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Partnership News

22 July 2007

16th in Ordinary Time



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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 in St Mark's Chapel.

9.30am St Mark's - Morning Worship

Preacher – Revd Dr Sam Cappleman
Leadership Team - Mrs Avril Williams
Intercessions - Mr John Stubbs

11am Putnoe Heights - Morning Worship

Preacher - Revd Dr Sam Cappleman
Leadership Team - Mrs Sam Ware
Intercessions - Mrs Sylvia Cohen
Charlie and Joan are both away this week .

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9.30am St Mark's - Holy Communion with PCH

Preacher – Mr Richard Ledger
Leadership Team - Mrs Laura Farthing
Intercessions - Mrs Margaret Appleton

11.00am Putnoe Heights Holy Communion with PCH

Preacher - Mr Richard Ledger
Leadership Team - Mr Lawrence Wyatt
Intercessions - Ministers

Readings

- 1: Genesis 18: 20-32
- 2 Colossians 2: 6-15
- 3: Luke 11: 1-13

Thank You

The flowers at St Mark's this week have been by Linda and Edward Parry in memory of Linda's Mum.

The flowers at Putnoe Heights Church this week have been given by Pam Crouch in memory of her husband on his birthday and also by Steven and Christine Nixon in celebration of their Pearl Wedding Anniversary.

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

Grant to us, O Lord, fullness of faith, firmness of hope and fervency of love.

For the sake of the gospel may we sit loosely to our wealth and daily embrace you in the poor of the world.

As we rejoice in your generosity so may we give ourselves in the service of others; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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Partnership Pastoral Support Team Co-Ordinator & Churchyards Administrator

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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—5pm Monday to Friday

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Centre Manager Miss Wendy Rider 342613

Leadership Team - Mrs L Parry 216724

Treasurer - Mr Ian Farthing 210892 treasurer@thisischurch.com

Gift Aid Administrator Mr Williams 360605

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 30 July for Headway 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

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 August 7 Summer Meeting 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 31 July Coffee Evening 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 25 July 2007 Summer Outing 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. Next meeting 5 September

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

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.

16th in Ordinary

Opening Verse - Psalm 29: 2

Give unto the LORD the glory due to His name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness."

Collect Prayer for the Day - Before we read

Eternal God, in Christ you make yourself our guest. Amid all our cares and concerns make us attentive to your voice and alert to your presence that we may prize your word above all else; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Methodist Worship

First Bible Reading - Genesis 18: 1-10a

The LORD appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day. Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground. He said, "If I have found favour in your eyes, my lord, do not pass your servant by. Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree. Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way-now that you have come to your servant." "Very well," they answered, "do as you say." So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. "Quick," he said, "get three seahs of fine flour and knead it and bake some bread." Then he ran to the herd and selected a choice, tender calf and gave it to a servant, who hurried to prepare it. He then brought some curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared, and set these before them. While they ate, he stood near them under a tree. "Where is your wife Sarah?" they asked him. "There, in the tent," he said. Then the LORD said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son."

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

Second Bible Reading - Colossians 1: 15-28

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him .He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behaviour. But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation-- if you continue in your faith, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant. Now I rejoice in what was suffered for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church. I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness- the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the saints. To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. We proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ. To this end I labour, struggling with all his energy, which so powerfully works in me

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



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of the invisible God,
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of all creation.
Colossians 1.15**

Third Bible Reading – Luke 10: 38-42

As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!" "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

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

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and fore ever. Amen

Hymns (Please distribute Mission Praise and Morning Worship)

1. Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour, 431
2. Father God I wonder, 128
3. Fill thou my life, 146
4. God is our strength and refuge, 188
5. O for a thousand tongues, 496

Commentary

A Spiritual Balancing Act

The gospel reading from last week underlines the need to take action, to be involved in serving each other in our communities and beyond, irrespective of prior prejudices or experiences and not to be consumed by spiritual and religious rules, regulations and regimes. This week's reading seems to be stating the opposite; that Christian activity should take second place to spending time reflecting on the spiritual dimension of our lives. But just like the Samaritan, in this week's gospel reading the stereotyping of an individual is being challenged, in this case Martha the host of the home. The passage gently reminds us that the practical side of our ministry is important but so is receiving the Lord and His word. The gospel message is not just about altruism, doing the best for each other, there is a deeply spiritual dimension to our words and actions as we allow our lives to be touched, transformed and directed by a creative, renewing and sustaining God. In challenging Martha, Jesus is actively encouraging her to abandon a role in which she is being held captive to serve the needs of others and to engage with Christ on a personal level. She is being challenged to leave behind the stance which says, 'If I don't do it, no one else will!'

Coming immediately after the Parable of the Good Samaritan the story makes the point that if our activity is to be wise and fruitful there must also be times of stillness, of prayer, of being in touch with our own inner worlds and being open to see and hear the inner worlds of God and of others. Our times of quiet reflection are times of being still in the presence of God, Father Son and Holy Spirit. They are times of being still with the truth, and allowing God the space and time in our lives so He can be heard and our inner selves can speak with Him. Times of reflection are times of aligning and integrating our spiritual and emotional lives with the activities in which we engage. They are times that help us understand that we too can get imprisoned by stereotypes and thus help us to break free and move on into a more complete relationship with God and with others. Balancing our spiritual lives, both our times of quiet with God and our activities for Him is a bit like being on a train. We are in motion and yet we are stationary as we are seated (or standing!). There is action and yet there is stillness. We are moving forward and yet we are at rest. We are on a journey and yet we are being transported by something infinitely bigger than ourselves. In our Christian journey we need to live out the paradox of the stillness and the movement, the times of action and the times of quiet reflection. And as we do we find that they are parts of the same experience. As we take time to reflect on God we come to understand more about Him and of His will and calling on our lives and in particular the journey and actions He invites us to take with Him. And as we align ourselves with the actions which God has for each one of us so we find true stillness and calm.

Meditation

The practice of hospitality was of great importance in Abraham's time. Living as nomads the people would live in tents, moving from place to place to support their herds. Visitors brought companionship, an opportunity to trade for materials needed or for sale and potentially assistance for the nomadic lifestyle.

As a gracious host, Abraham served a magnificent meal for his visitors and in return received the promise of an heir to carry on the family name. He did not hesitate to receive strangers, although he had no idea who they were, yet through his welcome he received the Lord Himself and the inheritance His promise foretold.

Prayers for Sunday and the week ahead

Eternal God, in Christ you make yourself our guest. Amid all our cares and concerns make us attentive to your voice and alert to your presence, that we may prize your word above all else, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

O God our father, who through your servants Mary and Martha taught us to sit at your feet and to serve you; grant us your grace to fulfil the task you have given us and to draw us ever closer to yourself. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Eternal God, in Christ you make yourself our guest. Amid all our cares and concerns make us attentive to your voice and alert to your presence, that we may prize your word above all else; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight; and may the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

An extract from The Church Times 20 July 2007

DR DESMOND TUTU is to chair a global group of “elders”, who can visit trouble spots around the world and offer experience, wisdom, and advice on conflict-resolution.

On Tuesday, Dr Tutu, the Archbishop Emeritus of Cape Town and Nobel Peace Prizewinner, met the former UN secretary general, Kofi Annan; the former President of Ireland, Mary Robinson; the Bangladeshi economist and Nobel Prizewinner Muhammad Yunus; Graca Machel, wife of the former South African President, Nelson Mandela. She was a government minister in Mozambique.

Mr Mandela, who had convened the meeting, before launching his initiative on Wednesday, was unable at the last minute to attend. The former US President Bill Clinton, who was expected to take part, has withdrawn owing to the pressure of other commitments. He wished the best for the endeavour, a statement said.

Jean Oelwang, who runs Virgin Unite, the co-ordinating organisation for Sir Richard Branson’s group of charities, also attended the meeting on Tuesday, and is expected to direct the project. Sir Richard was expected on Wednesday.

Peter Gabriel, the musician and human-rights campaigner was also expected. With Sir Richard, it was understood that he had helped turn Mr Mandela’s dream of global elders into this week’s reality.

The announcement of the scheme was to take place close to the site of the prison where Mr Mandela was once held captive.

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 (under 100yrs!) and children (over 5 years) throughout the Partnership, to join us at Putnoe Heights on Tuesday 21 & Wednesday 22 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

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

Luncheon Club. Seats available on the coach for 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 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.
Sunday morning coffee makers at St Mark's The coffee and tea is now kept in the large cupboard in the kitchen.

Footprints. A walk in memory of Peter Beswick will be organised later in the year after the holiday .

Luncheon Club which meets fortnightly at Putnoe Heights relies heavily on volunteer drivers to transport elderly folk to & from their homes. An additional driver is needed to start in early September. If you can help please ring Putnoe Church Centre 365630.

Adopt a bed scheme. Thank you to everyone who took on a bed. Despite the rain being generous to the weeds you all seem to have kept on top of things. Don't stop now, however, as the green bits keep popping up. A weekly visit with a trowel will keep things right. If I haven't spoken to you lately due to my absences, I have still been thinking of you, gratefully. Marion.

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.

Methodist response to renewed consultation on casinos. Anthea Cox, Coordinating Secretary for Public Life & Social Justice, says;
"We're delighted to hear this news. Our concerns about casinos have always primarily been about the harm they can do to people who develop gambling problems but we were never convinced about whether they were a realistic way of regenerating urban areas. We look forward to the Government's review in September and are pleased that the Government has listened to the concerns raised by churches and other groups."

St Mark's Tea and Coffee Shop. Tea and coffee shop open at St Mark's every Sunday afternoon from 2.30pm - 5.00pm. 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. Don't forget to come along and enjoy great teas

British Cardiac Patients Association. Our next meeting at Putnoe Heights Church is on Thursday August 23rd at 7.30pm. We will be entertained with music played on the keyboard by Shaun Milsom. All are welcome to come along and join in with us. Admission is free and we will have refreshments and a raffle.

Thank you to everyone for the lovely cards and good wishes on the birth of our granddaughter Isabelle Marie. Linda & Edward

‘Glad News Sad News’ In using the sleeve, which you kindly collected for me before Easter, I have found a mother and baby picture— original and enlargement . I’ve pinned them to the notice board at St Mark’s—please claim them if you are the owner. Thank you. Marion.



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We are grateful for your help in stacking the chairs after morning service each Sunday at St Mark’s. Many thanks.

St Mark’s 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 St Mark’s.

Bedford Cricketing Saints & Warthogs.

Interested in playing? There is a busy fixture list of matches both home and away, on Sunday afternoons and mid-week, plus a tour in July. Contact Adrian Quarry on 409612 or Mike Cooper at St. Mark’s.

Help Required. Storybox at St Mark’s needs help with refreshments for about an hour over lunchtime. If anyone feels they could lend a hand once every six weeks, Emma would love to hear from you. If you leave your telephone number at the office Emma will get back to you or ring Emma 211070. Thank you.

Two Day Summer Special—‘Joseph and his Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat’. 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

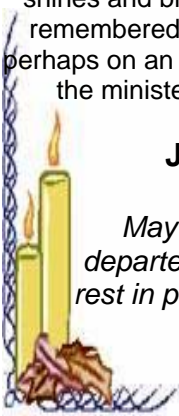
Mother Teresa Support Group – Would you like to spend a pleasant afternoon in good company, knitting and chatting with a cup of tea and biscuits to sustain you? If so, you would be very welcome to join us at St Mark’s on alternate Tuesdays. Our next meeting is at 2.30pm on Tuesday 24 June Wool, needles and patterns provided.

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.

Jean Violet Williams

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 Mrs Dorothy Kaye will take place at Putnoe Heights Church on Tuesday 24 July at 2.30pm followed by Cremation. *Crossley*

The funeral of Linda Watts will take place at St Mark’s Church on Friday 27 July at 3.15pm *Royden*