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Partnership News

1 July 2007

13th in Ordinary Time



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England

Partnership Church Services Today

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

9.30am St Mark's - Family Worship with baptism of Marena Tamika D'Aniello

Preacher – Rev Dr Joan Crossley
Leadership Team - Mr Mike Cooper
Intercessions - Mrs Alison Holden

11am Putnoe Heights - Family Worship

Preacher - Revd Dr Joan Crossley
Leadership Team - Mrs Jenny Emsley
Intercessions - Mrs Claire Peck

14th in Ordinary - 8 July

9.30am St Mark's - Morning Worship

Preacher – Mr G Follett
Leadership Team - Mrs Delia Shephard
Intercessions - Mr W Holden

11.00am Putnoe Heights - Morning Worship

Preacher - Mr G Follett
Leadership Team - Mrs Linda Hoar
Intercessions - Dr Tim Wilkes
Joan is at General Synod.

Readings

- 1: Isaiah 66: 10-14
- 2: Galatians 6: 7-16
- 3: Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20

Thank You

The lilies at St Mark's have been grown and given by Jennifer Sanboorah in memory of neighbours and friends.

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)

Prayer for Sunday

We bless you, O God,
that we were made to love,
as the stars were made to shine.
Grant that such love may never die
within us
but, being daily rekindled in our souls,
may burn in our hearts and forever
renew our whole being
with the gift of eternal life;
this we ask through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Florence Allshorn, 1887-1950

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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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Open 9am—5pm Monday to Friday

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Regular Weekly Activities - A Guide To Our Churches

Monday

9.30-12.00pm Mon-Fri Putnoe Heights Pre-school

Headteacher Mrs Janet Smith ☎326685

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

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.

10.00am Bakers Barn Art Group. St Mark's

Mr Kellie ☎721063

12.00-1.00pm Story box 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. ☎Liz 302349

2.30-4.30pm Bedford Arts Society at Putnoe Heights

Malcolm Smith ☎01234 400741 (weekly from 25

September 2006)

4.00pm Storybox Plus Putnoe Heights for 4-9 year Old. Meet at 3.30 for refreshments & games. Then till 5pm 'follow the year' through stories, drama, singing & craft activities. We then make a short presentation in church on first Sunday in each month. ☎Liz Spavins 302349

4.15pm Rosemary Conley Diet & Fitness. Putnoe

Heights. Miriam Adcock ☎01908 565044

4.15-6.00pm Kumon Maths Putnoe Heights.

Ms Raksha Mistry ☎01908 392698

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

6.15 pm Brownies Putnoe. Sharon Tanner ☎364710

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. Putnoe Heights Karen Simpson ☎244970

7.30pm Creative Needles. Putnoe Heights.

Jacky Hayward ☎307648.

7.30pm Whist Drive. St Mark's each month next 18 June 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). Putnoe Heights.

Judi Staughton ☎341821

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

Helen Folbigg ☎351223

10.00am Keep Fit. Putnoe Heights. Mrs Stileman

☎822230

1.30-3pm Toddlers Playtime. Putnoe Heights.

Andrea ☎210177 or Majella ☎325293.

1.30pm U3A Cinema Group. St Mark's. Last Tuesday of the month. Mr Austin ☎365184

2.00pm U3A Book Group. St Mark's (3rd Tuesday only)

Mrs Burman ☎364723

2.00pm Library Walk W.I. Putnoe Heights, meets monthly. Mrs C Allen ☎363878

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

2.15pm Putnoe Heights Women's Fellowship - Next meeting July 3rd Minister- Mr R Ledger. Betty Wyatt ☎350188.

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

2.30pm Tuesday Afternoon Housegroup. St Mark's Meets fortnightly. Mary Stubbs ☎406784.

3.45-5.30pm Stars School of Dance. Putnoe Heights. Esther Sancto ☎272517 or ☎07917 0582468.

6.30 - 7.30pm Yoga Putnoe Heights.

Rachel Leontyne ☎783129

7.00pm Hearts in Beds Cardiac Support Group at St Mark's, (1st Tuesday) Contact Kate Parsons 351150

7-8pm Keep Fit. St. Mark's Jan Gregory ☎214107.

7-9pm MT Karate [all ages] Putnoe Heights.

Karen King ☎07941 264885

7- 10pm Card Makers Club meets fortnightly at St Mark's. Carol Houghton ☎346718

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

7.30-10.30pm Chartered Management Institute St Mks

7.45pm Putnoe Heights Ladies Tuesday Club - Meets

fortnightly. Next meeting 3 July "A Village in Kenya"

Audrey Wilkins ☎365068 or Margaret Gentle ☎309043

Wednesday

9.00am Paint Tots at St Mark's Jacqui Harrahan ☎824475

9.30am Childminding Support Group. Putnoe Heights.

Mrs S Longman ☎313949

9.30am - Body Control Pilates. Putnoe Heights.

Stephanie Smith ☎357787.

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

10.30 am U3A Art Appreciation Putnoe Heights

Fortnightly. Audrey Hancock ☎365915.

Luncheon Club. Putnoe Heights fortnightly. Next meeting 27 June 2007 Putnoe Heights Office ☎365630

1.00-3pm Police Surgery at Putnoe Heights .

1.30-4.00pm. Bridge Club for the Retired. St. Mark's. Mr Barnes ☎261811

2.15pm - Fifty plus Keep Fit. Putnoe Heights

Mrs Webster ☎856966

4.15-6pm Kumon Maths. Putnoe Heights

Mrs Raksha Mistry ☎01908 392698

6.00 pm Brownies. St Mark's.

Mrs Carol Warden ☎219731

6.15-7.45pm Yoga and Relaxation Putnoe Heights

Racheall Monton ☎01234 297138

6.30-7.30pm Karate. St Mark's Karen ☎079412 64885

7.00pm Bunyan Bridge. St. Mark's

Brian Sallows ☎407725

7.00pm Archaeological & Local History Society meets monthly. Putnoe Heights. Sylvia Woods ☎365095

7.00pm Yoga St Mark's Dorothy Turner ☎721763

7.00pm Putnoe Guild meets monthly. Putnoe Heights.

Janice ☎Loxley 347073

7.45pm Badminton Club. Putnoe Heights

All welcome. Ken Marriott ☎214867

8.00-10.00pm Tudor Reeds Folk Dance Club St Mark's, 1st ,3rd & 5th Wednesday. More details Graham ☎406359 or Danny ☎401668.

8.00pm Bedford Wine and Social Club St Mark's (1st week) Mrs Gansfield ☎215016

Thursday

9.30am Thursday Prayer Group. 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-12.30 Jo Jingles. St. Mark's. Music & movement for pre-school children. Jayne Phillips ☎01582 485333

9.45am Yoga Putnoe Heights Karen Simpson ☎244970

9.45am-11.30am Chat and Play St.Mark's. A group for Mums & toddlers. £1.50 for first child + 50p for each extra child over 2 years. More details from St. Marks Office ☎342613 or Emma Strangwick ☎211070

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

12pm Storybox. 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 based story and singing. Lots of fun. Contact Emma Strangwick ☎211070

1.30-3pm Toddler Playtime. Putnoe Andrea ☎210177 or Magella ☎325293.

2- 4.30pm Putnoe Bridge Club. Gerald Palmer ☎345991

5.30-7.30pm Police Surgery. St Mark's Foyer.

6.15 pm Weightwatchers. St. Mark's.

Mrs Margaret Ralph ☎01767 224978.

6.15pm Brownies. Putnoe Heights Helga Nash ☎218521

6.15pm Bedford Junior Chess Club. St. Mark's

Mr & Mrs Pike ☎823795

7.00pm Club 2000 Putnoe Heights

Sheila Jakeman ☎261935

7-9pm U3A Folk & Poetry Group. St Mark's (Fortnightly starting from 26th April) Contact Doug Ovenden ☎825059

7.30pm-11.00pm Bedford Senior Chess Club St Mark's Mr P Housden ☎376597

7.30-9.30pm Embroiderers' Guild St Mark's 3rd Thursday of the month. Mrs E Rigby ☎344442

7.30-9.30pm Tabernacle of Truth Church Putnoe Heights Bible Studies every 2 Thursday- Pastor Tarr ☎360188

7.45pm Housegroup meets fortnightly

Betty Wyatt ☎350188

8.00-10pm Bedford Writers Circle. St Mark's 1st Thursday each month. Mr Broadhouse ☎740271

8.00-10.00pm Magpies Women's Group St Mark's (2nd & 4th weeks) Mrs Cotchin ☎402089

8.00pm Brickhill Wives St Mark's (1st and 3rd weeks) Mrs Woods ☎404702

Friday

9.30am & 12.30pm U3A Photography Group (4th week) Joyce Fildes ☎353086

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

1.30-2pm Stars School of Dance Putnoe Heights Contact Esther Sancto ☎272517 or ☎07917 582468

2.00pm U3A Gardening Group Putnoe Heights Eve Whitehead ☎356875

6.30-9.00pm Line Dancing. St Mark's A night of fun Christine Rushton ☎782360

7-10pm Bedford Arts Society fortnightly Putnoe Heights from 8 September. Malcolm Smith ☎01234 400741

7.30pm Youth Club for age 10-15. St Mark's Church. Contact PCSO Rowland Gilbey ☎349179

Saturday

9.00- 12.00pm Stars School of Dance. Putnoe Esther Sancto ☎272517 or ☎07917 582468

10.00am - 1.00pm Theatretrain St Mark's. Dancing acting, singing. Kate Randle ☎01234 782414

7.15-10.30pm Duplicate Bridge. St Mark's Ann or Peter ☎212066

Sunday

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

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

1 - 3pm Tabernacle of Truth Church Putnoe Heights Revd. Tarr ☎360188 or ☎07866775515

6-7.30pm T.N.T. Putnoe. For 9-12 year olds (fortnightly) join us for fellowship, fun, games & outings. Liz ☎302349.

6 -7.30pm T.X.T Putnoe. for 13 + fortnightly, join us for fellowship, debate & discussion. Liz ☎302349

Diary Dates

St Mark's Church Council – 12 November

St Mark's Leadership Team – 12 September

Putnoe Heights Leadership Team –17 September

St Mark's Church Management Meeting -

Putnoe Heights Centre Management - 20 August

Putnoe Church Council - 8th October

Pastoral Group Meeting –

Churchyard Committee - 5 September 11am

Putnoe Heights Mission Group Meeting.12 September. 7.30pm at 14 Flint Way

Partnership Council -

Brickhill Parish Council Meetings on 6 July

Deanery Meeting - 13 September St Paul's

Circuit Meeting

Woodland Burial Trustees - 3 September 7pm

Putnoe Heights Children & Youth–

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



Telecare

It is extremely helpful to the Ministers to be able to have feed back, especially if somebody is poorly or in hospital. If you have not yet put your name down on the

Telecare scheme, please do

so. Additional members of the Pastoral Team are sharing the task of making telephone calls. Please do not be concerned if a new person calls.

13th in Ordinary

Opening Verse Galatians 5 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Collect Prayer for the Day Lord of heaven and earth, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and power of your Church. Sow in our hearts the seeds of your grace that we may bear the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Bible Reading—1 Kings 19: 15-16, 19-21

The LORD said to him, "Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazeel king over Aram. Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet. So Elijah went from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat. He was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen, and he himself was driving the twelfth pair. Elijah went up to him and threw his cloak around him. Elisha then left his oxen and ran after Elijah. "Let me kiss my father and mother good-bye," he said, "and then I will come with you." "Go back," Elijah replied. "What have I done to you?" So Elisha left him and went back. He took his yoke of oxen and slaughtered them. He burned the plowing equipment to cook the meat and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out to follow Elijah and became his attendant. (This is the word of the Lord - **Thanks be to God**)

Second Bible Reading — Galatians 5: 1, 13-25

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery. As for those agitators, I wish they would go the whole way and emasculate themselves! You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love. The entire law is summed up in a single command: "Love your neighbour as yourself." 15 If you keep on biting and devouring each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other. So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law. The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. (This is the word of the Lord- **Thanks be to God**)

Third Bible Reading – Luke 9: 51-62

As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem. When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, "Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?" But Jesus turned and rebuked them, and they

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Galatians 5.22

went to another village. As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." Jesus replied, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head." He said to another man, "Follow me." But the man replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Still another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say good-bye to my family." Jesus replied, "No one who puts his hand to the plough and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."
(This is the Word of the Lord - **Thanks be to God**)

Post Communion Prayer

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

Hymns (Please distribute Mission Praise)

1. Be thou my vision 51
2. You shall go out with joy 796
3. Joy to the world 393
4. Guide me o thou great redeemer 201
5. Take my life and let it be 624

Commentary

Jesus sometimes used a style of preaching which could only be described as polemical, that is drawing a stark comparison between two opposing extremes. He would polarise two ideas that seemed to belong together. In the reading from Luke we hear today Jesus was approached by a man who earnestly desired to follow Him and become a good disciple. Jesus sounded quite scornful at the man's excuse that he must first pop home to bury his father. "let the dead bury the dead!" Jesus exclaimed. These are words which still have the power to shock. Was Jesus really saying that the sacred duty of burying a dead family member had to be ignored? Unthinkable, unspeakable. As usual when Jesus made such a polemical statement it caused this hearers to ask a completely new set of questions about human priorities. Is it possible that Jesus was placing discipleship above the sacred duties of a son or husband? Almost certainly, yes. This is a hard teaching because we take it for granted that family love is the best, the most important thing in the world. Is Jesus challenging us by saying that even this kind of love must come second to the love for God and the duty to follow him? I am very much afraid so. If even family, the most precious thing might have to come second to following God: what did it mean for the other less sacred preoccupations of life? Jesus was demanding a dramatic rescheduling of his followers' priorities. Divine love first, then earthly love. The two are usually cosily intertwined and no hard choices usually need to be made. But there might be cases when a person has to choose between doing what is right in the eyes of God and what is acceptable to the family or life partner. Jesus was saying to the would-be disciple that there must be no confusion about priorities: that loving God must be the centre and foundation of our lives and that everything else must flow from that. It is a little like a man on a desert island choosing to rescue his clothes rather than food and water. Without the tools needed to sustain his life, clothes were irrelevant. It is so with us. We cannot properly love anyone until we are fully integrated with the love of God. Once we are right with God, all other loves are based on solid ground.

In the reading from the epistle to the Galatians we have a list of the qualities that a Christian soul should aspire to. And what a list of qualities it is: love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, goodness, faith, kindness and self control! . They are a kind of spiritual wish list. The target is set for us, the bar is raised high. We should use the list to see where we fall short. Are we kind but lacking in that light-hearted trusting joy of a true believer? Are we loving but completely lacking in patience or self-control? Christian discipleship is a continuous process of trying to become more like Jesus and that means slowly cultivating all these qualities. It isn't easy but Jesus teaches us to be ambitious for ourselves. As we heard in the Gospel reading Jesus wants to shock us out of our comfort zone. God does not take the gloomy view that humanity can never improve. God doesn't believe that we are stuck forever in sin and personal weakness. In all his teachings, Jesus showed that people could move on, shake off their sins and become transformed. There is no-one who cannot be redeemed. The list of the fruits of the Spirit could be used as a spiritual check-list – how fit are you? *Joan Crossley*

Meditation

In today's All Age worship we will be thinking about the fruits of the spirit and noting that none of us have all these qualities or not all of these qualities to the same degree. Some people have the lovely quality of gentleness. Others have the gift of inner peace. All of these "fruits" of the Holy Spirit are excellent on their own. But together they are wonderful. Perhaps a church, which is made up of different types of Christian might be said to be a blend of such fruits of the Spirit? We can help each other develop to complete fruition. Together we blend, learn to take flavour from each other and help each other be more fruitful. Yes, it is a fruit-salad of the Spirit!

Prayers for Sunday and the week ahead

Teach us, Good Lord, to serve thee as thou deservest: to give and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to seek for rest, to labour and not to ask for any reward, save that of knowing that we do thy will. Amen (Ignatius of Loyola)

Spirit unseen, burn strong within my soul. Spirit unseen let me breathe you deep within. Spirit unseen awaken me to realise that God is at the very heart of my existence so the ordinary happening is wondrously filled with Go-light. The truth is I am, loved. I am loved. Amen (Louise Hartgill)

News from the wider church

Giant 'carbon footprint' to spark debate at Methodist Conference

The Methodist Relief and Development Fund (MRDF) will be using a red, two metre high 'carbon footprint' at this year's Methodist Conference to highlight the danger to developing countries posed by climate change. The charity will be challenging Conference representatives to measure their own carbon footprints and to act to reduce them. As more people commit to action throughout the Conference, the footprint will gradually turn green.

MRDF Director Kirsty Smith said: "The average Briton is responsible for ten times more carbon emissions than someone in El Salvador, and up to a hundred times more than someone in parts of Africa like Mali or Niger. Poor countries, where MRDF partner organisations work, are already feeling the impact of climate change: rainfall patterns are changing, drought is increasingly severe and extreme weather is more likely. This Conference, we must face up to the impact that our lifestyles and decisions have on the world's poorest people and take positive action."

The Conference will debate a resolution entitled 'caring for creation in the face of climate change' which encourages every part of the Methodist Church to monitor and reduce its carbon emissions. "MRDF believes that by working together Methodists can take a lead in tackling climate change through political action and personal choices," continued Ms Smith. "It's time we stood up and were counted." To help Conference representatives get started, energy-saving starter kits will be available from MRDF in a limited edition bag made from re-used Indian newspapers.

Forget violent video games and do something positive for peace

Banning violent video games doesn't go far enough, according to Steve Pearce at MethodistChildren: "We need to take the more difficult step and do something positive to build peace." Peacebuilders is a brand new project which does exactly that. It is designed to take the Church into its community to explore what practical steps children and adults of all groups might be prepared to take to build peace in the neighbourhood and in the nation. "We often teach children about peace, but letting them take a lead could be just what many communities need," suggests Doug Swanney, Children's Work Development Officer. The Peacebuilders booklet offers 36 pages of ideas and activities and churches are being encouraged to set up Peacebuilders groups in all their churches and schools. Personal peace, community peace and world peace each receive attention in biblical and practical ways intentionally leading to suggestions for improving ourselves and our world.

The project is a ground-breaking co-operation between The Methodist Church, The United Reformed Church, The Church of North India and the Henry Martyn Institute, Hyderabad. The Indian connection has brought a wealth of experience from its work with the marginalized and communities in conflict.

Desmond Tutu at St Albans It seemed very appropriate to the 5, 000 people who came to St Albans to celebrate Britain's first martyr this weekend that they should be led in worship by a man who has done so much for human rights and dignity in the modern world. The spontaneous applause from the pilgrims as Archbishop Desmond Tutu made his way from the site of Alban's sentence to death to his place of execution outside what is now St Albans Cathedral reflected the mood of celebration and gratitude for his

presence despite advancing years.

Archbishop Tutu said, "It is an incredible, exhilarating occasion. When you hear people speak about the Church dying you say 'where are they when the Church has occasions such as this one?'"

The Rt Revd Christopher Herbert, Bishop of St Albans, said, "Archbishop Tutu is a world statesman, a man of enormous truth and compassion so to have him here is just tremendous."

When the morning Eucharist finally began after every seat had been filled at the Cathedral and many hundreds had settled down outside to listen to an audio broadcast, the Archbishop welcomed all the "beautiful people" who had come from every continent. The Archbishop presided at the service with the Venerable Mark Oakley, Archdeacon of Germany and Northern Europe preaching. Applause was heard again when Mark Oakley began by paying tribute to Archbishop Tutu and the Dean of St Albans, the Very Revd Dr Jeffrey John. He said, "At a time when many of us are feeling increasingly homeless in an Anglican Church that I had always believed was built to be a large ark where every weird and wonderful animal had to budge over a bit to let another one find some straw, at such a time my energy is renewed and I believe I can hope again when I see these two brave Christians who at great cost have spoken up for human dignity in all its God-given diversity and colour."

Pilgrims spent the afternoon being entertained by chariot racing and enjoying the Cathedral Café's hospitality before crowding back into the building for evensong and a sermon from Archbishop Tutu. He drew together examples of where there had apparently been no great plan from God had in fact resulted in good arguing that, for example, without the persecution of Christians by the Romans there would have been no Alban and without the system of Apartheid no Nelson Mandela. When the sermon finished the applause began outside the cathedral with a ripple affect spreading throughout the building.

TNT Sunday 8 & 22 July cooking/ rounders depending on weather 6.00 at Putnoe.

Two Day Summer Special—'Joseph and his Amazing Technicolor Dream-coat'. We invite all our young adults (under100yrs!)and children (over 5 years) throughout the Partnership, to join us at Putnoe Heights on Tuesday 21 & Wednesday22 August between 9.30 and 3.30 for two days of fun. We will learn about Joseph and his family relationships through story, discussion, games, crafts and under the direction of Clive Simmonds put together the 20 minute musical performance. More details will follow. Liz
We would very much appreciate any adult help for either part of day.

Storybox plus now meets at Putnoe on a Monday afternoon between 3.30 and 5.00. If any children aged between 4 and 9 years old within the Partnership would like to join us as we "Follow the Year" please contact Liz

"The Great Gappo" children's entertainer at Putnoe Heights on Monday 23 July 12-3pm .Sandwich lunch, games and crafts. Tickets £1 at Story Box & Story Box Plus or Junior church. £2 on the door. All welcome. See Liz or Emma.

YPF/Jnr Church—There will be no YPF or Jnr Church at Putnoe during August

Putnoe Heights flowers. Anyone who wishes to donate flowers for Sundays during the next few

months is invited to enter their name(s) on the rota on the notice board in the welcome area at Putnoe.

Belief Courses A Day Retreat at Turvey Abbey on Saturday 24th November 2007. The suggested Fee will be £30.00. For information contact Stephen Heap 01234 216181. Cheques payable to BELIEF. Getting to grips with Matthew's Gospel. Speaker - Dr Jeffrey John at St Andrew's Church, Kimbolton Road.. 23rd February.2008 Forms available from St Mark's Church Office

The Methodist Circuit are considering an extension of Rev. Dr. Joan Crossley's Ministry at Putnoe Heights Church for 3 years from August 2008-2011. The Leadership at both St.Mark's & Putnoe Heights would welcome your consideration on this matter. Please talk to us before 4 July, many thanks, Leadership Teams of Putnoe & St. Marks.

Luncheon Club. Seats still available on the coach for Luncheon Club's summer outing on 25th July to Town and Country Garden Centre, Shepreth for afternoon tea. Cost £5. Starting time 12.45pm from pick ups at Avon Drive, St. Mark's Church, Putnoe Heights Church and Madenbury House. Please contact St. Mark's Church office 342613 or Margaret Standley 305352.

Putnoe Heights Grass Cutting and Gardening. - Could anyone offer to do this on a regular basis? Otherwise there is a rota on the Notice Board in the Welcome Area for people to sign to do it weekly. Thank you.



St Mark's Coffee Shop. There will be a tea and coffee shop open at St Mark's every Sunday afternoon 2.30pm—5.00pm starting from 1st July. This will last at least until October, and depending upon the success of the venture it may be extended throughout the year and cover

weekends. It will be held in the WREN room in the new centre. Initially we would like to try and cover every Sunday afternoon with volunteers. We would therefore be grateful for volunteers who would be willing to give a Sunday afternoon. Please sign your name on the rota in the foyer. We would like to have two volunteers on duty if possible each Sunday. And don't forget to come along and enjoy great teas

Acorn Vet Open Day. Acorn House Veterinary Surgery, Linnet Way is having an open day on Sunday 19 August 2.00pm—5.00pm. Tour the surgery, refreshments, cake stall, tombola - proceeds to local animal charities.

Putnoe Heights Mission Group are looking for new helpers to spur our work and contribute new ideas for fundraising. Date for your diary Saturday 4 August 10 - 12 noon coffee morning with Pam & Bob Burn at 1 Slater Close, Kempston. Offers of transport needed. If you can help please sign list at Church entrance on Sunday or contact Sylvia Cohen 343424.

Youth Matters is commencing a free two day introduction to carpentry. The criteria are that learners should have been out of work or Education for 3 years and be over 18, no upper age limit. The course is sponsored by The Learning Partnership of Bedford & Luton and will be held on Tuesday – Friday either 10:00am – Midday or 1:00pm – 3:00pm For further details or to register contact 01234-311811

Fruits of the Spirit, Storybox song for Putnoe

Love and peace and gentleness
Patience and goodness and joy
Fruits of the spirit Of the spirit Make a Christian soul

Kindness, control and faithfulness
Calmness and love within
Fruits of the spirit Of the spirit.
Make a Christian soul

We would be grateful for any help in stacking the chairs at St Mark's after morning service each Sunday. Many thanks

We are now serving 'Traidcraft' coffee and tea on Sunday mornings at St Mark's. There is a catalogue in the foyer if you should wish to purchase items. Please see Linda Parry.

Sunday morning coffee makers at St Mark's The coffee and tea is now kept in the large cupboard in the kitchen.

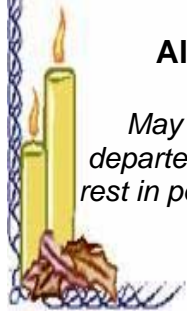
Footprints. The next date for a walk will be Sunday 1st July at 2.30pm. We do not have a venue or a leader arranged for that day but it will be possible to arrange a walk at short notice if required. Please let Sue know (tel 407264) if you are interested. A walk in memory of Peter Beswick will be organised later in the year after the holiday period. The summer party will be held on Saturday 21st July (new date) at the home of Claire and Richard Peck (tel 266408).

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.

Albert Oliver Ormerod

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



Rest in Peace



The Funeral of Kathleen Rosemary Speaight will take place at Bedford Crematorium on Weds 4 July at 2.30pm (Crossley)

The funeral of Mr Allan Theed will take place at Bedford Crematorium on Thursday 5 July at 1.45pm (Royden)