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# Partnership News

22 August 2004  
21st in Ordinary

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



Church of  
England

## Church Services Today

### 8.30am Service of Holy Communion

Held at St Mark's only

### 9.30am St Mark's Church – Morning Worship

Preacher - Revd Neil Bramble-Chapman

Leadership Team - Mrs Linda Parry

Intercessions - Mr John Stubbs

### 11.00am Putnoe Heights – Morning Worship

Preacher - Revd Neil Bramble-Chapman

Leadership Team - Mr Alan Bayliss

Intercessions - Ministers

## 22nd in Ordinary — 29 August

### 8.30 am Service of Holy Communion

Held at Putnoe Heights only

### 9.30am St. Mark's Church – Holy Communion

with Prayer for Christian Healing

Preacher - Revd Charles Royden

Leadership Team - Mr Ian Farthing

Intercessions – Mr John Tatman

### 11.00am Putnoe Heights - Holy Communion

with Prayer for Christian Healing

Preacher – Revd Charles Royden

Leadership Team - Mrs Sue Allen

Intercessions - Mrs Sue Allen

## Thank You

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

The flowers at Putnoe Heights Church this week have been given by Lorna Button in memory of Brian, and by Lucy Hedley in memory of Bill, on their respective wedding anniversaries.

## Prayer for Sunday

Let your love fall upon the altar of our hearts,  
O Lord, as fire from heaven.  
Teach us to guard and cherish its holy flame.  
Strengthen our souls and kindle your love within  
our cold hearts that we may walk before you as  
pilgrims eager to reach their celestial home;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen

Gerhard Teersteegen, 1697-1769

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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 Samantha Ware 313181

## St. Mark's Church Centre (Open 9am - 5pm)

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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 Church for those with Learning Difficulties. Contact K Stenton 07748 760082
- 12.00pm - 1.00pm Storybox** at Putnoe Heights Church. Service for parents/carers & children under 5. Please bring a pic nic lunch during the summer,, Bible Stories Children's activities songs and prayers, all in one hour from 12-1pm!
- 4.15 - 5.45pm Kumon Maths** at Putnoe Heights. Contact Ms R.Mistry 01908 217555
- 6.00pm Brownies** St Mark's. Mrs Gill Lake 218091
- 6.15 pm Brownies** Putnoe. Alison McEwen 358583
- 7.30pm Sugarcraft Guild** meets first Monday every month at St. Mark's Mrs. Jill Williams 357020
- 7.15 m Guides** -St. Mark's. Mrs Gill Lake 218091
- 7.30- 9.30pm Creative Needles** at Putnoe Heights. Mrs Hayward 307648
- 7.30pm Whist Drive** - At St Mark's each month. Next 30 August St. Mark's Contact Mrs. Judith Stanton. 823313
- 7.30pm Housegroup** 30 The Ridgeway. The home of Eddy & Margaret Peck 267567.
- 8.00 - 9.00 pm 'Get Fit, Stay Fit'** at Putnoe Heights. Mrs Diane Field 404976

## Tuesday

- 9.30am - 12.30pm Candlewicking** (Needlework) at Putnoe Heights - Mrs Olive Shotbolt 267203
- 9.30am - 11.30pm Jo Jingles** at St. Mark's. Music & movement for pre-school children. Contact Renu Elston 01908 282866
- 10.00am - 11.00am - Keep Fit** at Putnoe Heights. Contact Mrs Stileman 822230
- 1.30 -3.00pm Putnoe Heights Church Toddlers Playtime** 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.
- 2.15pm Putnoe Heights Women's Fellowship** - Next meeting - 7 Sept. Devotional Contact Mrs Betty Wyatt 350188
- 2.15pm Putnoe Heights Men's Fellowship.** Next meeting 14th September 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 Church. Contact Mary Stubbs 406784.
- 3.30 - 4.30pm Putnoe Heights Church** Essential Stretch Contact Caroline 07778 898135 or 326096

- 6.30 - 7.30pm Yoga** at Putnoe Heights. Contact Rachel Leontyne 01234 783129
- 6.45pm Guides** at Putnoe Heights - Liz Rix 363607
- 7.00 - 8.00 pm Keep Fit at St. Mark's Church.** Contact Mrs Jan Gregory 214107.
- 7.30- 9.00pm Bibleway Church** at Putnoe Heights - Bible study & prayers. Contact Revd.Tarr 309881 or 07891095746
- 7. 45 pm Putnoe Heights Ladies Tuesday Club** - Next meeting 7 Sept. The Rev.d Charles RoydenMeets fortnightly . Contact Mrs C Davies 219130.
- 8.30-9.30pm St. Mark's - Qi Gong** (Self help healing) group) - Contact Mr F Steele 355937

## Wednesday

- 10.00 am Childminding Support Group** at Putnoe Heights. Mrs S Longman 313949
- 10.00 am Day Care Centre** Putnoe Height Church 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 Putnoe Height Church** Total Body Toning Contact Caroline 07778 898135 or 326096
- Luncheon Club** at St. Mark's meets fortnightly. Next one 8 September Contact St. Mark's 342613
- 1.30 - 4.00pm. Bridge Club for the Retired** - Meets weekly at St. Mark's. Mrs Truss Boyce 781133
- 4.15 - 5.45pm Kumon Maths** at Putnoe Heights Contact Ms R Mistry 01908 217555
- 6. - 7.00pm Self Defence at Putnoe** Contact Mr James 07711 687449
- 6.00 -7.30 pm Brownies** at St Mark's Contact Mrs Carol Warden 219731
- 7.00pm St. Mark's Church** Bunyan Bridge. Contact Brian Sallows 407725
- 7-10pm Putnoe Guild** - Putnoe Heights 3rd Wednesday each month. Contact Mrs Dallas 212609
- 7.45 - 8.45pm Kick Boxing** Junior classes St. Mark's. 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.*
- 10.30am - 12.00am Brickhill Clinic** at St Mark's with **Fledglings 2.00pm—3.00pm** Contact 267444
- 10.00am - 11.30am Yoga** at Putnoe Heights Contact 244970
- 12 - 1.00 pm Storybox** at St Mark's Church. 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 - 3.00 pm St. Mark's Church Toddler Group.**

Contact Debbie Coppenhall 356828.

**1.30 -3.00pm Putnoe Heights Church Toddlers**

**Playtime** Contact Geraldine Skeel 406828

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

Celia Maddison 782901

**6.15 pm Weightwatchers at St. Mark's.**

Contact Mrs Margaret Ralph 01767 224978.

**6.15pm Brownies at Putnoe** Mrs S Lewis 300198

**7.30 - 9.30pm Club 2000** Putnoe 2nd Thursday of

the month. Contact Mrs Moreton 771261

**6.15 - 7.30pm 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 Hatton 824988

**7.30 - 9.30pm Embroiderer's Guild** St Mark's- 3rd

Thursday 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 Church 3rd Thursday each month. Contact

Mr John Broadhouse 740271

## Friday

**10.00 am Day Care Centre** at St. Mark's Church

Contact K Stenton 07748 760082

**6 -7.00 pm Self Defence at Putnoe** Contact Mr

James 0771 687449 or 07810 234890

**7. 30 - 9.30pm** Young Peoples meeting Contact

Pastor Tarr 376841

**7.30pm Music Group** St. Mark's Church/monthly

**6.30pm -8.30 pm Dog Training Classes** at St.

Mark's Contact Mrs L. Laton 365601

## Saturday

**10.00am - 1.00pm & 2 - 5pm Theatre Train at St**

**Mark's** -dancing acting, singing,- Kate Randle

304865

**7.15pm - 10.30pm Duplicate Bridge** at St Mark's

Contact Ann or Peter 212066

**Peace Project Saturday School** at Putnoe Heights.

For details contact Mrs.E.Tarr 309881

## Sunday

**1- 3pm & 7-9pm Bibleway Church** at Putnoe

Heights - Worship. Contact Revd. Tarr 309881

Mob. 07891095746

# News, Views and Information

## The Calendar

**Putnoe Centre Management**

**St Mark's Church Council**

October 13 2004, February 1 2005

**Churchyards Committee**

Next meeting Monday 6 September, 10am

**St Mark's Centre Management Meeting**

Wednesday 29 September,

Wednesday 10 November

**St Mark's Leadership Team**

Wednesday 8 September

**Putnoe Heights Leadership Team**

Monday 6th September

**Putnoe Church Council**

11 October 2004, 7 February 2005

13 June 2005, 10 October 2005

**Pastoral Group** Wednesday 15 September at

2.30pm

Calendar dates now appear on our church website [www.ThisChurch.com](http://www.ThisChurch.com). Please advise us if you have a date to be added to the church calendar.

## Summer Holy Communion

Please note the 8.30am Holy Communion will be alternate in August. Dates can be found on the church website

29 August at Putnoe Heights Church

5 September Normal practice resumes

**The Fun Run** has so far raised a magnificent £1,772. Please would the few remaining runners hand in their sponsor money. Thanks again to everyone involved. Joan Crossley.

**Junior Church** at Putnoe is organising a day of activities, craft and fun for children aged 4-12 on August 25th 10.30 -3.30pm. We will be celebrating Jesus "The Good Shepherd" Day. There is no charge. Please bring a packed lunch. Drinks provided. Contact Sam Ware 313181 or Joan 344536 for information.

**St. Mark's Storybox** restarts on 9 Sept. We need a few new Storytellers on Thursdays, if you would like to help, please see Joan (344536 )

**Mission Planning** meeting will be held on Wednesday 1 Sept. at 7.30 at 14 Flint Way (off Bamburgh Drive). All interested in Mission are welcome. Sylvia Cohen Tel. 343424

**NCH Sunday** Thank you to all St. Mark's supporters for their donations, it brings the total to £289.58 received from the Circuit so far. Grace Foster NCH Circuit Co-ordinator.



## Bible Notes Ordinary 21

### Opening Verse of Scripture Psalm 71:3

Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress

### 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 58: 9b –14

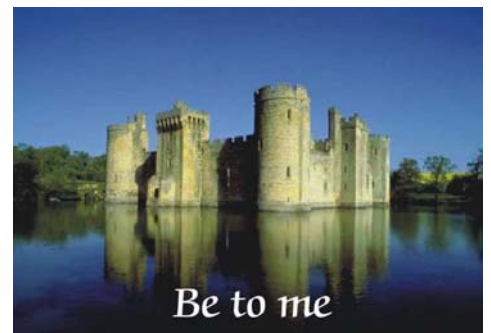
Then you will call, and the LORD will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I. "If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing finger and malicious talk, and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday. The LORD will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail. Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age-old foundations; you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings. "If you keep your feet from breaking the Sabbath and from doing as you please on my holy day, if you call the Sabbath a delight and the LORD's holy day honorable, and if you honour it by not going your own way and not doing as you please or speaking idle words, then you will find your joy in the LORD, and I will cause you to ride on the heights of the land and to feast on the inheritance of your father Jacob." The mouth of the LORD has spoken (Reader: This is the word of the Lord—**All: Thanks be to God**)

### Second Reading- Hebrews 12: 18-29

You have not come to a mountain that can be touched and that is burning with fire; to darkness, gloom and storm; to a trumpet blast or to such a voice speaking words that those who heard it begged that no further word be spoken to them, because they could not bear what was commanded: "If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned. "The sight was so terrifying that Moses said, "I am trembling with fear."

But you have come to Mount Zion, to the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the judge of all men, to the spirits of righteous men made perfect, to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel. See to it that you do not refuse him who speaks. If they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, how much less will we, if we turn away from him who warns us from heaven? At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens. " The words "once more" indicate the removing of what can be shaken--that is, created things--so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our "God is a consuming fire."

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



*Be to me  
a rock of refuge,  
a strong fortress,  
to save me,  
for you are  
my rock  
and my fortress.*

*Psalm 71.3*

## **Gospel Reading –Luke 13: 10-17**

On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all. When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, "Woman, you are set free from your infirmity." Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God. Indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, the synagogue ruler said to the people, "There are six days for work. So come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath." The Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Doesn't each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or donkey from the stall and lead it out to give it water? Then should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her?" When he said this, all his opponents were humiliated, but the people were delighted with all the wonderful things he was doing.

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

## **Post Communion Prayer**

God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gates of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Hymns** (Please distribute Hymns and Psalms and Morning Worship Booklets)

H&Ps 9 Immortal, invisible

MP 734 We really want to thank you Lord (On page 8)

H&Ps 378 Be thou my vision

H&Ps 414 What does the lord require

H&Ps 739 May the mind of Christ (St. Leonard)

## **Commentary**

Terrible physical ailments can sometimes prevent us from seeing inside a person and recognising their real beauty and worth. We castigate children if they make fun of people with any kind of deformity and yet there has always been a tendency for adults to do the same thing, often with even greater cruelty. From a religious perspective there have always been and perhaps always will be, those who see any misfortune which others suffer as a punishment from God for being bad.

In the story from the gospel reading today, we are introduced to a woman who must have suffered greatly from a condition which caused her to have a bent posture. She would be known by everybody and she would not have been considered blessed by God.

It seems that it was always people like this that attracted Jesus. It wasn't that he always supported the under dog, it was more that he was able to see beyond the condition which presented itself and see the real person within. How much more lovely was the woman who was bent and crippled, than the self-righteous synagogue ruler? This ruler might have had perfect physical health, but his spiritual health was clearly terminal.

So Jesus pronounces freedom for the woman, freedom from the illness which had blighted her life and made others treat her as worthless and condemned. In an instant her whole life turned around, and little wonder that when she stood up straight her first act was to praise God. Everything was going to be different for the woman and we would hope that everybody around would be able to share in her sense of release and thanksgiving to God.

However the law said that healing on the Sabbath was wrong. In a legal sense the ruler of the synagogue was correct when he shouted that Jesus should not have healed on the Sabbath. The Jews were a special people and they did special things on certain days, ate specific foods, obeyed

particular laws given by God. So Jesus might be helping the woman, but he was attacking nothing less than the law of God. Why would Jesus do such a thing, why not wait until the following day, make an appointment with the woman for her to come back and be healed without disobeying the religious law?

The answer must be that Jesus is doing more than healing a woman. Jesus is trying to make the bigger point, he is bringing in a new religion and with his religion compassion is more important than commandment. The new religion of Jesus calls for much more than blind obedience to a written law. It demands that each Christian, inspired by the Spirit, learns to live according to a new principle of love. It is scary, it replaces the old rules of the Old Testament and it appears to leave so much to chance. However those whose hearts have been warmed by the mercy of God are transformed by the Spirit and led in ways that no law ever could.

**Charles Royden**

### **Meditation 'Standing up and praising God'**

On this day in which we remember a woman physically bent and crippled. It is interesting to remember George Handel. In 1741 he too was a bent figure and one night he was seen to be moving slowly and unsurely along a dimly-lit street in London. He was ill and depressed and was struggling with his life, especially as he had suffered a stroke a few years before, paralysing his right side, affecting his walking and writing.

This great composer was the king's chief musician. Feeling in despair he heard some words as he passed a church: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?". These words of a psalm touched him deeply. He returned home and began to write some music. From August 22nd, until September 14th he wrote his music almost non-stop, sleeping and eating little. What he wrote is now world famous and is called "The Messiah". On finishing this masterpiece, he slept for 17 hours. "The Messiah" is an opera in which singers present the life of Jesus from his birth to his death and resurrection, and so the music of Handel's "Messiah" is often sung, especially at Christmas and Easter.

At the first London performance, in Covent Garden Theatre on 23 March 1743, King George II attended the performance of Handel's "Messiah." He was so impressed and touched by the "Hallelujah Chorus" that he stood up accompanied by the whole assembly. This has established a tradition which is still maintained as the audience stand up throughout the "Hallelujah Chorus" .

Handel was a committed Christian, and all performances of his music whilst he was alive were in aid of charities of his choice. The "Messiah" was first performed in Dublin, in aid of some charities which included "poor and distressed people who were in prison for debt". Whilst talking about the time he was composing the "Hallelujah Chorus", Handel is reputed to have said: "I thought I saw all heaven before me, and the great God himself."

Handel was completely blind for the last 6 years of his life. He died in London in 1759, and the last musical performance he heard was a week earlier, and it was his "Messiah". *Charles Royden*

### **Prayers for Sunday and the week ahead**

Holy God, 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.

O Lord my God, I adore you as my first beginning and I long for you as my last end. Conduct me, therefore, O gracious Lord, by your wisdom. Restrain me with your justice, comfort me with your mercy, and defend me with your power; and of your love, enlighten my understanding, enflame my will and purify my soul; for Jesu's sake. Amen Richard Challoner, 1691-1781

Merciful God, take pity on me and hear my prayer. I ask not for riches and wealth, neither for great fame or adoration. My prayer is not that I will achieve success in my endeavours or be free from physical harm. I seek only to understand the course which you have plotted for my life, that I might more closely attain to the things which you have set before me.

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**“What Shall We Do Now”** Workshops at Priory Methodist Church on Saturday 11 September. To book phone Eleanor Mackirdy Tel 360271. See poster and flyers in church foyer for more details

## **Riding Lights on Saturday 9 October 7.30pm At Putnoe Heights Church, Bedford.**

Riding Lights Theatre Company presents the PRISON & CHURCH TOUR 2004 of ‘Hope Opera’ The Stuff of Life

Imagine a kitchen in a house down the road from you. A mismatched group of people trading tales of their great scrapes and escapes. Pushing bags of the white stuff around a table with scarred and tattooed fists. It’s flour, of course. They’re making bread.

This is a place where people live their own stories; where sharing your story could open a window on eternity. Hope Opera’s a place at that table, with the mix of heroes and hopeless cases: a boy with nothing but tattoos to his name, a girl whose curiosity got the better of her, a man made of anger. Extraordinary stories told in extraordinary ways... colourful, moving, unforgettable, Hope Opera stops you in your tracks, turns things round, and starts you off in new directions. A remarkable blend of grit and grandeur, masks and music, getting a grip on the stuff of real life.

**Connections Counselling Service** ( Christians Offering Professional Counselling ) opens it’s new centre at 22 Foster Hill Road on 11 Sept. 4 – 6pm Invites anyone interested to join them for the official opening by the Bishop of Bedford.

**Thank you** to Judith Stanton and her supporters who have donated £110 to St Mark’s raised at their last Whist Drive.

**Offertory Envelopes** Members of the Envelope Scheme at Putnoe Heights Church are invited to collect their pack of envelopes for the year beginning 5 September 2004 from the table in the welcome area. We are grateful to all who use the scheme to make a regular contribution to the ongoing work of the church.

If you are not already a member of the scheme and would like to have a set of envelopes, please speak to John Hitt after morning worship, or telephone him on Bedford 404186.

**Spurgeon’s** Could you spare a few hours once a fortnight to befriend a young person living in foster or residential care ? Training given and out of pocket expenses paid. For more details Tel.01234 330866 or email [ivpworker@spurgeonsbedford.org.uk](mailto:ivpworker@spurgeonsbedford.org.uk)

**St Mark’s Car Boot Sale** on Monday 30th August. Last for this year. If you have any bric-a-brac, toys, books etc for the Church Stall they will be appreciated.. Tray bakes for refreshments will be gratefully received.

**Putnoe Ramblers** The next walk is on Sunday 22 August. Meet at Tempsford Church (opposite The Wheatsheaf) at 2.30pm for a 4 mile circular walk, followed by an optional picnic, weather permitting, at Roxton Locks. Boots or sturdy footwear advisable. For more information contact Ruth & Alan, 213951

**Junior Church Outing**—Whilst there is no Junior Church during August we will be holding our annual afternoon out, this year to Wicksteed Park. The trip will take place straight after Family Service on 5th September 2004. For further information watch this space or contact Sam Ware at Putnoe Heights or 313181.

**Offertory Envelopes** at Putnoe Heights Church will be ready for collection in the welcome area in the week beginning 5Sept.If you are would to be a member of the scheme please see John Hitt after morning worship or ring him on 404186.

**Air-Conditioning at Putnoe Heights.** It has been agreed to engage Northants Refrigeration to install an Air-Conditioning system in the Church. However, the scheme is subject to Planning Permission being obtained and this will hopefully be granted in the coming weeks. We will endeavour to keep you updated with our progress.

**St. Mark’s Storybox** We need a few new storytellers on Thursdays. If you would like to help please speak to Joan 244536



# Arnolds

## Funeral Service

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**Reassurance when you need it most**

**We publish the banns of marriage and pray for the marriage of Jane Fry** spinster of this parish and David Zita bachelor of All Saints Houghton Conquest. This is for the third time of asking.

### A Hymn for Sunday

Chorus

We really want to thank you Lord,  
we really want to bless your name.  
Hallelujah! Jesus is our King!

We thank you Lord for your gift to us,  
your life so rich beyond compare,  
The gift of Your body here on earth  
of which we sing and share.

*Chorus*

We thank you Lord, for our life together,  
to live and move in the love of Christ,  
Your tenderness which sets us free,  
to serve you with our lives.

*Chorus*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
praise Him all creatures here below,  
Praise Him above you heavenly host,  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

*Chorus*

### 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.

**Yvonne (Bunty) Williams  
Edward William Garner  
Mary Elizabeth Mitchell  
Lorna Mary Dilley  
Trevor George Woodruff**

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



### The following funerals have been arranged

The funeral of Phyllis May Peachy will take place on 25th August 3.15pm at Bedford Crematorium