Border Collies.



News and Information

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

Fairtrade Display at 22 Mallard Hill, Bedford on Friday 22 September 7-9.30pm, Saturday 23, 2-5 pm and Sunday 24, 10am - 1pm. Entrance 50p including refreshments. There will be a wide range of Fairly Traded products including stationery, gifts, food, clothing and jewellery.

Mediterranean Evening— St Mark's Church on 23 September. This promises to be a really good evening with Vittorio. Tickets available shortly. Adults £6.50, children under 12 £4. Tickets now available from Ian Farthing, Janet Day or St Mark's Church office. Do not delay in buying your ticket as they are selling out fast. Raffle prizes would be appreciated.

Coffee Morning Saturday 16 September from 10—12 at 16 Chillingham Green the home of Eddie & June McKenzie. Cakes, raffle etc Proceeds to the Mission Group African Projects.

Footprints Rambling Group invite you to join them on Sunday, 10th September for a 4-mile circular walk around Stevington. Please meet at 2.30pm in car park of the Royal George. The entrance to the car park is in Court Lane, but as parking space is limited, car-sharing wherever possible would help. Parts of the walk could be muddy if the weather has been wet. Further details from Sue and Richard Butler on Bedford 354183.

Piano lessons: I have a few vacancies for new pupils for the coming year. Beginners and all ages welcome! Please contact me if you are interested. Adrian Quarry 409612.

Sunday morning coffee/tea at Putnoe Heights. A big thank you to Claire Peck who has offered to take over the role of co-ordinating the rota of helpers and organising supplies. Also to Jenny Snelson who has joined the team of helpers. More helpers are still needed. The greater the number the lesser the work. For further details contact Claire Peck .

Donations to Barnados. Many thanks for the donations following Kathie's funeral on 19 July. £1594 was raised. Glen Longden.

Prayer walk. 30 September. Contact Paul Field on paulfield1@ntlworld.com or Ken Cherry on

kingdom.harvest@ntlworld.com.

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.

Massive Christian Book Sale. Fri 6 October (4.00 - 7.30pm) Sat 7 October (9.30am - 4.00pm) Russell Park Christian Centre, Denmark Street, Bedford.MK40 3TJ

Bedford Bamberg Association are holding "A Musical evening with food" at St Mark's Church Centre on 13th October at 7.30pm. Tickets £8.00 Why not come, you will be very welcome. Please contact June Paull - 01234 360812.

Piano in need of good home. If interested contact Vera Pearson 270237.

Partnership Council this week. Will take place at Putnoe Heights Church on Tuesday 19 September at 7.30pm for 7.45pm start. It will be Putnoe even if it was at Putnoe last time!

AGM of Friends, Volunteer & Associates of BECHAR (Bedford Concern for Homeless & Rootless) takes place on 28 September at 8pm at Prebend Day Centre. Please reply by 21.9.06 by form or e-mail admin@prebendcentre.org.uk

Rotas for October - December are now ready for collection at Putnoe. For readers and those leading intercessions if you are unable to make the dates given could you please swap with someone else on the list and alter the master plan in the church office. Alan Bayliss

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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.

TNT for 9-12's & TXT for 13+ will launch at Putnoe on 17 September from 6-7.30pm. Please come along for this planning meeting. If you would like to join or help with these two new exciting groups. See Joan or Liz for more details.

Putnoe Office We are delighted to say that from Monday 2 October the office will be open from 9 - 5 Monday to Friday. A big thank you to all volunteers, new and established for making this possible. Joan

Triathlon. Dave Allan will be taking part in a triathlon on 1 October, in Bedford Park. He will be swimming 400m, a 25k cycle and a 5k run. If you would like to sponsor him please contact the office at Putnoe.

Putnoe Harvest Lunch Sunday 1 October at 1pm Tickets now available from Putnoe Office or Leadership team. Adults £5, £2.50 child under 10. Soft drinks included, bring your own wine.

Tesco Sports Vouchers are being collected by St Mark's Preschool. Vouchers can be handed into the Office. Thank you Helen.

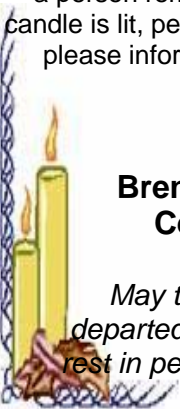
Sue Allen's Team 'The Chemical Sisters' thank all their sponsors in the Barford Bypass Challenge. When all sponsor money is collected we shall have been able to donate £750 to St. John's Moggerhanger

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.

Edith Chalk
Brenda Veronica Bowker
Cecil Joseph Clarke

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



A Hymn for Sunday

*If any man will follow, if any man will follow
If any man will follow after my Jesus
Let him deny himself,
O let him take up his cross
And let him come and follow after my Lord.*

Whosoever will live for self
will throw his life away,
Christ gives life to all who follow him
What is a man advantaged
if he gain the whole wide world
And then loses his soul ! *Chorus*

Whosoever will be ashamed
of Jesus and his words
In this sinful age in which we live
Jesus the king will be ashamed
of him in that great day
When in glory he comes *Chorus*

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