



Methodist
Church

Partnership News

21 August 2005
21 in Ordinary

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 - St Mark's

9.30am St Mark's Church—Holy Communion

Preacher - The Reverend Charles Royden

Leadership - Mrs Avril Williams

Intercessions - Mrs Pat Leusby

11.00am Putnoe - Holy Communion

Preacher - The Reverend Charles Royden

Leadership Team - Mrs Wendy Nash

Intercessions - Dr Tim Wilkes

28 August 22 in Ordinary

8.30 Service of Holy Communion – Putnoe

9.30am St Mark's Church - Morning Worship

Preacher - The Reverend Dr Joan Crossley

Leadership Team - Mr Ian Farthing

Intercessions - Mrs Mary Stubbs

11.00am Putnoe Heights - Morning Worship

Preacher - Reverend Dr Joan Crossley

Leadership Team – Mrs Sylvia Cohen

Intercessions– Mr Alan Bayliss

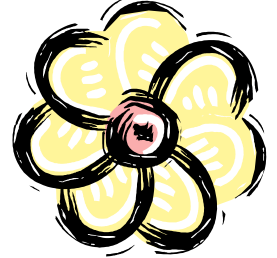
1 Reading - Jeremiah 15: 15-21,

2 Reading -Romans 12: 9-21

3 Reading - Matthew 16: 21-28

Thank You

The flowers at St Mark's church this week have been given by Brian Sallows in memory of his wife Carol.



We are always grateful for any donations for flowers, perhaps to celebrate 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

Give us O Lord,
a mind after your own heart,
that we may delight to do your will.
Let your law be written on our hearts.
Give us courage and resolution
to do our duty
and a heart to be spent in your service
and in doing all the good that we
possibly can, the few remaining days of
our pilgrimage here on earth.
John Tillotson 17th Century

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

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

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

Putnoe Heights Church Centre

Open 9am - 1.00pm Monday & Friday

9am - 4pm Tuesday/Wednesday & Thursday

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Junior Church Co-ordinator - Mrs Liz Spavins 302349

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Gift Aid Administrator Mr Jim Williams 360605

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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).

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

10.00am Supple Strength at Putnoe Heights. Louise Woodcock 270302

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

3.30 - 5pm Story box Plus at St. Mark's for 4 to 10 years. A preparation group for small drama on the first Sunday of the month. Liz Spavins 302349

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

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

6.15 pm Brownies Putnoe. Penny Fulham 406045

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

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

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

7.30pm Creative Needles at Putnoe Heights.

Jacky Hayward 307648. New members welcome.

7.30pm Whist Drive - At St Mark's each month the next one 15 August St Marks. Mrs. Judith Stanton. 823313

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

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

Tuesday

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

9.30am Jo Jingles at St. Mark's. Music & movement for pre-school children. Jayne Phillips 01582 485333

10.00am Keep Fit at Putnoe Heights. Mrs Stileman 822230

1.30-3pm Toddlers Playtime at Putnoe Heights. 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 Val Careless 345213.

2.00pm Library Walk W.I. at Putnoe Heights meets monthly. Contact Morag Tompkins 356895

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

2.15pm Putnoe Heights Women's Fellowship - Next meeting 6 September A.G.M. Mrs Betty Wyatt 350188.

2.15pm Putnoe Heights Men's Fellowship. Next meeting 13 September. Lawrence Wyatt 350188.

2.30pm Mother Teresa Support Group. Meets

fortnightly at St. Mark's. Wool and knitting needles provided. Mrs Joan Gravett 356911 and Mrs Marjorie Taylor 305709

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

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

6.45pm Guides at Putnoe Heights. Emma Holloway 293792

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

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

7.30pm Bibleway Church at Putnoe Heights. Bible study & prayers. Revd.Tarr on 360188 or 07866775515

7.45 pm Putnoe Heights Ladies Tuesday Club - Meets fortnightly. Next meeting 7pm 16 August coffee evening. Madge Walsh 359088

8.30-9.30pm St. Mark's - Qi Gong (Self help healing group) - 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 . Jenny Coggins 266379

9.00 a.m. Clubhouse at St Mark's for those with Learning Disabilities. Contact Karen Bywater 315460.

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

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

Luncheon Club at Putnoe Heights fortnightly. Next meeting 7 September Putnoe 365630

1- 3pm Police Surgery at Putnoe Heights . Resuming 24 August

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

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

6.00pm Self Defence at Putnoe Mr James 07711 687449

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

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

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

7pm Putnoe Guild meets monthly at Putnoe Heights. 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. Ken Marriott 214867

Thursday

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

9.45am Yoga at Putnoe Heights. Karen Simpson 244970

10.30am - 12.00am Fledglings at St Mark's

2.00pm - 3.00pm Clinic at St. Mark's 267444

12pm Story box 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. Restarts 8 September.

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

1.30pm St. Mark's Church Toddler Group.

Debbie Coppenhall 356828.

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

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

4.00 Story box Plus at Putnoe Heights for 4-10year old. A preparation group for a drama for the first Sunday in the month.. Meets 4-5pm, drinks from 3.30pm Liz Spavins 302349

6.15 pm Weightwatchers at St. Mark's.

Mrs Margaret Ralph 01767 224978.

6.15pm Brownies at Putnoe Heights. Helga Nash 218521

7.00pm Club 2000 at Putnoe Height. Pat Stidolph 345247

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

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

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

7.30-9.30pm Bibleway Church- Bible Studies every 2nd Thursday- Pastor Tarr 360188

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

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

Friday

9.30am U3A Exercise at Putnoe Heights. Carole Maunder 301325

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

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

7. 30pm Bibleway Young Peoples meeting Contact Pastor Tarr 360188

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

Saturday

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

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

2.30pm Calligraphy Group at Putnoe Heights. Meets monthly next meeting. Philip Jones 350295

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 360188 Mob. 07866775515

6.00pm TNT (The Nearly Teens) meet fortnightly at Putnoe Heights for various fun activities. Contact Putnoe Office 365630

Diary Dates

St Mark's Church Council 12 October

Circuit Meeting 14 September
Service of welcome of new Methodist Minister at Oakley 31

August

Bedford Deanery Meeting 15 September

St Mark's Leadership Team - 4 October at Vicarage

Putnoe Heights Leadership Team Sept 26

St Mark's Church Management Meeting 12 September, 2 November. All meetings to start 7.00pm

Putnoe Heights Management - 19 Sept, 14 Nov,

16 Jan 2005

Putnoe Church Council 10 Oct 2005

Pastoral Group Meeting - 29 September 2.00pm

Churchyard Committee - 7 October at 4.15

Putnoe Heights Mission Group Meeting .

Partnership Council - 20 September at St. Mark's 7.30pm

Brickhill Parish Council 8 September, 26 September, 13 October

Visit of Bishop Christopher 23 October

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

Bible Notes

Ordinary 21 Year A (Trinity 13 Green)

Verse of Scripture Romans Chapter 11

O, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! "Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counsellor?" "Who has ever given to God, that God should repay him?" For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.

A Collect Prayer - Before we read we pray

Merciful God, grant that your Church being gathered by your Holy Spirit into one, may reveal your glory among all peoples, to the honour of your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

First Reading – Isaiah 51: 1-6

"Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness and who seek the LORD : Look to the rock from which you were cut and to the quarry from which you were hewn; look to Abraham, your father, and to Sarah, who gave you birth. When I called him he was but one, and I blessed him and made him many. The LORD will surely comfort Zion and will look with compassion on all her ruins; he will make her deserts like Eden, her wastelands like the garden of the LORD. Joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the sound of singing. "Listen to me, my people; hear me, my nation: The law will go out from me; my justice will become a light to the nations. My righteousness draws near speedily, my salvation is on the way, and my arm will bring justice to the nations. The islands will look to me and wait in hope for my arm. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, look at the earth beneath; the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment and its inhabitants die like flies. But my salvation will last forever, my righteousness will never fail.

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

Second Reading - Romans 12: 1-8

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you. Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.

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

Third Reading – Matthew 16: 13-20

(When the Gospel is announced—**Glory to Christ our Saviour**)

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ the Son of the living God." Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not



overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he warned his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

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

Commentary

Jesus goes to Caesarea Philippi 25 miles north of Galilee and he asks the disciples "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" The disciples report a variety of answers. Then Jesus then asks them the more important question - "Who do you all say that I am?" The question was to all the disciples, but Peter spoke first, "You are the Christ, the son of the living God." At this point, three of the major titles for Jesus are brought together: Son of Man, Messiah (the Christ), and Son of God. This is the first time in Matthew's gospel that the Messiahship of Jesus has been confessed directly. Several times Matthew has himself indicated that Jesus was Messiah (Matthew 1:1, 16, 17; 2:4; 11:2) but this is the first time it appears on the lips of a character in the story. As Messiah, Jesus was the fulfilment of Jewish hopes and he was the culmination of God's involvement in human history to bring us salvation. Peter also confessed Jesus to be "the Son of the Living God." This exact phrase is found only in Matthew's account of the episode at Caesarea Philippi. Mark 8:29 has only, "You are the Christ (or the Messiah)" and Luke 9:20 states Peter's confession as, "You are the Christ (or Messiah) of God."

This is the most complete identification of Jesus to yet appear in this gospel. Israel had waited a long time, and old Judaism still waits today for the Messiah. But Peter's confession expresses the fulfilment of the Jewish dream and makes Christians the New Jewish people. It is Christians who are real Jews, for they have welcomed the promised Messiah. This is the root of our identity as Christians.

To know who Jesus is, is vital. It is not enough to believe that he is very important, a messenger of God, a very important religious teacher. When Peter declares: "You are the Messiah", he is saying what has to be said for us to be called Christian. To be Christian means believing that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Anything else -- anything less -- might be religious, but it is not Christian.

How does Jesus respond to Peter

When Jesus responds to Peter, he uses the name in Aramaic 'Petros', in Greek 'Cephas'. Jesus gives Peter a special place. Clearly this was an important moment and Peter was to be a foundation of the church in a special way. There was no mention of a papacy, infallibility, exclusive authority or succession. However Jesus speaks of giving keys, which are a symbol of power and authority. If you have keys then you hold power of entry and admittance. Peter has a special role and this has been passed on to all disciples, for the Christian gospel holds supernatural power, it is a power which can unlock people's lives. *Charles Royden*
For a fuller version of these Bible Notes see our website www.ThisChurch.com

Post Communion Prayer

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Hymns (Please distribute Hymns and Psalms and Holy Communion)

1. City of God how broad and far 809 (Tune Richmond)
2. I The Lord of sea and sky
3. O thou who camest 745 Tune Hereford (Wesley)
4. Lord thy church on earth is seeking 774 (Tune Hyfrodol)

Prayers for Sunday and the Week Ahead

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

Holy Lord, you liberate the oppressed and make a way of salvation. Unite us with all who cry for justice, and lead us together into freedom; through our Lord and Liberator, Jesus Christ. Amen. *Methodist Worship*

Hymn for Sunday

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

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

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

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

News, Views and Information

Story Box and Story Box Plus Storybox Plus starts at St Marks

Following the growing success of Storybox Plus at Putnoe we are very pleased to announce that we will be starting the group at St Marks. We will begin on Monday 12th September 3.30 start for refreshments and a chill out with a 4.00 start and 5.00 finish. During that hour we will read, study, and rehearse a Bible based story in preparation to perform at the Family Service on the 1st Sunday. We will also spend time making props for the play. Anyone between 4 (at school) and 10 can join us to make friends and have fun. The groups success will need volunteers if you can help with any aspect of our activities or have a child that would like to see what we are all about please phone *Liz Spavins* on 302349.

Story Box at Putnoe Heights

Story box will continue at Putnoe on Mondays throughout August, older siblings and all from St Mark's are welcome (apart from tomorrow please bring a picnic lunch, drinks provided) Storybox Plus restarts at Putnoe on Thursday 8 September & starts at St. Mark's on Monday 12 September. Please note that we have increased the age of this group up to 10 years. For further details call *Liz*

Footprints Sunday 21 August at 2.30. Meet Harrold Odell Country Park for a circular walk. Details from Margaret & Eddy Peck 267567

Open The Book is an ecumenical project to tell Bible stories in schools. By next year all the lower schools in Bedford will have encountered Open the Book. A number of teams would welcome an extra

member. Please contact Sheila Lawless 359359. sheilalawless@freenet.co.uk

Methodist Insurance launched a new scheme last year whereby when a member of a Methodist congregation switches their home Insurance to Methodist Insurance they will donate 20% of the first years premium to the church or charity of their choice.

Thank you to Judith Stanton and her supporters for the donation to St Mark's Church raised at their last Whist Drive. Their continued support is much appreciated

Renhold Flower Festival –Saturday 24th – Monday 26th September 2005. 10am-6pm (excluding Sunday Services) Entry by programme £1. Refreshments available. In aid of Church Funds.

Make a Difference - cards, wraps, gifts, food –at 22, Mallard Hill, Bedford on Friday 23rd September, 7-9.30pm, Saturday 24th September 2-5pm and Sunday 25th September –10am-1pm. 50p including refreshments.

St Mark's Car Boot Sale –Monday 29th August. If anyone has any bric-a-brac, books, toys, tools or household items for the Church Stall, they will be greatly appreciated. Also tray bakes for refreshments. Thank you.

Pray without Ceasing - One copy of prayer manual "Pray without Ceasing" is available from Vera Pearson. Cost £2. Vera Pearson 270737



**Auction of Promises
September 17 at St Mark's Church**

Thank you to those who have offered fantastic promises, in aid of the Building Development to replace the Portakabin

and provide accommodation for Autism Bedfordshire. Please contact Chris Izzard who is organising this event. Telephone 212164.

Promises already made

1 Tailor made bespoke shirt. Have your own choice of colour and weight of Egyptian cotton.

Value £75 Addison & Steele, Piccadilly, London.

2 Evening dinner for two (drinks and wines not included) Value £75 St Helena Restaurant, Elstow

3 One week of accommodation for up to six people in a holiday cottage in Exmouth, (situated very near the sea on dates mutually convenient) Value £260 Mr and Mrs Puttock

4 Clothing voucher for a gentleman

Retail value £50 Claytons, The Arcade, Bedford.

5 BMW Lifestyle Business Case in charcoal grey Retail value £125 ELMS, Bedford (BMW Dealers)

6 MG Day out. In a chauffer driven vintage car (for up to 2 passengers) Mr and Mrs John Day

7 Three course evening meal, inclusive of wine for 4 people. Provided at 4 Trent Road. Mrs Pat Mitchell

8 Chauffer driven tour in a vintage two seater Morgan (for one passenger) Mr Waters

9 Six hand made cross stitch Christmas Cards Mrs A Elliott

10 Anfield Stadium Tour of museum and tour centre, for family of four. Value approximately £30 Liverpool Football Club (*date conditions apply, valid until June 2006)

11 Two Old 12 inch diameter ornamental concrete garden plant pots (Can be viewed at auction or before)

12 Planted hanging baskets for Spring/Summer 2006 Value £50.00 C R Wilkinson & Son, Willington

13 Various sizes/quantities of plastic flower pots (Can be viewed at auction or before)

14 Boxes of garden bedding plants for 2006 (Own choice) Value £100 C R Wilkinson & Sons, Willington

15 Edinburgh crystal cut glass wine/spirit decanter (can be viewed at auction or before)

Value £75.00 Donated by John Bull & Co St Peter's, Bedford.

16 Case of wine (5 bottles)

Donated by Floor Protection Services Ltd. Kempston

17 Conducted tour of the National Gallery with the Reverend Dr Joan Crossley. Meeting at the Gallery, for up to 4 people on a mutually agreed date

18 Traditional 11" home made Christmas cake baked by Linda Parry. Available 2 weeks before Christmas. Donated by Linda Parry

19 Bouquet arrangement of flowers for any occasion. Value £50 Donated by Greycourt Florists Bedford Road. Kempston

20 Twelve hand made cards to the specification of the buyer, birthday, get well, blank etc.

Value £12 Donated by Marion Prior

21 Six evenings of baby sitting

Donated by Wendy Rider

22 Airport Taxi Return car journey to airport of your for up to 4 passengers. Value Luton £52, Stanstead £100, Heathrow £110, (at mutually agreed dates/times)

Donated by Wendy Rider

23 Coffee Table. 18" high, 24" wide and 48" long. (Can be viewed at auction or before) Value £140. Donated by Hatters Fine Furnishings, Goldington Road, Bedford.

24 Lead crystal cut glass 20 cm bowl (Can be viewed at auction or before) Value £30. Donated by C. J. Beavis Ltd. The Arcade, Bedford.

25 'Breville' one touch electric blender (1.5 ltr jug) Value £35.

26 Seven day pass for two people to Dragons gymnasium. Group fitness classes, swimming pool, spa, sauna and steam rooms. Donated by Dragons Health Club, Kimbolton Road, Bedford. .

27 Evening meal for six people inclusive of wine, served in your own home or at 107 Dover Crescent, Bedford. Prepared and cooked by The Reverend Dr Chef, Sam Cappleman

28 Two container grown 3 year old Yucca plants (Gloriosa White, can be viewed at auction). Value £25

29 Spring flowering bulbs or planted container Value £25 Donated by Frosts Garden Centre, Willington

30 Three night, long weekend or mid week stay in a mid terrace cottage. Double and twin bedroomed, sleeps four. Situated in Long Compton, near Chipping Norton/ Shipston-on-Stour, The Cotswolds. To be taken October/ March. Donated by Mrs Dorothy Richards

31 A brace of trout of trout fresh from Grafham. May be delivered separately depending on success. Donated by The Reverend Charles Royden.

32 One 10 inch Pizza With own choice of topping. Donated by Alison Holden

33 Ken Dodd Video

Personally signed on cover and donated by Ken Dodd

34 A round of golf for four

Value £120 Donated by Bedford Golf Club

35 Two dozen home made mince pies, supplied two weeks before Christmas. Donated by Mrs Addie Topham

36 A guided tour of Westminster Abbey, London with Professor Paul Crossley. For up to four people to meet at the Abbey.

37 Pair of Halfords car wheel ramps. Previously used, they can be seen at auction. Donated by The Reverend Trevor Noble.

38 A Special Dinner We will shop for, prepare, cook and serve a Dinner Party for up to eight people in the buyer's own home. We will lay the table including flowers and napkins. You simply provide the drinks, the table and the crockery. We will also wash up in the absence of a dishwasher! Donated by Sue Allen and Friends acceptable.

What can you promise ?

Please think if there is anything which you can offer to our Auction of Promises. And don't forget the date to come along, bid and enjoy yourself ! Face painting for a child's party, Gardening, bake a cake, babysitting, drive somebody to the airport, decorate a room, wash a car, a sail in your boat, typing, paint a picture, etc. New promises being added all the time, visit our church website www.thisischurch.com

Offertory Envelopes Members of the Envelope Scheme at Putnoe Heights Church are invited to collect their offertory envelopes for the year beginning 4 September from the table in the welcome area. New members of the scheme are always welcome. Please speak to John Hitt (tel. 404186) if you would like further information.

Cricket Update We had an excellent Tour to the south coast again, this time travelling to the Kent town of Folkstone over the weekend of the 16th/17th July. We enjoyed some very hot weather and some very good cricket too. Our first match was against a team from St. John's Church and the Saints scored 167 runs off 29 overs against some determined bowling. The highlights of the innings were a fine 32 runs from Graham Cooke and an excellent 52 from Darren Burt, which included 9 fours. With a modest target to defend off 30 overs, we thought we were doing well when the first St. John's wicket fell for just 13 runs. However, we had to wait until the score was on 122 before we took another wicket and then we were able to bowl them out for 140, with 5 batsmen run out due to some excellent fielding.

The match was won but our exploits were by no means over for the day. We had been invited to a BBQ at the Vicarage, where the food was enjoyable and we had an opportunity to meet with some members of the Church. We then experienced the highlight of the whole Tour. After the BBQ came a Barndance and the sight of Neil Bramble-Chapman, Dave Gilbert and Darren Burt dancing the night away will probably never be forgotten, the occasion being recorded for posterity by several of the team on their mobile phones. It really was a sight to behold. Following a refreshing night in a local hotel, Neil and Adrian went to Holy Trinity Church for their morning Worship to size up that afternoon's opposition.

Holy Trinity batted first and scored a total of 77, 46 of which were made by one batsman. Our bowlers

performed to the highest of standards, with a superb hat-trick shared by the Thurmott brothers, with 2 by Rob and 1 by Dom, who between them took 8 wickets in the match. Rob then went on to score 43 runs, accompanied by Darren Burt and Tom Ward and we went on to comfortably win the match.

Neil Bramble-Chapman

Forthcoming fixtures

Tuesday 23 August (6.15pm): Eynesbury Methodists

Sunday 28 August (2pm): Bedford Occasionals

Tuesday 30 August (6.15pm): St Andrew's

The Beds and Herts Sponsored Bicycle Ride and Walk will take place on Saturday 10th September 2005. Sponsor forms are available from both churches. Further details on

www.bedshertshct.org.uk

Kasia will be arriving today! If you wish to contact her, visit, invite her for a meal or outing please call her on 216724. She is staying at 179 Tyne Crescent with Edward and Linda Parry. She will be here until Sept 3rd. Please help to make her visit special. Thanks, Linda.

We offer our congratulations and support to Liz Spavins on her appointment as Children and Youth Worker at both St Mark's and Putnoe Heights Church. Liz has been making great progress working with Storybox and Storybox Plus and we all encourage her as she seeks to develop this work across the Partnership.

Visit by Bishop Christopher St Mark's Leadership team are arranging a social evening to welcome Bishop Christopher on Sunday 23 October. It will be a night not to be missed and one for your diary.

Auction of Promises September 17 at 7.30pm

Entrance to this event will be free, so please use it as an opportunity to invite friends along. Please bring your own wine/drinks along to keep costs down. Programmes are available now and cost £1. They include a form to make bids prior to the evening if you are unable to attend.

New promises being added all the time, visit our church website www.thisischurch.com

Forthcoming funerals to be taken by our Ministers

The funeral of Roy Bert James Daniels will take place at Bedford Crematorium on Tuesday 23 August
Bramble-Chapman

The funeral of Daphne Violet Babbington will take place at Bedford Crematorium on Friday 26 August.
Bramble-Chapman

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.

**Edna May Smith
Edwin Smith
George Arthur Tyler**

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

