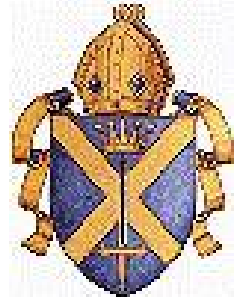


Partnership News

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Partnership Church Services Today

8.30am Holy Communion every Sunday
1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday at Putnoe Heights
2nd and 4th Sunday at St. Mark's Church

9.30am St. Mark's – Holy Communion
Preacher -Mrs Wendy Waters
Leadership – Mrs Morag Stewart
Intercessions – Mr Mike Elliott
11.00am Putnoe - Holy Communion
Preacher - Mrs Wendy Waters
Leadership - Mr Gordon Evans
Intercessions - Minsters

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9.30am St. Mark's– Morning Worship
Preacher– Mr Chris Izzard
Leadership - Mrs Jean Bank
Intercessions - Mrs Mary Stubbs
11.00am Putnoe –Morning Worship
Preacher– Mr Chris Izzard
Leadership - Mrs Sam Ware
Intercessions –Mrs Claire Peck

Readings 1Gen 18:20-32 2. Col 2:6-15
3. Luke 11: 1-13

Midweek Worship

Holy Communion at St Mark's Chapel every Wednesday
at 10.00am and at Sir William Harpur House on first
Monday of every month at 10.00am

Thank You

The flowers at St Mark's this week have been given
by Barbara Joy in memory of her daughter Linda.

The flowers at Putnoe Heights have been given by
Barry and Jenny Snelson in celebration of their
Ruby Wedding Anniversary.

*Following the Sunday service, flowers from our
arrangements are taken out from the church to to
anybody who is sick etc. If you know anybody who
would appreciate us remembering them in this way
please speak with Sam Ware (Putnoe Heights) and
Margaret Appleton (St Mark's). You may also
telephone or email the church offices.*

Prayer for this Week

Eternal God,
in Christ you make yourself our guest.
Amid all our cares and concerns
make us attentive to your voice
and alert to your presence,
that we may prize your word above all else.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.*

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Regular Weekly Activities - A Guide To Our Churches

Monday

9.15 -11.45 am Mon-Fri Putnoe Heights Pre-school
Head teacher Mrs Janet Smith ☎326685

8.30-5.30pm Pre-school Mon-Fri St Mark's

9.30-3.15pm Top Marks Mon-Fri St Mark's
Headteacher Mrs. Helen Harpin ☎312634
(See website for more details)

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

9.45am - Body Control Pilates –Putnoe Heights
Stephanie Smith ☎ 357787 or 07973174430

10.00am Bakers Barn Art Group. St Mark's Mrs Berry ☎211955

10.30am U3A Play reading St Mark's J Birks ☎219607

12.00pm Story box Putnoe Heights We welcome the under 5's and their carers to join them between 12noon and 1pm for a sandwich lunch followed by a Bible based story and singing.

3.30pm Storybox Plus Putnoe Heights for 4-9 year olds. Meet at 3.30 for refreshments & games. Then until 5pm stories, drama, singing & craft activities.

4.15pm Rosemary Conley Diet & Fitness. Putnoe Heights. Margo Needham ☎843747 or 07881730747

4.15pm Kumon Maths Putnoe Heights. Mrs Raksha Mistry ☎01908 392698

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

6.15 pm Brownies Putnoe. Sharon Tanner ☎07720713738.

6.15 Pilates at Putnoe Heights Jane Butcher 300859

7.30pm Sugarcraft Guild St Mark's 1st week Pat Nicholson ☎353518

7.30pm Cancer Care Society. St Mark's. 1st Week. Mr J Dewhurst ☎01908 377020

7.15pm Guides. St Mark's. Mrs Gill Lake ☎218091

7.15pm Yoga. Putnoe Heights Denise Green ☎244970

7.30pm Whist Drive. St Mark's 3rd & 5th week . Next meeting 19 July Judith Stanton. ☎823313

7.30pm House group 30 The Ridgeway. The home of Eddy & Margaret Peck ☎267567.

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

Tuesday

9.30am Jo Jingles. St. Mark's. Music & movement for pre-school children. Renu Elston ☎07790296016

9.30am Candlewicking (Needlework). Putnoe Heights. Judi Staughton ☎341821

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

10am Autism Beds Adult Support Group. St Mark's. Sally Cripsley ☎350704

11.15am U3A Keep Fit Putnoe Heights Sally Banks ☎ 870357

1.15pm Sing and Stomp. For toddlers & their carers. Run by the Putnoe Children's Centre. Putnoe Heights Majella Atkinson ☎325293.

1.30pm U3A Cinema Group. St Mark's 4th Week in month . Mrs Beaumont ☎261461

2.00pm U3A Book Group. St Mark's 3rd Week Mrs Forrest ☎344043

2.00pm Library Walk W.I. Putnoe Heights, meets monthly. Morag Tomkins ☎356895

2pm U3A Photography (Group 3) St Mark's 1st Week.

Janet King ☎313946

2.15pm Putnoe Heights Women's Fellowship. Next meeting July 20 Riding for the Disabled. Betty Wyatt ☎350188.

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

2.15pm Tuesday Afternoon Housegroup. St Mark's Fortnightly. Mary Stubbs ☎406784.

3.45pm-6.15pm Stars School of Dance. Putnoe Heights. Esther Richardson ☎295862 or 07917582468.

6.30pm Creative Card making. Putnoe Heights Church. Carol Houghton ☎346718

6.30pm Yoga Putnoe Heights Veronica Lafferty ☎781466 or 07788750360

7pm Keep Fit. St. Mark's Jan Gregory ☎328455

7pm MT Karate [all ages] Putnoe Heights. Karen King ☎07941 264885

7.30pm Hearts in Beds. Cardiac Support Group 1st Tuesday in the month at St Mark's. Brian Ibberson ☎403497

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

7.30pm Putnoe Heights Ladies Tuesday Club - Meets fortnightly. Next meeting July 27 Coffee Evening. More details Janet King ☎313946

8.15pm - 10.15pm Bedford Advanced Dancers St. Mark's 1st Tuesday in month. Shirley Sadler ☎01767 651767

Wednesday

9.30am Body Control Pilates. Putnoe Heights. Stephanie Smith ☎357787 or 07973174430.

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

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

10am Sewing & Chat. Putnoe Heights Valerie Russell ☎01462 815966

10am U3A Card Making. St Mark's Church. 4th week in the month. Janet King ☎313946

12.30pm Luncheon Club. Putnoe Heights fortnightly. Next - July 21 Putnoe Heights Office ☎365630

1.00-3pm Police Surgery at Putnoe Heights .

1.15pm Bridge Club for the Retired. St. Mark's. Mr Barnes ☎261811

1.45 Scots Society Whist Putnoe monthly .All welcome Nancy Barr ☎268147

2-5pm Police Surgery. St Mark's Foyer. ☎349179

1.30-4.30pm U3A Craft St Mark's 1st & 3rd week. Pat Holland ☎262823

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

4.15pm Kumon Maths. Putnoe Heights Mrs Raksha Mistry ☎01908 392698

6.00 pm Brownies. St Mark's. Mrs Carol Warden ☎219731

6.15pm Yoga and Relaxation Putnoe Heights Racheall Monton ☎01234 297138 or 07910835994.

6-8pm Karate. St Mark's Karen King ☎079412 64885

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

7.00pm Archaeological & Local History Society Putnoe Heights monthly. Vanessa Aykac 268098 or 07917385987
7.00pm Putnoe Guild Putnoe Heights monthly Janice Loxley ☎ 347073
7.00pm Line Dancing Putnoe Heights Mike Del-Boyer ☎348378

8.00pm Badminton Club Putnoe Heights All welcome. Ken Marriott ☎214867

8.00pm Tudor Reeds Folk Dance Club meet at St Mark's 1st,3rd & 5th Wednesday in month. Next meeting 21 July Everyone welcome. All dances called, only £1 including refreshments. Ring Alan ☎ 345312.Graham 406359 or Rosemary 405594 for more details.

8.00pm Bedford Wine and Social Club St Mark's 1st week in the month. Mrs Gansfield ☎215016

Thursday

9.30am Thursday Prayer Group. Putnoe Heights in the quiet room. Valerie Capon ☎356306 .

Request for prayer can be written in the prayer diary on the information table.

9.45am Yoga Putnoe Heights Denise Green ☎244970

9.45am Chat and Play St.Mark's. A group for Mums & toddlers. Emma Strangwick ☎211070

11am-12noon Citizens Advice Bureau at Putnoe Heights.

12pm Storybox . St Mark's welcome the under 5's and their carers to join them between 12 noon and 1pm for a sandwich lunch followed by a Bible based story and singing . Lots of fun. Contact Jaana Swaby ☎ 363283

1.30 - 3.00pm NHS Baby Clinic St. Mark's ☎267444

1.30pm Toddler Playtime. Putnoe Majella Atkinson ☎325293.

2pm Putnoe Bridge Club. Gerald Palmer ☎345991

2.30 - 4.30pm Bedford Art Society at St Mark's. Malcolm Smith ☎400741

4 - 7.00pm Police Surgery. St Mark's Foyer. ☎349179

6.15 pm Weightwatchers. St. Mark's. Mrs Margaret Ralph ☎01767 224978.

6.15pm Brownies. Putnoe Heights Lou Watkins 07919402797

7.00pm Club 2000 Putnoe Heights Nina Ovenden ☎825059

7pm U3A Folk & Poetry St Mark's 2nd & 2th week in month. Doug Ovenden ☎825059

7.15pm Putnoe Art Group Bob Wardale ☎406094

7.30pm Bedford Embroiderers' Guild St Mark's 3rd week in month. Pauline Lynham ☎01525 714517

8.00pm Bedford Writers Circle. St Mark's 1st week in month. Mr Newton ☎01525 378193

8.00pm Magpies Women's Group St Mark's 2nd & 4th week Jean Birks ☎219607

8.00pm Brickhill Ladies Group St Mark's 1st and 3rd week in month. Julia Nicholson ☎353642

Friday

9.30-12.30pm U3A Photography (Group 1) St Marks 4th week in month Val Scrivener ☎346397

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

10am - 12 & 1.15 - 3.15pm U3A Beginners French St Mark's Joyce Fields ☎353086

12.15pm U3A Photography (Group 2). St Mark's 4th week in month. Sue Butler ☎354183

5-8pm Stars School of Dance Putnoe Heights Contact

Esther Richardson ☎295862 or ☎07917 582468

2.00pm U3A Gardening Group Putnoe Heights Eve Whitehead ☎356875

6.15pm Yoga and Relaxation Putnoe Heights. Racheall Monton ☎297138 or 07910835994

7.45 - 10.45pm Bedford Astrology Club. St. Mark's. Carol Brown ☎01438 233385

Saturday

10.00am Theatretrain St Mark's. Dancing acting, singing. Kate Howard ☎01234 782414

Young Embroiderers bi monthly Putnoe Heights Terry Fletcher ☎357198

2.15pm Society of Recorder Players at Putnoe Heights. G Parry ☎ 01462 674792

7.00pm Duplicate Bridge. St Mark's Mrs Pillinger ☎212066

Sunday

9.30 - 10.30 Church and Sunday School at St Mark's with crèche for under 3's

11.00 - 12.00 Church and Junior at Putnoe Heights for the under 9's and Young Peoples Fellowship (Y.P.F) for our young adults. A crèche is also available.

1pm Tabernacle of Truth Church Putnoe Heights Revd. Tarr ☎360188 or ☎07866775515

6pm T.N.T. Putnoe. For 9-12 year olds (fortnightly) join us for fellowship & fun.

Every creature is a word of God.

Meister Eckhart, 14th century



Diary Dates



St Mark's Church Council – 8 November.

St Mark's Leadership Team –

Putnoe Heights Leadership Team - 18 October

Putnoe Heights Management Meeting - 27 Sept.

St Mark's Church Forum Meeting - 12 noon, 15 September, 16th November

Putnoe Church Council - 25 October.

Pastoral Group Meeting -

Churchyard Committee - 29 September

Putnoe Heights Mission Group

Partnership Council—TBA

Brickhill Parish Council Meetings

Deanery Meeting - .

Circuit Property/Treasurers Meeting

Circuit Meeting 13 Sept.

Woodland Burial Trustees –

Putnoe Heights Children & Youth –

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

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Opening Sentence from Scripture

Psalm 29:2

"Give unto the LORD the glory due to His name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness."

Collect *(Before we read we pray)*

Lord God whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and fore ever. Amen.



Old Testament Reading - Genesis 18: 1-10a

The LORD appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day. Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground. He said, "If I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, do not pass your servant by. Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree. Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way--now that you have come to your servant." "Very well," they answered, "do as you say." So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. "Quick," he said, "get three seahs of fine flour and knead it and bake some bread." Then he ran to the herd and selected a choice, tender calf and gave it to a servant, who hurried to prepare it. He then brought some curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared, and set these before them. While they ate, he stood near them under a tree. "Where is your wife Sarah?" they asked him. "There, in the tent," he said. Then the LORD said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son."

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

Epistle Reading -Col: 15-28

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behaviour. But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation-- if you continue in your faith, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant. Now I rejoice in what was suffered for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church. I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness-- the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the saints. To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. We proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ. To this end I labour, struggling with all his energy, which so powerfully works in me

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

Gospel Reading - Luke 10: 38-42 (When announced 'Glory to Christ our Saviour')

As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!" "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

Reader –This is the Gospel of Christ, **All: Praise to Christ our Lord)**

Post Communion Prayer

God of life and love, whose risen Son called Mary Magdalene by name and sent her to tell of his resurrection to his apostles: in your mercy, help us, who have been united with him in this eucharist, to proclaim the good news that he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

For Mary Magdalene

God of life and love, whose risen Son called Mary Magdalene by name and sent her to tell of his resurrection to his apostles: in your mercy, help us, who have been united with him in this eucharist, to proclaim the good news that he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Hymns *Please distribute Mission Praise*

1. Ye servants of God 784
2. For I'm building a people 151
3. I the Lord of sea and sky - On Partnership News
4. Lord speak to me that I may speak 444

Commentary



This Icon, painted by St Andrey Rublev sometime between 1408 and 1425), is often interpreted as representing the Trinity; God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. The three figures are linked together by their eyes each looking at the one next to them. I had accepted and found helpful this visual image of the Trinity, it being a very difficult concept to explain. Some years ago I discovered that the Orthodox Church's understanding of this icon is that it depicts today's OT reading from Genesis 18: 1 – 10a. The three figures are the three visitors to whom Abraham extended generous and warm hospitality. Offering such hospitality to strangers was, and I believe still is, common practise in eastern countries. The writer to the Hebrews commends this depth of hospitality to its readers in Chapter 13:2 'Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by doing so some people have entertained angels without knowing it'. By commending this to the Hebrews it is expected that all

God's people should act similarly. Martha in Luke Chapter 10 verses 38 – 42 is therefore following in a long held tradition of caring for visitors, both strangers and friends. What Martha.

Without Martha's doing, without her preparations, the hospitality that she gave to Jesus and his disciples would not have happened. What Martha did wrong was to fret about all she had to do, suggesting that at that point she had not heard Jesus' teaching, recorded later in Luke 12 verses 22 – 3, which begins: 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or your body, what you will wear ...'.

Martha's visitors were Jesus and his friends. The Icon depicts Abraham's visitors as angels. In the Bible Angels are usually taken for men until their words or deeds prove them otherwise. Abraham, in verse 3, seems to believe that one of them was 'The Lord' when in verse he says 'If I have found favour in your eyes, my lord, do not pass your servant by'. This is substantiated in verses 10 and 13 which begin 'Then the Lord said..'

So let us all be mindful, as we reach out to other's in whatever way is appropriate to us and our situation, to be alert to the fact that we 'may be entertaining angels'. And remember that Jesus teaches us, in Mathew 25 verse 35, that each time we invite a stranger in we in fact invite him in.

Wendy Waters

Meditation Martha

"So this is Martha." You say to yourself, the housewife who got into a right state over entertaining a few guests and lost patience with her sister when she failed to give a hand. No, no excuses, you may feel sympathy for me, many do, but the image remains, a woman who couldn't see beyond her immediate domestic concerns. I was busy that day, of course I was, but I was used to managing and had help enough. No, I was concerned for Mary; I loved her dearly, but she had no sense of what is proper. Don't you understand? She shouldn't have been sitting there with the men, it could easily set tongues wagging.

A man's world is different, starting from synagogue; we have our separate places, our separate functions;

She was where she had no right to be - or so I thought. Well, the Lord saw it differently, and who am I to quarrel with him? But I do sometimes wonder where it will all end.

Jesus has chosen a most unlikely teacher for us, a lowly woman -- not a respected Pharisee or lawyer, not an authoritative expert or a great prophet--a woman, to teach us that hearing and doing go together. The point of the story, is that it's not hearing OR doing, but it's hearing AND doing the Word of God that makes us faithful disciples. If we are so busy with our "doing" that we can't stop, regularly and long enough, to listen for God, well, then our lives, as Henri Nouwen says, will remain full, but unfulfilled.

Church of England votes for women bishops

The Church of England has this last week started upon a process which will allow women to become bishops. Believe it or not it has taken all this time for the church to give equal right to women! When we begin to look at women in the New Testament, the first thing we observe is how Jesus spent time with women and apparently enjoyed their companionship--in stark contrast to other men of His day. In the midst of the Greek, Roman and Jewish cultures, which viewed women almost on the level with possessions, Jesus showed love and respect for women. Though Jewish rabbis did not teach women, Jesus not only included women in His audiences but used illustrations and images in His teaching which would be familiar to them (Matt. 13:33, 22:1-2; 24:41; Lk. 15:8-10). He also specifically applied His teachings to women (Matt. 10:34f).

While the Jewish Talmud said it was better to burn the Torah than teach it to a woman, Jesus taught women freely. To the Samaritan woman at the well (Jn. 4), He revealed that He was the Messiah. With her He also discussed such important topics as eternal life and the nature of true worship. Jesus never took the position that women, by their very nature, could not understand spiritual or theological truth. He also taught Mary and, when admonished by Martha, pointed out the priority of learning spiritual truth even over "womanly" responsibilities like serving guests in one's home (Lk. 10:38-42).

Though men in Jesus' day normally would not allow women to count change into their hands for fear of physical contact, Jesus touched women to heal them and allowed women to touch Him (Lk. 13:10f; Mk. 5:25f). Jesus even allowed a small group of women to travel with Him and His disciples (Lk. 8:1-3)--"an unprecedented happening in the history of that time," said one commentator.

After His resurrection, Jesus appeared first to Mary Magdalene and sent her to announce His resurrection to the disciples (Jn. 20:1-18). Jesus did this despite the fact that women were not allowed to be witnesses in Jewish courts because women were called liars, incapable of truth!

In Jesus' treatment of women we see how He raised their station in life and how He showed them compassion and respect in a way that they had never known before. The Church of England has finally caught up with Jesus. *Charles Royden*

Prayers for Sunday and the week ahead

Thank you, Lord, for accepting us all, just as we are, men, women, young, old, wealthy, poor... Thank you that the distinctions we draw have no meaning for you, your gifts are for all and your call is to all.

O God our Creator who gave us all that we are and have; release us from self-love to be able to share what we are, what we know, what we have with one another and in the world which you love. In the name of Christ who makes this a possibility.

O Lord, you have told us that you will ask much of those whom much is given, may we, who enjoy so rich an inheritance of faith, work together more fruitfully, by our prayers and actions, to share with those who do not know you the gifts we so plentifully enjoy. Amen

Father, as we seek to share the gospel with others, help us to present it as the good news it really is; the good news of your amazing love and liberating power made know to us in Jesus Christ.

Joyful Noise Putnoe Heights Church on Saturday 16th October 2010 1.30 to 5pm, entry £2 per child. Come and explore the theme of Creation through music and singing, drama, dance and craft. Open to children aged 7 to 13 yrs on or before 1st September 2010. Please can you let Emma know at email Youth@thisischurch.com or telephone Julia on Tel: 295964 by 1st July 2010 if you wish to take part.

Brickhill Parish Council - Gathering on the Green The Parish Council needs to borrow gazebos for use at this event on 4 August 2010 on Waveney Green. This aims to provide fun, free activities for the community of Brickhill and raise awareness of agencies and community groups. We need to borrow gazebos for several of our activities (eg face painting). If you can help please ring Delia or Alison on 01234 271708.

Junior Church Summer Break St. Mark's. The last junior church before the holidays will be 11 July and we start again on 5 September. The crèche will be available all the time as normal.

Storybox and Story Plus at Putnoe Heights Last session is Monday 19th July and starts back Monday 6th September. Thank you to all volunteers who do a great job every week! Emma

Junior Church at Putnoe Heights Last session is on Sunday 25th July and our first session back is Sunday 5th September for our family service. There is no Junior Church during August! We look forward to seeing you all in September!! Emma

Great Gappo Putnoe Heights on Monday 26th July. 11.30-1.15 including lunch. Tickets are £2 in advance, £3 on door. Under 1's are free. Tickets are available from Storybox, Storybox Plus and Putnoe Church office. For further details contact: Emma Gordon - youth@thisischurch.com or Carolyn Morris -01234 350722 (after 12 noon)

Race For Life in Bedford I am taking part in this On Sunday 25th July in aid of Cancer Research U.K. In view of so many charities, churches and other good causes crying out for our money, and the present financial difficulties for so many, I am looking for folk willing to sponsor me just £1. Those donating £1 will receive a copy of my son's childhood poems. My son is a survivor of testicular cancer, hence my reason for supporting this charity. I will be in the foyer with my sponsorship form and copies of my son's poems after the morning service in St. Mark's church on Sunday 18th July. Many thanks, Marian Matthews

Thursday Prayer Group Prayer Group will not meet on 22 & 29 July or 5 August..

God's Open Word The Methodist prayer manual will soon be available. Prayers for overseas churches and concerns, as well as those in Britain, with lessons, hymns and other material. Make this an asset to all prayers. Please contact Vera Pearson if you wish 270737

St Mark's Preschool would like to thank everyone who collected Tesco and Sainsbury vouchers for them. A large number were collected and Helen and her staff will be able to get some exciting equipment for the children.

Gathering on the Green organised by Brickhill Parish Council Wednesday 4 August 11am - 3pm on Waveney Green. All activities such as Climbing Tower, Mini Carousel, Rave Bus, Bouncy Castles, Nail art, Circus Skills workshop and many others are free and everyone is welcome.

The Putnoe Heights Friday afternoon silent prayer group will not be taking place from 23rd July, for the summer holidays. We will reconvene on Friday 3rd September. Many thanks. Sam Ware (304058) and Eileen Brown (267909)

A Hymn for Sunday

I, the Lord of sea and sky.
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin, my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am Lord, is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you send me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them, they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them,
whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide,
till their hearts be satisfied,
I will give my life to them, whom shall I send?

Circle Song

Words and music Bernadette Farrell

The musical score for 'Circle Song' is presented in six systems. The first system is a 'Descant' with a repeat sign, followed by the main melody. The lyrics are: 'Come and take my hand. Come and be my friend. Come and join the cir-cle come and take my hand. Come and join the cir-cle, my friend. Come and see what life can be. come and be my friend. Ga-ther round and see what the world can be. Come and join the cir-cle, come and share God's word with me. Come and me'. The chords are: C, Am7, F, G, C, Dm7, G, Am, Em, F, C, Em, Am7, F, G, C, G, C. There are 'As needed' and 'Last time' markings at the end of the piece.

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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.

Raymond Philip Bean

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



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Forthcoming Funerals



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