



Partnership News

Putnoe Heights & St Mark's Church

19 October 2014

Ordinary 29



Sunday Services

8.30am Holy Communion every Sunday

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

19 October- Ordinary 29

9.30am St Marks - Holy Communion

Preacher - Rev Canon Charles Royden
Leadership - Mr. Mick Ovenden
Intercessions - Deacon Jane Mills
Organist - Miss Marion Prior

11.00 am Putnoe - Holy Communion

Preacher - Rev Canon Charles Royden
Leadership - Mrs. Veta Hudson-Rae
Intercessions - Mrs. Sue Allen
Organist - Mr. Ben Mason

26 October- Ordinary 30

9.30am St Marks - Morning Worship

Preacher - Deacon Jane Mills
Leadership - Mrs. Margaret Appleton
Intercessions - Mrs. Delia Shephard
Organist - Mr. Martin Thompson

11.00 am Putnoe - Morning Worship

Preacher - Deacon Jane Mills
Leadership - Mrs. Sue Allen
Intercessions - Mrs. Sam Ware
Organist - Mr. Martin Thompson

Readings 1. Deuteronomy 34: 1-12
2. 1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8 3. Matthew 22: 34-46

Midweek Holy communion at St. Mark's Chapel every Wednesday at 10am and at Sir William Harpur House on first Monday of every month at 10.00am.

Thank You

The flowers at Putnoe Heights this week are given by Val Peacock in memory of husband Trevor and by Barbara Whittingstall in memory of husband Peter .

The flowers at St. Mark's this week are given by Wyn Beck in memory of her husband Peter on his birthday.

We are grateful when people make donations towards flowers perhaps to celebrate a special occasion such as an anniversary or in memory of a loved one. Please contact Miss Marion Prior 303254 (ST Mark's) or Ann Hitt 404186 (Putnoe Heights) or add your name to the rota in the foyers.

Prayer for Sunday

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me. Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.
Attributed to St Patrick (372-466)

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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.

Churchyards Administrator

Mrs Avril Williams 01234 342613

Putnoe Heights Church Centre

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Regular Weekly Activities - A Guide To Our Churches

Monday

Hazeldene Heights Pre-school. Sessional and Full Day care available—open Mon.—Fri. Full Day Care 8.30am to 5pm Sessional times 9am—12noon and 12.45pm - 3.45pm

For more info please contact Laura Leggett 01234 326685 or www.hazeldeneheights.com

8.30-12.30pm St Mark's Pre-School Nursery

Headteacher Mrs. Helen Harpin 312634

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

9.00-3.45pm Top Marks Mon-Fri St Mark's

Headteacher Mrs. Helen Harpin 312634

(See website for more details)

9.45am - Body Control Pilates –Putnoe Heights

Stephanie Smith 357787 or 07973174430

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

10.30am U3A Play reading Putnoe Heights Contact Janet King 313946

11am-12noon Pilates St. Mark's. Liz Mason 07816522200 (starts 8 Sept.)

1.30pm Chat & Make. Term time for babies and toddlers 0-5. Crafts, toys, songs, story and refreshments £1. More details contact St Mark's Church Office on 01234 342613 or Janine 01234 297481 Restarts 8 September

12.00 noon Storybox 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. Contact Carolyn Morris youth@thisischurch.com 365630

2pm U3A Music Appreciation Putnoe Heights Contact Janet King 313946

2.00pm U3A Italian Putnoe Heights– fortnightly

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

5.30 - 8.30 NHS Eat Smart Think Active at Putnoe Heights. For more details contact Emily Taverner 01234 792013

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

6.15 pm Brownies Putnoe. Sharon Tanner 01767699399 or 07720713738.

6.15 Pilates at Putnoe Heights Jane Butcher 300859

6.15pm-8.15pm Fit for Life Yoga - Putnoe Heights Contact Jane Butcher 07891879571

6.30pm Boot Camp Putnoe Heights – Laura Amor 341152 / 07976259081

7.00pm Sugarcraft Guild St Mark's (1st week in month) Pat Nicholson 353518

7.00pm Cancer Care Society. St Mark's. (1st week in month) Mr J Dewhurst 01908 377020.

7.00-8.00pm Laughter Club at St. Mark's 2nd week each month) Cheryl Green 07729187399

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

7.30pm Whist Drive. St Mark's (Weeks 3 & 5 in the month).. Next meeting– 20 October Judith Stanton. 823313

7.30pm No Fear Bridge Club St. Mark's Mrs. Susan Ford 300218.

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

7.45-9.15 Get Fit Keep Fit at Putnoe Heights Diane Field 01234 404976

Tuesday

9 –1pm Bedford Stop Smoking at Putnoe Heights. For more details please contact Olivia Tornyie 01234 276826

9.30am Candlewicking (Needlework). Putnoe Heights. Pat McCart 365507

9.30am -12.30 & 4-9pm Slimming World St. Mark's.

Lorrie Pearson 01234 340473

11.15am U3A Keep Fit Putnoe Heights Contact Janet King 313946

1.15pm U3A Cinema Group. St Mark's Contact Janet King 313946

1.3pm U3A Choir. St Mark's Contact Janet King 313946

2.00pm U3A Book Group 1 St Mark's (3rd Week in month) Contact Janet King 313946

2.00pm U3A Book Group 2 St Mark's (2nd Week in month) Contact Janet King 313946

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

2pm U3A Photography Group 3 St. Mark's (1st Week in month) Contact Janet King 313946

2.30pm Mother Teresa Support Group. St Mark's (1st & 3rd week in month). Wool and knitting needles provided. Mrs Maureen Watling 262225

2.15pm Tuesday Afternoon Housegroup. St Mark's (2nd & 4th week in month) Mary Stubbs 406784.

4.00pm-6.15pm Stars School of Dance at Putnoe Heights. Esther Richardson 295862 or 07917582468

7.30-8.30pm Pilates St Mark's Church Jane Butcher 07891879571

7pm - 8.30pm Daisy Birthing Putnoe Heights Susie 07980447390

7.00pm Keep Fit. St. Mark's Jan Gregory 328455 (Unfortunately Jan has had to cancel her sessions at the moment, but hopes to re-start in January 2015.

7.30pm Ladies Tuesday Club at Putnoe Heights (Meets fortnightl 28 October Revd. Sam Cappleman Details Janet King 313946

8.00pm Hearts in Beds Committee St Mark's (week 4 in month) Mrs N Aspey 309816

Wednesday

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

10am-2pm Open House at St Mark's for those with learning disabilities., their friends, family , carers and supporters 342613.

10am U3A Gardening Group 3 St Marks. Contact Janet King 313946

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

10am U3A Card Making, St Marks Contact Janet King 313946

10am U3A Diet and Nutrition- Putnoe Contact Janet King 313946

11.15am U3A Keep Fit at Putnoe Heights

12.30pm –4pm St Mark's Nursery Headteacher Mrs. Helen Harpin 312634

12.30pm Luncheon Club. Putnoe fortnightly. Next meeting 22 October Putnoe Heights Office 365630

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

2.00-4.00pm U3A Craft at St Marks.Contact Janet King 313946

2pm U3A Gilbert and Sullivan Putnoe Heights Contact Janet King 313946

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

3.45.- 5.30pm Messy Church. St Mark's (3rd Week in month). for children of lower school age and their carers. Bible-based story, crafts, singing and a meal. Next meeting 15 Oct.

2014 Wendy Waters 401834 Jean Bank 355698

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

6.00 pm Brownies. St Mark's. Mrs C Warden 219731
6.15pm Yoga and Relaxation Putnoe Heights Racheall Monton 01234 297138 or 07910835994
6-7pm ATSK Karate at Putnoe Height Kevin Stark Tel. 01234 353865
7.00pm Bunyan Bridge. St. Mark's Colin Jackson 363398 or Brian Sallows 407725.
7.00pm Archaeological & Local History Society Putnoe Heights monthly. Sylvia Woods 365095
7.00pm Putnoe Guild Putnoe 3rd Wednesday in every month except August Mrs Jo Street 344600
7.00pm Line Dancing Putnoe Mike Del-Boyer 348378
8.00pm Badminton Club Putnoe Heights All welcome. Ken Marriott 214867
8.00pm Tudor Reeds Folk Dance Club at St Mark's (1st,3rd & 5th Wednesday in month). Next meeting will be 29 October Everyone welcome. All dances called, only £1 including refreshments. Rosemary 405594 or Graham 406359 for more details.
8.00pm Bedford Wine and Social Club St Mark's (Week 1 in the month) Greta Cansfield 215016

Thursday

8.30am—12.30pm St. Mark's Pre School Nursery Headteacher Mrs. Helen Harpin 312634
9.30am Thursday Prayer Group. Putnoe Heights. Valerie Capon 356306. Request for prayer can be written in the prayer diary on the information table. Will not meet on July 31 and August 7
9.15am Spanish for beginners Plus. at Putnoe Heights
10.30pm Spanish Holiday Survival at Putnoe Heights. Elena 01234 266968
9.45am Chat and Play St. Mark's. A term time group for Mums & toddlers.0-5 Contact St Mark's Church Office 01234 342613 or Janine 01234 297481 Restarts September 11
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 342613 Restarts 4 September
1.30 - 3.00pm NHS Baby Clinic at St Mark's (Weeks 1 & 3 in the month)Contact 897401
1pm-2.30pm Drop in (small hall) Next Steps 9-24months Putnoe Children's Centre. Please call Trudy Hamilton (centre assistant) for more information 340552. 2pm -
Friendly Chicago Bridge at Putnoe Heights £2 per session inc. refreshments. New members welcome. Contact Pat 01234 294220.
2pm U3A Current Affairs - Putnoe Heights Contact Janet King 313946
2-4pm U3A Indoor Games. St. Mark's Contact Janet King 313946
2.30 - 4.30pm Bedford Art Society St Mark's Jean Paterson 307210
 3.15-5.15pm Social Care Solutions Drama Group Claire Creek 262650
5.45pm Weightwatchers. St. Mark's. Clare Martin 07805408811.
6.15pm Brownies. Putnoe Heights Lou Brenna. 07919402797.
7.00pm Club 2000 Putnoe Nina Ovenden 825059
7pm U3A Folk & Poetry St Marks (2nd and 4th week in month)Contact Janet King 313946
7.15pm Putnoe Art Group Bob Wardale 406094
7.00pm Bedford Embroiderers' Guild St Mark's (3rd week in month). Carol Plant 01832710504
Bedford Folk Dancers (formerly Barn dancers) Meet weekly at Putnoe Heights Different guest callers each week. Except August. All welcome, cost £2.50

Including refreshments. More details Ron 825574 or Shirley 01767 651767
8.00pm Bedford Writers Circle. St Mark's (1st week in month). John Broadhouse 01525 404014
8.00pm Magpies Women's Group St Mark's (2nd & 4th week in month) Mrs Marie Cotchin 402089
8.00pm Brickhill Ladies Group St Mark's (1st and 3rd week in month) Susan Perugi 300219

Friday

8.30am—12.30pm St. Mark's Nursery Headteacher Mrs. Helen Harpin 312634
8.30am Diabetic Centre St Mark's (1st week in month) Deborah Hennessey 792013
9am -1pm Machine Knitting group at Putnoe Heights, fortnightly . Contact Marion Sutton 217647
10am -12.00 U3A Photography St Marks.(4th week in month) Contact Janet King 313946
10am - 12 & 1.15 - 3.15pm U3A Beginners French St. Marks Contact Janet King 313946
2.00-4.00 pm U3A Whist St Marks. (2nd week in month) Contact Janet King 313946
2pm U3A Gardening - Putnoe Heights Contact Janet King 313946
4.50pm-8.15pm Stars School of Dance Esther Richardson 295862 or 07917582468
7.00pm-9.00pm Meditation St Mark's. Cheryl Green 07729187399
7.45 - 10.45pm Bedford Astrology Club. St Marks(2nd week in month)Carol Brown 01438 233385

Saturday

9.00am Faith Temple Ministries St Mark's (1st week in month) Dawn Kelly 07863762593
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

Sunday

9.30 - 10.30 Church and Sunday School at St Mark's with crèche for under 3's
10 - 5.30pm Bedford Stamp Fayre. 1st Sunday Feb/Apr/ Jun/Aug /Oct/Dec. Contact P Harris 01623 621143
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.
2- 4.30pm Indoor Bowls at St. Mark's 1st and 3rd Sunday. Ray Seymour 305695 or church office.
Messy Church Dates 15 Oct, 19 Nov, 10 Dec



Diary Dates



St Mark's Church Council –
St Mark's Leadership Team - 26 January
Annual Congregational Meetings— 26 April 2014
Putnoe Heights Leadership Team -
Putnoe Heights Management Meeting -
Putnoe Church Council - 20 February
Pastoral Group Meeting -
Churchyard Committee -
Commemoration Service - 2nd November
Circuit meeting –
Deanery meeting -
Woodland Burial Trustees—
Putnoe Heights Children & Youth Meeting - Monday 19 January 2015
Please advise St Mark's Church Office of the dates of your meetings.

Ordinary 29

Sentence of Scripture Genesis 1:27

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Collect Prayer for the Day

Before we read we pray

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Common Worship*



First Bible Reading - Exodus 33: 12-23

Moses said to the LORD, "You have been telling me, 'Lead these people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, 'I know you by name and you have found favour with me.' If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favour with you. Remember that this nation is your people." The LORD replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." Then Moses said to him, "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. 16 How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?" And the LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name." Then Moses said, "Now show me your glory." And the LORD said, "I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the LORD, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live." Then the LORD said, "There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by. Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen." (This is the word of the Lord– **Thanks be to God**)

Second Bible Reading 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10

Paul, Silas and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace and peace to you. We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers. We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labour prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not simply with words, but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and with deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake. You became imitators of us and of the Lord; in spite of severe suffering, you welcomed the message with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia—your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it, for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath. (This is the word of the Lord-- **Thanks be to God**)

Gospel Reading - Matthew 22:15-22 (When announced – **Glory to Christ our Saviour**)

Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. "Teacher," they said, "we know you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by men, because you pay no attention to who they are. Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, "You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? Show me the coin used for paying the tax." They brought him a denarius, and he asked them, "Whose portrait is this? And whose inscription?" "Caesar's," they replied. Then he said to them, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's." When they heard this, they

were amazed. So they left him and went away. (This is the gospel of Christ - **Praise to Christ our Lord.**)

Post Communion Prayer

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hymns *(Please distribute Holy Communion booklet and Hymn Sheet)*

1. Christ triumphant ever reigning *Tune Christ Triumphant*
2. Like a mighty river flowing, *Tune Old Yeavinger*
3. My God, now is your table spread, *Tune Rockingham*
4. Alleluia, sing to Jesus! *Tune Hyfrydol*

Commentary

We should not be surprised by the Bible passage from Matthew today in which we read that the Pharisees want to trap Jesus into saying something which will either discredit him or place him in danger. Remember in Matthew Chapter 12 and Verse 14 we read *'The Pharisees went out and conspired against him, how to destroy him.'*

There is a desire by the Jewish leaders to kill Jesus. His enemies are so intent on his destruction that they join forces across political and religious divides. The Pharisees were nationalistic, they were against the Roman occupation, and today they are seen collaborating with the Herodians who were royalists who supported Herod the puppet king of Rome, they wanted the status quo to remain. Jesus is the common enemy and so these two groups join sides to ensnare Jesus and ask him a trick question, 'Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not?'

The questioners start by calling Jesus 'Teacher', perhaps to put him off his guard by appearing to flatter him by showing false respect. Nevertheless the sole intent is to cause Jesus to say something which might incriminate himself. The questioners also make the point that Jesus has no respect for wealth, position, or power. Such words encourage Jesus to fearlessly speak his mind, so to draw him into an answer which was either

- Critical of the emperors taxation of the Jews - so he would be an enemy of Rome
- Supportive of the tax - so he would be an enemy of the people

It is a brilliant question because it seemingly has no correct answer ! Let's look at what this tax was. The tax concerned (*kenson*) was a poll tax, an annual payment to the Roman occupying forces which was a painful reminder of the subjugation of the Jewish people, hence it was always unpopular with the people. Imagine paying a tax to be oppressed! The Herodians supported it in principle, the Pharisees resented it and the zealous Jews would not pay it on principle. Roman taxation had sparked off a revolt two decades earlier in AD6 by Judas of Galilee which had been violently crushed by Rome. The popular opposition to Rome was expressed by those we call Zealots, revolutionaries who believed there was no king but God.

- If Jesus says that it is right to give taxes to Caesar then he discredits himself with the people.
- If Jesus says that tax should not be paid then his opponents are in a powerful position to present Jesus to the Romans as a dangerous revolutionary.

In answering Jesus asks to see a coin used to pay the tax. Most likely the coin in question bore the image of the emperor Tiberius who ruled Rome during those years (AD 14–37). One side of the coin would have deified Tiberius as a "son of the divine Augustus." The other side would have honoured him as the "Pontifex Maximus" or "chief priest" of Roman polytheism — which is to say that the two sides of the coin celebrated absolute religious and civil authority for Tiberius. To a nationalistic Jew who confessed a radical monotheism, such a graven image was religiously offensive, contrary to the ten commandments and politically humiliating. Certainly much of the crowd would have been repulsed at the political, religious, and economic implications of honouring a pagan "god" by paying a tax to him. Why should poor peasants in Israel send their hard-earned money all the way back to Rome and its emperor?

For normal commercial use special copper coins were used without these features, so no Jew need handle the silver denarius, (probably minted in Lyon) except to pay his tax.

From the previous chapter Matt 21:23 it appears that Jesus is teaching in the temple when this

takes place. Remember no Roman coinage was supposed to be in the temple, ever. All of that was to have been exchanged in the "court of the Gentiles." The Pharisees strongly endorsed this policy, quite publicly. Yet possibly here, in the sacred space of the temple, it appears the Pharisees possess the idolatrous image. Even if it is not in the Temple the Pharisees should not carry Roman coins, for they bear this blasphemous image of Tiberius Caesar and the inscription proclaiming him divine.

Jesus asks for the image to be identified. The fact that the questioners are able to produce the coin so quickly cut the ground from beneath their feet. They were using Caesar's money with the picture and name of Caesar. So the scene is set: the true divine Son of God standing in the street beholding a graven image that represented all that was idolatrous about the cult of the Caesar.

Then Jesus comes out with this famous phrase -

Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's

Or in the phrase of the King James

*Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's;
and unto God the things that are God's.*

Jesus is saying, let Caesar can have his paltry coin. The image of Caesar is on the coin, it surely must belong to him. Yet more importantly, we are told that God created us in his image. If the image of Caesar on a coin meant that it was his, then surely the image of God on humanity means that we must render to God our whole being. Jesus is calling us to recognise that his followers should not have double standards, we must not divide our lives into our God bit and our secular bit. It means that the things we think and pray about in church on Sunday must work themselves out during the week in the rest of our lives.

Now it is for each of us before God to sort that out and try to consider what it means. Somehow as we read the teachings of Jesus about how we should live, we have to take it to heart and make it real. In our busy lives we are challenged today not to forget God and his claims on our lives. We belong to God, because we are fashioned in his image, all of us. We belong to God in all our being, with all our talents, interests, time, and wealth. Each one of us is a 'coin of God' he has stamped his divine image onto each of us. So we render our tax to Caesar but our whole lives to God. Amen *Charles Royden*

Meditation

The Church of England is being urged to pray for victims of human trafficking at services. Freedom Sunday, a global day of prayer, action and worship backed by major Christian denominations in Britain, takes place on October 19. Organisers have produced a set of resources for churches with prayers, Bible studies, reflections, case studies and sermon notes to help mark the day. In a foreword to the resources, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Revd Justin Welby, warns that human trafficking is a "grave crime" against humanity. "It is a form of modern day slavery and a profound violation of the intrinsic dignity of human beings," he wrote. "It is intolerable that millions of fellow human beings should be violated in this way, subjected to inhuman exploitation and deprived of their dignity and rights." It comes as the Church of England backs measures to strengthen the Modern Slavery Bill - a Bill currently going through Parliament aimed at tackling human trafficking into Britain. The Salvation Army published research earlier this week showing that more than 1,800 victims of human trafficking in England and Wales have received support from the charity since 2011. Forced labour cases grew at a faster rate last year than sexual exploitation for the first time, it added.

Prayers for today and the week ahead

Heavenly Father, you taught us by your Son Jesus Christ that all our possessions come from you. Help us to be faithful stewards of our time, our talents and our wealth, and to consecrate gladly to you service a due proportion of all that you have given us. Take us and make us your own; for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen

Almighty God, as we stand at the foot of the cross of your Son, help us to see and know your love for us, so that in humility, love and joy we may place at His feet all that we have and all that we are, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters, we do also for you. Give us the will to be servants of others as you were the servant of all; for you gave up your life and died for us, but live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

World War 1 Advance Notice—Saturday 15 November at 6.30pm at Putnoe Heights Church 'Innocence and Experience' an evening recollections of the First World War' using poetry, prose and pictures. Trench grub will be served at tables of 8 people. Vegetarians can request an alternative to the bully beef. Tickets £10 available from church offices or Jenny Emsley. All proceeds to church funds. There will be a raffle in aid of SSAFA.

Partnership Quiz- date for your diary. This year's quiz will be held at Putnoe Height on Saturday 1 November 7.00pm for 7.30pm. Tickets are available from both church offices, £7.50 to include fish/chicken and chips supper. You are invited to make up a team of 6-8 or just buy a ticket and come along.

Friends for Life is running a Volunteer Induction Session at Putnoe Heights Church on Saturday, 15 November 2014, 10am – 4pm. Volunteering for Friends for Life is extremely rewarding and very flexible – no pressure, no rotas, perhaps you could find time to be a friend to someone who could use one. Places are also still available for the Tackling Loneliness in Care Homes Forum on Wednesday, 8th October, 7pm at St Mary's Church Hall, Goldington. An evening with a presentation from Revd Dr Keith Albans, a Director from MHA, refreshments and discussion opportunities. If you would like to know more about volunteering for Friends for Life or would like to come along to the Forum, please contact Joanne Barrow on 213038, barrow.ffl@virginmedia.com or visit the website www.friendsforlifebedford.org.uk

Flower Festival Through the Ages at St. Martin's Church, Clapham Road 18 (10am—5pm) and 19 October. (2pm—5pm) Refreshments and stalls.

Men's Fellowship Meal 11th November at 7.30pm at The Pheasant Public House. £15 for two courses and first drink. Deposit £5 to be paid by 2nd November with choices. For details of menu and further information contact Barry Southam 01234 219714, mobile 07860639595 email barrysoutham@aol.com

'What then was War' The Royal British Legion presents poetry and songs from the Great War. Saturday 8th November 2014 at 7.30pm. Tickets £8/£6 from Central Box Office

Roderick Williams, Baritone, with Joseph Middleton, piano. As seen at the BBC Last Night of the Proms 2014. Saturday 22 November 2014. St Andrew's Church. Advance tickets £8, £7 concessions, Students 16-21 £3 Children free accompanied by an adult. At the door are £9/ £8 concessions available Church Centre Office, Kimbolton Road, tel 01234 216881 Central Box Office, Bedford, tel 01234 718112

Putnoe Heights Harvest Festival Thank you for all the generous donations for the food bank. These

are now in their warehouse and we await news of their estimate of how many people our donation will feed. Thanks also to all who helped to make the lunch a success. Ticket sales and donations have enabled us to donate £270 to BECHAR.

1st Putnoe Brownies and Rainbows are taking part in The Poppy Challenge. This badge has been created by 1st Kedington Rangers in support of the work of the Royal British Legions Poppy Appeal and to spread the awareness about Remembrance Day whilst also raising funds for the work that they do. Last year (2013) they raised £2000 for the Royal British Legions through sales of this badge. The Brownies have to do six clauses for one of the clauses we have chosen. Make a paper chain 100 links long and write the name of 100 fallen soldiers from your area and hang this in your meeting area. We would like to make this chain personal and would like to invite any members of the church whose family lost someone in WW1 to leave the details of that person their name and age at the church office and the Brownies will put it in the chain which we will display on Remembrance Sunday. Thank You Sharon Tanner Brown Owl

Pastoral Care A free course in Pastoral Care is to be held in two parts at St Mary's Church Goldington on Saturdays 8 and 22 of November. On 8 November the times are 09.30 - 16.00 and on 22 November 9.30 to 13.00. Please speak with Wendy Waters if you are interested.

Employment Vacancy. Dorothea Court provides Sheltered Housing and Assisted Living for Elderly Christians. We are looking for an all-rounder who can cook and provide a cleaning and laundry service for our occupants. You will stand in for our regular workers when they are on leave or sick leave. We are looking for a responsible, mature person to cover when our Contracted Housing Support Workers or Cooks are off duty, or on leave or sick. The cleaning and laundry shifts are reasonably flexible. If you are interested in this position, please contact the Scheme Manager Mrs van der Tang at 03003031490 to make an appointment.

Julia Furnell - Many of the Putnoe Heights congregation will know Julia who is currently residing at Annandale Lodge. Although Julia is well looked after at Annandale she is very much missing her friends at church and would welcome a visit from anyone and everyone! The address for Annandale is 8 Linden Road, MK40 2DA, tel 218400. Julia would be thrilled to see you. Jo Barrow

St Marks Junior Church Dates 19 and 26 October. 2 November All Saints Worship children stay in church

St Mark's Christmas Craft Fayre Saturday

22 November 2014 It comes round faster and faster each year. Our Craft Fayre is on 22nd November and your help is needed in so many ways. We will be having the usual Church stalls again and donated items will be greatly appreciated. **New Tombola:** New and unused items needed so please look in your cupboards etc. **Homemade Cake Stall:** Homemade cakes, **Secondhand Book Stall:** Books in good condition plus any jigsaws (with all the pieces) please. **Indoor Plant Stall:** Now is the time to plant cuttings and bulbs etc. **Refreshments:** Donations of tray bakes to sell with our teas and coffees. And of course the **Christmas Prize Draw:** Any new items suitable for raffle prizes would be really welcome. Raffle tickets will be on sale in October. We will need a lot of help nearer the time with leaflet delivering, selling of raffle tickets distributing posters etc. Please let me know of any locations where you think a poster would go. If you are able to help us with manning a stall, on the 22 November, helping in the kitchen or in any other way, we would love to hear from you. As always your help is very much appreciated and we could not run this large fundraising event without your help. Please contact Avril Williams.

Defibrillator Training The next session of training will take place at St Mark's on Sunday 19 October from 2.00pm—4.00pm The defibrillator will start the heart of somebody who would otherwise die. You cannot hurt anybody by using it—if their heart hasn't stopped it doesn't work! So please come along and learn you might save a life.

St. Mark's Garden of Remembrance working party 19 October at 2pm. We would be grateful for help with Autumn clearing. Please bring own secateurs, trowels, bags, gloves, loppers, trugs, kneelers etc. Any queries please see Marion Prior.

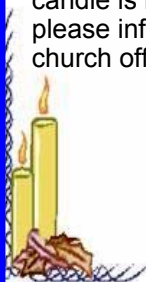
Footprints Walk Sunday 2nd November. Meet at Colmworth Golf Club, New Rd, Colmworth (follow signs from Kimbolton Rd) at 2.00pm at the large car park in front of the clubhouse. A 3 mile walk on field paths with no stiles to Wilden and return. Please note the earlier winter start time.

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

**Lorna Vicky Hawkins
Peter Whittingstall
Peter Beck**

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



For Sale A very nice unmarked oval dining table and 6 chairs (including 2 carvers) mahogany colour approx. (6 'x3') offers around £100 please. Lucky purchaser will not be disappointed. please Contact 07947 902846 (Geoff)

Putnoe Art Group are holding an exhibition and sale of paintings at Putnoe Heights Church on Saturday 25 October 2014 from 10am to 4pm. Refreshments available. Sale for one day only.

Bedford Foodbank. On behalf of the Bedford Foodbank I would like to thank Putnoe Heights Church for your support and very generous donation of 93.06kg of food which equates to 221 meals. We really appreciated your church's support. Maria Guest, Harvest Coordinator, Bedford Foodbank.

Mother Theresa We are looking for new people to join our small friendly group. We meet alternate Tuesday afternoon from 2.30—4.15. at St. Mark's, wool, needles, tea and biscuits provided. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 28 October. Come and join us. Maureen Watling 262225 or Church Officer

Putnoe Heights Table Top Sale and Coffee Morning to be held Saturday 15th November 10am – 12 noon. To book table (£6 in advance £8 on the day) contact Putnoe church office 01234 365630 or Jenny Snelson 01234 344417. Donations of cakes for refreshments / sale greatly appreciated.

Mission Thank you to all those who have already responded so generously to our Autumn Mission Project for Emmaus. If you have not received an envelope with details of how to get involved do pick one up from the church offices or see Sam, Charlie or Jane. If you would like to make a contribution either hand it in to one of the church offices or place your envelope in the weekly offertory as the plate comes round.

Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving Sunday 2 November at 3.00pm at St Mark's

You are invited to remember and give thanks for those we have entrusted to God's safe keeping. Release of doves in church grounds immediately before service. Children may come from 2.30pm to see the doves.

Preacher: The Reverend Nicola McIntosh
Chaplain of Bedford Hospital
St Mark's Church, Calder Rise, Bedford.



Forthcoming Funerals

There are no funerals
this week