



Methodist  
Church

# Partnership News

20 March 2005

Palm Sunday

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



Church of  
England

## Church Services Today

### 8.30 Service of Holy Communion

Held at both churches

#### 9.30am St Mark's Church - Holy Communion

Preacher - The Revd Dr Joan Crossley

Leadership Team - Mrs Janet Day

Intercessions - Mrs Delia Shephard

#### 11.00am Putnoe Heights - Holy Communion

Preacher - The Revd Dr Joan Crossley

Leadership Team - Mr Peter Parker

Intercessions - Mr Alan Bayliss

### 27 March - Easter Day

#### 8.30 Service of Holy Communion

Held at both churches

#### 9.30am St Mark's Church - Holy Communion

Preacher - Revd Charles Royden

Leadership Team - Mr Ian Farthing

Intercessions - Ministers

#### 11.00am Putnoe Heights - Holy Communion

Preacher - Revd Charles Royden

Leadership Team - Mrs Sue Allen

Intercessions - Mr Eddy Peck

## Thank You

The flowers at St Mark's Church this week have been given by Mr & Mrs. T. Harvey in memory of their daughter Susan, whose birthday falls this week.

## Prayer for Sunday

Eternal God

in your tender love towards the human race  
you sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ  
to take our flesh

and to suffer death upon a cross.

Grant that we may follow the example  
of his great humility,

and share in the glory of his resurrection;  
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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Please inform us if you know of anyone who is ill, bereaved,

homebound, requires a visit, home communion or counselling services.

Please also ask us if you would like a home visit for any reason.

## Putnoe Heights Church Centre

Open 9am - 1.00pm Monday & Friday

9am - 4pm Tuesday/Wednesday & Thursday

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# Regular Weekly Activities - A Guide To Our Churches

## Monday

**9.30 - 12.00 pm Pre-school** (See website for more details) Mrs Janet Smith 326685 (Putnoe Heights) or Mrs. Helen Harpin **312634** (St. Mark's).

**10.00 am Day Care Centre** at St. Mark's for those with Learning Difficulties. Contact K Stenton 07748 760082

**10.00am Supple Strength** at Putnoe Heights. Contact Louise Woodcock 270302

**12.00pm - 1.00pm Storybox** at Putnoe Heights. Service for parents/carers & children under 5. Children's activities songs and prayers, all in one hour from.

**4.15 - 5.45pm Kumon Maths** at Putnoe Heights. Contact Ms R.Mistry 01908 392698

**6.00pm Brownies** St Mark's. Mrs C Mathew 400987

**6.15 pm Brownies** Putnoe. Contact Penny Fulham406045

**7.30pm Sugarcraft Guild** meets first Monday every month at St. Mark's Mrs Pauline Parrott 768419

**7.15 m Guides** -St. Mark's. Mrs Gill Lake 218091

**7.15pm Yoga** at Putnoe Heights Church. Contact Karen Simpson 244970

**7.30pm Creative Needles** at Putnoe Heights. Mrs C Cannon 404319

**7.30pm Whist Drive** - At St Mark's each month. Next 21 March Moorfields & Sight Concern, St. Mark's Contact Mrs. Judith Stanton. 823313

**7.30pm Housegroup** 30 The Ridgeway. The home of Eddy & Margaret Peck 267567.

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

## Tuesday

**9.30am Candlewicking** (Needlework) at Putnoe Heights. Contact Mrs Olive Shotbolt 267203

**9.30am Jo Jingles** at St. Mark's. Music & movement for pre-school children. Contact Renu Elston 01908 282866

**10.00am Keep Fit** at Putnoe Heights. Contact Mrs Stileman 822230

**1.30-3pm Toddlers Playtime** at Putnoe Heights. Contact Geraldine Skeel 406828

**12 noon - 10.00 pm Slimming World** at St. Mark's. Sessions start at 12, 1.30pm, 4pm, 5.30pm & 7.15pm Contact Val Careless 345213.

**1.15pm Library Walk W.I.** at Putnoe Heights meets monthly. Next meeting 19 April. Contact Morag Tompkins 356895

**1.30pm Body Control Pilates** at Putnoe Heights. Contact Stephanie Smith 357787

**2.15pm Putnoe Heights Women's Fellowship** - Next meeting 22March HYMNS & Psalms Contact Mrs Betty Wyatt 350188

**2.15pm Putnoe Heights Men's Fellowship.** Next meeting 15 March 2005 -Rev. Neil Bramble-Chapman. Contact Lawrence Wyatt 350188.

**2.30pm Mother Teresa Support Group.** Meets fortnightly at St. Mark's. Wool and knitting needles provided. Contact Mrs Joan Gravett 356911 and Mrs Marjorie Taylor 305709

**2.30pm Tuesday Afternoon Housegroup.** Meets fortnightly at St. Mark's. Contact Mary Stubbs 406784.

**6.30 - 7.30pm Yoga** at Putnoe Heights. Contact Rachel Leontyne 783129

**6.45pm Guides** at Putnoe Heights. Contact Emma Holloway 293792

**7.00 - 8.00 pm Keep Fit** at St. Mark's. Contact Mrs Jan Gregory 214107.

**7.00 - 10pm Card Makers Club** meets at St Mark's. Contact Carol Houghton 346718

**7.30pm Bibleway Church** at Putnoe Heights. Bible study & prayers. Contact Revd.Tarr 309881 or 07891095746

**7. 45 pm Putnoe Heights Ladies Tuesday Club** - Next meeting 29 March Members Evening. Meets fortnightly. Contact Madge Walsh 359088

**8.30-9.30pm St. Mark's - Qi Gong** (Self help healing group) - Contact Mr F Steele 355937

## Wednesday

**9.30am Childminding Support Group** at Putnoe Heights. Mrs S Longman 313949

**9.30am Bedford U3A** at Putnoe Heights meets bi-monthly. Next meeting 23 March. Contact Jenny Coggins 266379

**10.00 am Day Care Centre** St Mark's for those with Learning Difficulties. Contact K Stenton 07748 760082

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

**10am Sewing & Chat** Putnoe Heights Contact Valerie Russell 01462 815966

**12 - 1pm Total Body Toning** at Putnoe Heights Contact Caroline 07778 898135 or 326096

**Luncheon Club** at Putnoe Height meets fortnightly. Next meeting 16 March 2005 Contact Putnoe Heights 365630

**1.30 - 4.00pm. Bridge Club for the Retired** at St. Mark's. Contact Mrs Truss Boyce 781133

**4.15pm Kumon Maths** at Putnoe Heights Contact Ms Raksha Mistry 01908 392698

**6.00pm Self Defence at Putnoe** Contact Mr James 07711 687449

**6.00 pm Brownies** at St Mark's. Contact Mrs Carol Warden 219731

**7.00pm Bunyan Bridge** at St. Mark's Contact Brian Sallows 407725

**7.00pm Archaeological & Local History Society** meets monthly at Putnoe Heights. Next meeting 16 March. Contact Sylvia Woods 365095

**7pm Putnoe Guild** meets monthly at Putnoe Heights. Next meeting 16 March. Contact Pam Holley 771964

**7.45pm Kick Boxing** Junior classes at St Mark's. Contact Mr James 07711687449 or 07810234890

**7.45pm Badminton Club** at Putnoe Heights - all welcome. Contact Ken Marriott 214867

### Thursday

**9.30am Thursday Prayer Group** at Putnoe Heights in the side chapel. Sylvia Cohen 343424 *Request for prayer can be written in the prayer diary on the information table.*

**9.45am Yoga** at Putnoe Heights. Contact Karen Simpson 244970

**10.30am - 12.00am Fledglings** at St Mark's **2.00pm - 3.00pm Clinic** at St. Mark's Contact 267444

**12pm Storybox** at St Mark's. Service for parents, carers & children under 5. Sandwich lunch, Bible Stories, Children's activities, songs & prayers, all in one hour from 12-1pm.

**1.30-3pm Toddler Playtime** at Putnoe Heights. Contact Geraldine Skeel 406828

**1.30pm St. Mark's Church Toddler Group.** Contact Debbie Coppenhall 356828.

**2.30 Bedford Arts Society** at St. Mark's. Contact Celia Maddison 782901

**2pm U3A Indoor Games** at Putnoe Heights. Contact Radmila Dancer 404811

**4.00 Storybox Plus** at Putnoe Heights. A drama group for 4-9year olds. Meets 4 5-pm,drinks from 3.30pm

**6.15 pm Weightwatchers at St. Mark's.** Contact Mrs Margaret Ralph 01767 224978.

**6.15pm Brownies** at Putnoe Heights . Contact Helga Nash 218521

**7.00pm Club 2000** at Putnoe Height. Next meeting 24 February. Contact Pat Stidolph 345247

**6.15pm Bedford Junior Chess Club.** St. Mark's Contact Mr & Mrs Pike 823795

**7.30pm - 11.00pm Bedford Senior Chess Club** at

St Mark's Contact Mr P Housden 376597

**7.30 - 9.30pm Embroiderer's Guild** St Mark's- 3rd Thursday of the month. Contact Mrs K Sage 771525

**7.45pm. Housegroup**-Meets fortnightly at 3 Little Headlands. Newcomers always welcome. Contact Betty Wyatt 350188

**8.00 - 10pm Bedford Writers Circle** meets at St Mark's 3rd Thursday each month. Contact Mr John Broadhouse 740271

### Friday

**9.30am U3A Exercise** at Putnoe Heights. Contact Carole Maunder 301325

**10.00 am Day Care Centre** at St. Mark's Contact K Stenton 07748 760082

**6pm Self Defence** at Putnoe Contact Mr James 0771 687449 or 07810 234890

**7. 30pm Bibleway** Young Peoples meeting Contact Pastor Tarr 376841

**6.30pm -8.30 pm Dog Training Classes** at St. Mark's. Contact Mrs L. Laton 365601

### Saturday

**9.30am Stars School of Dance** at Putnoe Heights. Contact Esther Sancto 272517

**10.00am - 1.00pm & 2 - 5pm Theatre Train** at St Mark's -dancing acting, singing,- Kate Randle 01234 782414

**2.30pm Calligraphy Group** at Putnoe Heights. Meets monthly next meeting 26 March Contact Kathleen Sage 771525

**7.15pm - 10.30pm Duplicate Bridge** at St Mark's Contact Ann or Peter 212066

### Sunday

**1- 3pm & 7-9pm Bibleway Church** at Putnoe Heights - Worship. Contact Revd. Tarr 309881 Mob. 07891095746

**6.45pm TNT (The Nearly Teens)** meet fortnightly at Putnoe Heights for various fun activities. Contact Putnoe Office 365630

## Church Calendar

**Annual Congregational Meeting** 8 May 3.00pm St Mark's 4.00pm Putnoe

**Partnership Council** 21 June  
**St Mark's Church Council** 15

June, 12 October

**Circuit Men's Fellowship Lunch** on the **St Mark's Leadership Team**

4 May -Home of Rev Dr Joan Crossley

**Deanery Synod**

**Putnoe Heights Leadership Team -**

25 April 2005 at 7.30pm at Sam's

**St Mark's Church Management Meeting**

23 May, 11 July, 12 September, 2 November. All meetings to start 7.00pm

**Putnoe Heights Management** 18 April

**Putnoe Church Council**

13 June 2005, 10 Oct 2005

**Pastoral Group Meeting** -27 April at 2.pm.

**Church yard Committee** 25 April at 10 pm.

**Please advise St Mark's Church Office of the dates of your meetings.** Calendar dates appear also on our church website [www.ThisChurch.com](http://www.ThisChurch.com).

# Bible Notes

## Sixth Sunday of Lent

### Palm Sunday

#### Verse of Scripture Matthew 21

Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

#### A Collect Prayer - Before we read we pray

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

#### First Reading - Isaiah 50: 4-9a

The Sovereign LORD has given me an instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being taught. The Sovereign LORD has opened my ears, and I have not been rebellious; I have not drawn back. I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard; I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting. Because the Sovereign LORD helps me, I will not be disgraced. Therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame. He who vindicates me is near. Who then will bring charges against me? Let us face each other! Who is my accuser? Let him confront me! It is the Sovereign LORD who helps me. Who is he that will condemn me? They will all wear out like a garment; the moths will eat them up. (Reader : This is the word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God**)

#### Second Reading - Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29

Give thanks to the LORD , for he is good; his love endures forever. Let Israel say: "His love endures forever." Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter and give thanks to the LORD. This is the gate of the LORD through which the righteous may enter. I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation. The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; the LORD has done this, and it is marvellous in our eyes. This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. O LORD , save us; O LORD , grant us success. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD .From the house of the LORD we bless you. The LORD is God, and he has made his light shine upon us. With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar. You are my God, and I will give you thanks; you are my God, and I will exalt you. Give thanks to the LORD , for he is good; his love endures forever. (This is the word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God**)

#### Gospel Reading - Matthew 21: 1-11 Please Stand

*(After the Gospel is announced)* **All: 'Glory to Christ our Saviour'**

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, tell him that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away." This took place to fulfil what was spoken through the prophet: "Say to the Daughter of Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'" The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt, placed their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed

**This is the day that  
the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and  
be glad in it.**

**Psalm 118.24**





shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest!" When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?" The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."  
Reader: This is the Gospel of Christ **All : Praise to Christ our Lord**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Lord Jesus Christ: you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation; give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King to the Glory of God the Father Amen.

### **Hymns** (Please distribute Hymns and Psalms and Communion Booklets)

1. All glory laud and honour, 9 (St Theodulph)
2. Make Way, Make Way, 457 (make way, Kendrick)
3. We cry Hosanna Lord 725 (we cry hosanna lord Farra)
4. Ride on, ride on in Majesty, 580 (Winchester New)

### **Commentary**

Wordsworth wrote these lines about a time of particular hope. "Bliss was it in that dawn to be alive, But to be young was very heaven!" The words eloquently sum up the promise of a better world, when anything seemed possible, when humanity seemed to be giving itself a second chance of being Garden of Eden perfect. I think that, to those lucky people who were alive and in Jerusalem on that Palm Sunday that must have been their exact feeling. That this extraordinary Jesus, so calm and gracious, so gifted as a healer, so wise a teacher, so miraculous a person, embodied all that was best about humanity. He must have seemed the herald of a better, brighter world. The way he spoke about God as being so close to humanity, so compassionate and forgiving must have changed their minds and hearts forever. It is easy to dismiss the enthusiasm of the crowd as though they were just "rent a mob" who would cheer at anyone or anything. Remember that many of them were there because they knew Jesus, perhaps they had heard him preach or seen him work miracles. The word must have spread like wildfire, that Jesus was coming to town. It must have been bliss to be alive in Jerusalem that day!

Wordsworth was writing about the French Revolution. He was so excited about what seemed to be a chance of brushing aside all that was old and corrupt about Europe and he was exuberantly enthusiastic about the new start it offered for liberty, equality and fraternity. Of course the French Revolution ended in the Terror, in murder and chaos. But that doesn't mean that the dreams that underpinned the Revolution were wrong. In the same way, we must not allow the sorrow which we know followed Palm Sunday to corrupt our vision of that day. The women, men and children who stood and shouted for Jesus that day recognised him for what he was and were overwhelmingly excited by the vision of a better world which he embodied. It is that vision which we Christians should always hold before our eyes. Jesus is our ideal, our road map on how to live in the way of God. When we pray for the coming of the Kingdom, we are praying for the fulfilment of Jesus' life's work. I believe that that the Kingdom will be full of joy and light and will fulfil the promise of Palm Sunday Joan Crossley

### **Meditation.**

We live in a jaded and cynical society, in which we are resigned to politicians being corrupt, to leaders being self-seeking and people generally being selfish and individualistic. If we expect little, the reasoning goes, then we will not be disappointed. We, as the people of God, who know about Jesus and have the privilege of knowing his Word are in a position to help build a better world, based on love and denial of self. It is our duty to agitate against corruption and cynicism wherever and whenever we find it. Jesus was never complacent. He was willing to make waves and be unpopular. Christians down the centuries have done their finest work (I am thinking of prison reform, education reform, factory legislation, the abolition of slavery) when they were willing to oppose the powers that be. I think that we should encourage our young people to

dream about a finer moral future, instead of making them obsessed with buying things. It is our duty to train them to ask the sort of difficult questions that Jesus did, questions about truth and justice. If our young people don't feel able to dream dreams or be inspired to have visions then we have failed them. Joan Crossley

### **Prayers for Palm Sunday and the week before Easter.**

Heavenly Father. You gave your Son, Jesus Christ to show us the Way of justice, truth and peace. Help us hold his example before our eyes, in the way that leads to a better world on earth and eternal life in the Heaven. Amen

"... life is hard, at times as hard as crucible steel. It has its bleak and difficult moments. Like the ever-flowing waters of the river, life has its moments of drought and its moments of flood. Like the ever-changing cycle of the seasons, life has the soothing warmth of its summers and the piercing chill of its winters. But if one will hold on, he will discover that God walks with him, and that God is able to lift you from the fatigue of despair to the buoyancy of hope and transform dark and desolate valleys into sunlit paths of inner peace." Amen (eulogy for the martyred children - Martin Luther King Jr).

May Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen

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## **Worship for Palm Sunday**

Minister: Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth;

**All: Serve the Lord with gladness!**

Minister: Come before him with joyful songs;

**All: Give thanks to him and praise his name! Amen.**



Minister::

During Lent we have been preparing for Easter. Our Lord Jesus Christ on this day entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph. The people welcomed him with palms and shouts of praise, but the path before him led to self-giving, suffering and death. Today we greet him as our king, although we know his crown is thorns and his throne a cross. We follow him this week from the glory of the palms to the glory of the resurrection by the dark road of suffering and death. As we are united with him in his suffering on the cross; may we share his resurrection and new life.

**All: Lord Jesus, you rode into your city in triumph on this day, receiving the shouts and the welcome of many people. Come into this church today. Receive our welcome and our acclaim. Come to rule in our hearts and minds and help us to go out to proclaim you as ruler over all.**

### **Confession**

On Palm Sunday, the crowds worshipped Jesus; on Good Friday they shouted for him to die. Let us who also worship him, confess that we sometimes reject him, and ask his forgiveness:

### **Distribution of the Palms**

(The palms are distributed and are then held as the Minister proclaims the words of blessing)

Minister: Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

**All: It is right to give you our thanks and praise.**

It is right to praise you, almighty God, for the way of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Saviour. As he entered Jerusalem as Messiah to suffer and to die, the Hebrews acclaimed Jesus the Messiah and King with palm branches in their hands, crying 'Hosanna in the highest'. May your blessing be upon these palms as signs of his love for us and triumph over evil; and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

# News, Views and Information

**Confirmation?** If you would be interested in being confirmed. Please speak to one of the ministers.

**Partnership Singers** Please could we prepare for Easter Services with a rehearsal on Thursday 24 March at Putnoe.

**Wednesday Bereavement Drop in Group.** Next meeting is on 6 April when Mr. Alan Cox will speak on "London Curiosities" and on May 4 Lynne Davis will speak about the work of the Citizens Advice Bureau.

**Fun Run and Teddy Bear's Picnic!** 22 May at Mowsbury Park, our 5km Fun Run followed by a BBQ, Bring a Teddy to the Teddy Bear's Picnic! Time to get in training!

**Maundy Thursday.** There will be a service of Holy Communion at 7.30pm at Putnoe Heights Church.

**Grateful thanks to Pat and Maurice Mitchell.** Their kind gift to St Mark's Church has enabled us to obtain a beautiful new altar covering and frontals in the seasonal colours. By agreement of the Church Council these will now be used for sacramental services. They will be dedicated during the service this morning.

**NCH -On the box quiz 2005.** Dear supporters, do you like a challenge ? I have copies of an entertainment quiz priced at £1 each (a donation to NCH). It is great fun and if you send in your completed form you could win the first prize of £25 .Please support this worthwhile cause. Grace Foster.

**Second Hand Book Sale** in aid of Mission Funds. Saturday 16 April from 10am - noon at Putnoe Heights Church.

**Volunteers** are urgently needed to cover 9am - 11am or 11am - 1pm at Putnoe Heights Church Office once a fortnight. Please contact Barry at the Church Office.

**T.T.T.(The Tiddler Trail ) at Putnoe.** Newcomers at our Church may have wondered why there is always a collector at the door for your(5p's in a film pot scheme) donation to our Mission Emergency Fund. Out of the £1,500 sent recently to the Tsunami Appeal Fund by our Church, £500 was immediately available from this source. We will be pleased to accept any surplus small denomination coins other than 5p. ie. bagged copper most welcome. Our grateful thanks to all that support this worthwhile fund.

**Recording of Services** - Putnoe's services are



## Musical Concert

including Sonatas by Handel and Elgar

**Simon Cartledge**

Violin

**Clive Simmonds**

Piano

**Friday 1 April at 7.30pm**

Putnoe Heights Church  
Putnoe Heights, Bedford Tel: 365630

**Admission Free**

**Bring your own drinks  
wine glasses provided**

recorded each week. Tapes are available from the Office after the Sunday Service.

**Copies** of Neil's Lent Talk will be available this morning.

**Congratulations** to Neil on his appointment as hospice chaplain to St John's Moggerhanger. Neil was appointed after the interview of many excellent applicants and we are delighted at his success.

**Day of Disabled People 2005** on Friday 1st April 10am -3.30pm - Workshops, exhibitions and displays. Free 'have-a-go' workshops include: Arts,

Music and Health and Beauty. An opportunity to join in with local organisations to raise awareness about disability. For more information contact Jayne on 01234 219615 or Ann on 07803 621 563

**The Concert** by Mark Rutherford pupils raised £230. This was donated to Comic Relief as the Tsunami appeal had closed by this time. Thanks to all the children who took part and to Sacha Oja, Bibleway Church who works at the school organised the pupils for this event. Thank you to Putnoe Heights for their kindness in allowing the Church to be used. Pastor Ian Tarr, Bibleway Church.

**Grass Cutting at Putnoe Heights** If you can help, please add your name to the rota on the notice board in the welcome area. Thank you. Barry

**Easter Invitation** We would like to take the opportunity to send a personal Easter card and invitation to our Easter services to anybody who might appreciate a special welcome to Church. Please would you enter name and address of anybody known to you, perhaps who has not been to church for a while, on the list in the foyer this morning. Or speak with one of the Ministers.

**Easter Offering** Envelopes are provided today. This year it is for Women's Network which gives grants for Partnership Churches overseas as well as projects in Britain. Please return your envelopes on Easter Day.

**Car Boot Easter Monday** If anyone has anything suitable for the Church Stall e.g. Bricabrac, books, household goods, we would be very grateful. We would also be pleased to receive any tray bakes suitable for the refreshments.

**Network District Craft Day** Saturday 23 April 9.45 - 4.30pm at Priory Methodist Church. £3 per half

day session. Please book before 4 April. Contact Pam Seymour 305695 for details.

**Another Marathon Runner'** - Margaret Massey's stepson, Ian, is running his second London Marathon in April, and this year he is running for Diabetes UK. Diabetes is becoming increasingly common in our society, and one of the roles of Diabetes UK is to fund research into prevention and cure. Margaret will have sponsor forms at Putnoe Heights on Sundays if anyone would be kind enough to donate.' Margaret Massey

**The Putnoe Heights Church Office** will be closed in the afternoons this Tuesday and Wednesday, and also all day on Good Friday and Easter Monday. The office reopens on Tuesday 29th March at 9am'

**Spring Craft Day**, Saturday, 23 April, 9.45 am - 4.30 pm, at Priory Methodist Church, Newnham Avenue, Bedford. Organised by London North West District Network, this is an opportunity for any women in the church to learn a new skill, discover hidden talents, share together creatively - and have fun! For details of the half-day workshops on offer, and to obtain a booking form (closing date 4 April), please contact Ann Hitt, tel. 404186.

**The Friends of Bedford Child Development Centre** present The Riseley Singers In Concert - at Priory Methodist Church Saturday 16th April 2005 at 7.30pm. For tickets please contact Alan & Margaret Doughty 266754.

**The funeral of Naomi Warden** will take place at Bedford Crematorium on the 23rd March at 10.45am

**The funeral of Shirley Ann Marshall** will take place at Bedfords Crematorium on Tuesday 22 March at 4.00pm

### 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.

**Eileen Janet Smith**  
**David Rose**  
**Ruth Richard Alexander**

*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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