



Methodist  
Church

# Partnership News

22 October 2006

## Ordinary 29 - Mission Sunday

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



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### Church Services Today

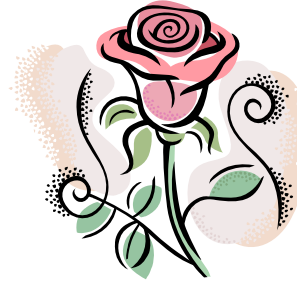
8.30 Holy Communion at PUTNOE ONLY  
**9.30am St Mark's Church - Morning Worship**  
Preacher - Rev Dr Sam Cappleman  
Leadership - Mr Mike Cooper  
Intercessions - Mr Chris Izzard  
**11.00am Putnoe Heights - Morning Worship**  
Preacher - Rev Dr Sam Cappleman  
Leadership Team - Mrs Wendy Nash  
Intercessions - Mrs Claire Peck

### October 29

8.30 Holy Communion at ST MARKS ONLY  
**9.30am St Mark's Church - Holy Communion with PCH**  
Preacher - Revd Martin Hounsfeld  
Leadership - Mrs Delia Shephard  
Intercessions - Mr Richard Ledger  
**11.00am Putnoe Heights - Holy Communion with PCH**  
Preacher - Revd Martin Hounsfeld  
Leadership Team - Mr Dave Allen  
Intercessions - Mr Alan Bayliss

**Reading 1 : Job 42:1-6,10-17, Jeremiah 31: 7-9**  
**Reading 2 : Hebrews 7: 23-28**  
**Reading 3 : Mark 10: 46 -52**

### Thank You



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

Renew your whole Church, O Lord, with the spirit of unity and promise, that it may desire only your kingdom, seek only your will, and be driven only by the mission of its one true and living head; even Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Olive Wyon, 1881-1966

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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 - 12 noon Monday & Friday

9am - 5pm Tuesday/Wednesday & Thursday

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Leadership Team - Mr Alan Bayliss 268101

Treasurer Mr Ian Morse 216428 treasurerph@thisischurch.com

Gift Aid Administrator - Mr John Hitt 404186

Junior Church Co-ordinator - Mrs Liz Spavins 302349

#### St. Mark's Church Centre (Open 9am - 5.00pm)

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Centre Manager Miss Wendy Rider 342613

Leadership Team - Mrs Janet Day 295592

Treasurer - Mr John Day 295592 treasurer@thisischurch.com

Gift Aid Administrator Mr Jim Williams 360605

# Regular Weekly Activities - A Guide To Our Churches

## Monday

**9.30 - 12.00 pm Mon-Fri Putnoe Heights Pre-school** Mrs Janet Smith 326685

**8.30 - 5.30 pm Mon-Fri St Mark's Pre-school** Mrs. Helen Harpin **312634**

*(See website for more details)*

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

**Mini-Strikers Sport for Children** at Putnoe aged 2-4 years. Contact Andy Carey 01908 313751 or 07766 142754, or [www.ministrikers.co.uk](http://www.ministrikers.co.uk)

**12.00pm - 1.00pm Story box** Putnoe Heights church welcome the under 5's and their carers to join them between 12noon and 1pm for a sandwich lunch followed by a Bible story, singing and activities. Lots of fun, donations. Contact Liz on 01234 302349

**2.30 - 4.30pm** Bedford Arts Society at Putnoe Heights contact Malcolm Smith on 01234 400741 (weekly from 25 September 2006)

**4pm Monday Club** at St. Marks for 3—8 year olds meet at 3.30. for refreshments , between 4 & 5 Bible story, craft activities & songs. Lots of fun. Contact Liz 302349

**4.15pm - Rosemary Conley Diet & Fitness.** Putnoe Heights. Miriam Adcock 01908 565044

**4.15 - 6.00pm Kumon Maths** at Putnoe Heights. Contact Ms Raksha Mistry 01908 392698

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

**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 30 October 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. Mrs Olive Shotbolt 267203

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

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

**9.30am -12.30 & 4 - 9pm Slimming World** at St. Mark's. Helen Folbigg 351223

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

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

**2.15pm Putnoe Heights Women's Fellowship** - Next meeting October 24 Mrs.A.Alderman & Mrs.M. Goddard ARC. Contact Betty Wyatt 350188.

**2.15pm Putnoe Heights Men's Fellowship.** Next meeting 31 October Final Members afternoon. Contact Lawrence Wyatt 350188.

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

**2.30pm Tuesday Afternoon Housegroup.** Meets fortnightly at St. Mark's. For details of next meeting contact Mary Stubbs 406784.

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

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

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

**Tuesday - 7pm-9pm MT Karate** [all ages] at Putnoe Heights. Please contact Karen King 07941 264885

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

**7.30pm Tabernacle of Truth 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 October 31 AGM Contact Madge Walsh 359088

**8.30pm St Mark's Church Qi Gong.** Contact Mrs D Steele 356384

## Wednesday

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

**9.30am - Body Control Pilates** at Putnoe Heights. Stephanie Smith 357787.

**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

**10.30 am U3A Art Appreciation** meets fortnightly at Putnoe Heights - For details of next meeting Contact Audrey Hancock 365915.

**Luncheon Club** at Putnoe Heights fortnightly. For details of next meeting 1 November contact Putnoe 365630

**1 - 3pm Police Surgery** at Putnoe Heights .

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

**2.15pm - Fifty plus Keep Fit** at Putnoe Heights . Mrs Webster 856966

**4.15pm - 6pm Kumon Maths** at Putnoe Heights Ms Raksha Mistry 01908 392698

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

**6.15pm - 7.45pm Yoga and Relaxation** at Putnoe Heights. Please contact Racheall Monton 01234 297138

**6.30 - 7.30 at St Mark's** .Karate contact Karen 079412 64885

**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. Janice Loxley 347073

**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.*

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

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

**1.30pm - 3.00pm Clinic** at St. Mark's 267444

**12pm Story box** 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 story, singing and activities. Lots of fun, donations. Contact Liz Spavins on 302349

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

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

**2pm - Putnoe Bridge Club.** Gerald Palmer 345991

**4.00 Story box Plus** at Putnoe Heights for 4-11year old. Meet at 3.30 for refreshments & games. Then till 5pm make props, sing & rehearse a short play to perform in church on the 1st Sunday of each month Lots of fun And it's free! Liz Spavins 302349

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

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

**6.15pm Brownies** at Putnoe Helga Nash 218521

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

**7pm Street Dance** at Putnoe Heights. Contact Curtis Ritchie 349255 or 07984 525147

**7.00pm Club 2000** at Putnoe Mrs M White 404992

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

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

**7.30 - 9.30 Tabernacle of Truth Church** at Putnoe Bible Studies every 2 Thursday– Pastor Tarr 360188

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

#### Friday

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

**1.30 - 2pm Stars School of Dance** at Putnoe.

Contact Esther Sancto 272517 or 07917 582468

**2pm U3A Gardening Group** at Putnoe Heights Contact Eve Whitehead 356875

**7 - 10pm Bedford Arts Society** meets fortnightly at Putnoe Heights from 8 September. Contact Malcolm Smith 01234 400741

**7.30pm Youth Club for age 13-18** at St Mark's Church. Contact PCSO Rowland Gilbey 349179

#### Saturday

**9.30 - 11.30am Stars School of Dance** at Putnoe. Contact Esther Sancto 272517 or 07917 582468

**10.00am - 1.00pm Theatretrain** at St Mark's – dancing acting, singing. - Kate Randle 01234 782414

**5 - 7pm Bethesda Church** . Contact Pastor Denis Baka 07944 749357

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

#### Sunday

**Junior Church with crèche for under 3's**

**9.30 - 10.30 at St.Mark's**

**11-12 at Putnoe Heights.**

**1 - 4pm Tabernacle of Truth Church** at Putnoe Heights - Worship. Contact Revd. Tarr 360188 Mob. 07866775515

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

**6—7.30pm T.X.T** for 13 + fortnightly , join us for fellowship , debate & discussion at Putnoe. Ring Liz 302349

## Diary Dates

**St Mark's Church Council** , 6 February 2007

**Circuit Meeting** -

**St Mark's Leadership Team** – 27th November

**Putnoe Heights Leadership Team** - 21 November

**St Mark's Church Management Meeting** - 12.30pm 6 December

**Putnoe Heights Church Management** - 6th Nov

**Putnoe Church Council** 29 February 2007

**Pastoral Group Meeting** – 31 January 2007

**Churchyard Committee** - 29 November 11am.

**Putnoe Heights Mission Group Meeting** –

Wednesday 18 October at 7.30pm at 14 Flint Way. .

**Partnership Council** - 20 February at St Mark's

**Brickhill Parish Council** - 30 Nov

**Deanery Meeting** , 16 November

**Putnoe Heights Children & Youth** -

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

## Ordinary 29

### Verse of Scripture - Psalm 91 v 1, 2

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.

### Collect Prayer - Before we read we pray

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters, we do also for you. Give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all; for you gave up your life and died for us, but live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever (Methodist Worship)

### First Bible Reading - Isaiah 53: 4-12

Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By oppression and judgment he was taken away. And who can speak of his descendants? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was stricken. He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life a guilt offering, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand. After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light of life and be satisfied: by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities. Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.  
(Reader: This is the word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God**)

### Second Reading - Hebrews 5: 1-10

Every high priest is selected from among men and is appointed to represent them in matters related to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with those who are ignorant and are going astray, since he himself is subject to weakness. This is why he has to offer sacrifices for his own sins, as well as for the sins of the people. No one takes this honour upon himself; he must be called by God, just as Aaron was. So Christ also did not take upon himself the glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to him, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father." And he says in another place, "You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek." During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a son, he learned obedience from what he suffered and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

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

### Third Reading - Mark 10: 35-45

Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to do for us whatever we ask." "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked. They replied, "Let one of



**Mark 10.45**

us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory." "You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said. "Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?" "We can," they answered. Jesus said to them, "You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared." When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

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

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Holy and blessed God, you have fed us with the body and blood of your Son and filled us with your Holy Spirit: may we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Hymns** (Please distribute Mission Praise & Morning Worship.)

1. Ye servants of God, **784**
2. For I'm building a people of power, **151**
3. Crown Him with many crowns, **109**
4. Jesus the name high over all, **385**;
5. All hail the power of Jesus' name, **13**

### **Commentary**

#### **A Servant of All**

There is a stark contrast between the picture of Christ we get from the readings from Isaiah and Hebrews and the demands of James and John in the gospel. In the Old Testament reading and the epistle we see Christ portrayed as the suffering servant, crushed, oppressed, afflicted, a humble, obedient, submissive and gentle servant who is called and anointed by God to be a priest of the order of Melchizedek and the saviour of the world. In the gospel, we see James and John making the outrageous demand to this saviour of the world to do for them *anything* they ask. Its almost as if James and John have not understood quite what Jesus is about at this stage, misunderstanding what it means to be with the Messiah. But instead of suggesting to them that they must be joking or querying whether they really mean 'anything', Jesus merely asks them what they want Him to do for them. And whilst the demand of James and John is in contrast with the earlier readings, Jesus' response is not. When He hears what they want He does not chastise them for asking but explains, as a gentle servant, what they ask is not His to grant but that the places to the right and left of Him in glory belong to those for whom they have been prepared.

Not surprisingly the other ten disciples were indignant with James and John for separating themselves from their company in the hope of obtaining the highest honour. Jesus continues in His gentle theme and explains to them that in the Gentile, worldly rulers lord it over their people, and holders of high office make their authority felt. This must not happen among Christ's followers. On the contrary, whoever wants to be first among them must be last of all.

John Chrysostom, one of the early Christian Fathers commented, 'The fact is that before the incarnation and self-abasement of Christ the whole world was in a state of ruin and decay, but when He humbled himself He lifted the world up. He annulled the curse, put an end to death, opened paradise, destroyed sin, flung wide the gates of heaven, and introduced there the first fruits of our race. He filled the world with faith in God, drove out error, restored truth, caused our first fruits to ascend a royal throne, and gained innumerable blessings beyond the power of myself or anyone else to describe in words. Before He humbled himself He was known only to the angels, but after his self-abasement he was recognized by the whole human race.'

In a world that is so competitive and status oriented it is difficult for us to understand the upside down personal economics of an incarnate God who whilst being the Messiah was also the servant of all, but was the Messiah because He was the servant of all. As Isaiah states, it was God's will to crush the Servant, Jesus; but as the New Testament makes plain, it was that same Jesus' obedience that made Himself the guilt offering for all and through whom we have our salvation.

As we focus on the church's mission this Sunday, the challenge is perhaps not so much what we do with our time, our talents and our financial resources, but what we do with our own self will. Are we prepared to listen to God to hear His call on our lives and to be obedient to that calling in the same way that Christ was? Are we prepared to become the servant of others, to put our time, talents, resources and will at God's disposal so that they may have God revealed to them?

### **Meditation**

The first reading is from the fourth servant song of Second Isaiah: the prophet sings of one who gives his life as an offering. The gospel is about disciples who want to be important. Jesus teaches them that whoever wants to rank first among them must serve the needs of all. So it is with us. Jesus, our Lord and Master, calls us to be a community of service. Our strength comes from following in the footsteps of this Master, who has not come to be served but to serve. What is our service to the world? If all we do is affirm the world's wisdom, what kind of service is that? We must provide an alternative to the wisdom of the world: that is the greatest service we can offer.

*Gerald Darring*

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

O God, you have called men and women of every land to be a holy nation, a royal priesthood, the Church of your dear Son; unite us in mutual love across the barriers of race and culture, and strengthen us in our common task of being Christ and showing Christ to the world He came to save. **Amen**

O Lord, let the church be truly your collective body in the world today, the Christ-community directed by you, its head, infused with your Spirit, loving and serving all people as you did when you lived your human life. Help the Church to give itself for the world, to that everyone may have the priceless treasure of your grace and love, O lord of the Church, O Saviour of the world. **Amen**

Set our hearts on fire with love for you, O Christ our God, that in its flame we may love you with all our heart, with all our mind, with all our soul, and with all our strength, and our neighbours as ourselves, so that in keeping your commandments, we may glorify you, the giver of all good gifts. **Amen** A Manual of Eastern Orthodox Prayers

### **Woodland Burial at Keysoe**

What do people think about woodland burial? On the Keysoe and Bolnhurst Village website, people have been taking part in a poll to say how they feel about woodland burial. The results show that there is widespread support for woodland burial at Keysoe, but we still have to win over some hearts and minds. We are creating a protected natural woodland which will be place of beauty and over the coming years it is our hope that people will come to appreciate not only the importance of what is taking place, but also the positive impact that woodland burial can have for generations to come.

69% thought it positive

22% thought it negative

9% weren't sure

Visit [www.thischurch.com/woodland](http://www.thischurch.com/woodland) for more information

# News and Information

## **8.30am Holy Communion — New policy**

It has been agreed by Partnership Council and both church councils to change the pattern of 8.30am Holy Communion services. There will be a new fixed rota which will operate throughout the year, in a similar fashion to the summer holidays. If anybody finds this to be inconvenient we would like to offer transport to and from each church every Sunday, please advise us if you would like this service so that we can help.

First Sunday of every month at Putnoe  
Second Sunday of every month St Mark's  
Third Sunday of every month Putnoe  
Fourth Sunday of every month St Mark's  
Fifth Sunday of every month Putnoe

This fixed pattern should be easy to remember.

Due a shortage of ministers over half term we have already implemented a fortnightly arrangement. Therefore we have decided that the permanent change should take place from November.

**Barn Dance** 4 November 6pm at Putnoe. Suitable for all ages. Tickets £3 each or £10 for a 'family' of 4 Sausage & Mash with veggie option. Bring your own drinks. Raffle. Book early. Tickets from Putnoe Office or see Liz

**Bedford Festival of Music, Speech & Dance** 3-10 March 2007. If any of our young people from the Partnership would like to enter the Bible Reading, to continue the success of this year, could they please see Liz, as we need to register shortly.

**Cake sale result.** The cake stall run by the young people at Putnoe raised £54.15 for church funds. Thank you to bakers and buyers.

**Tesco Sports Vouchers** are being collected by St Mark's Preschool. Vouchers can be handed into the Office. Thank you Helen

**Putnoe Lower School** would like someone to represent the church and local community on the board of Governors. If anyone would like to take on this very important role, could they please see Joan for details. Joan 344536

**'Modern Singers'** If you enjoy singing, come along to Bedford Modern School for an hour 6-7pm on Wednesdays. All voices welcome - no auditions! For more information —speak to Mike Cooper, Tim Wilkes or Clive Simmonds.

## **Belief. Bedford Ecumenical Lay Institute for Education and Faith**

Course leaflets are available in the foyer with details of some excellent sessions. The courses are held at St Andrew's Church in Bedford. Please take a leaflet and consider joining one of the courses this autumn. The next module "Thinking about God" led by Rev'd Dr Ian McIntosh begins on 8 November at 7.45 .

Weds 8 Nov. God as Creator  
Weds 15 Nov God in Jesus  
Weds 22 Nov God and Suffering  
Weds 29 Nov God the Holy Spirit  
Weds 6 Dec God as Trinity

**St Mark's Christmas Fayre** will take place on Saturday 25 November. Flyers are now available to be distributed around the area if you are able to help please take a bundle from the table in the foyer. Many thanks.

**Sunday Services at Putnoe** The 11am services are recorded on tapes, which may be borrowed, to enable people who are unable to get to Church to listen at home. More helpers are needed to maintain this service - for further details please contact Brian Lodge on 267531.

**Mission Group Coffee Morning** on Saturday 4 November from 10—12 noon at the home of Revd. Dr Joan and Paul Crossley, 30 Cutcliffe Grove Cakes, raffle etc. proceeds to African Projects. Offers & requests for transport to Eddie & Irene McKenzie 311569.

**British Cardiac Patients Association** next meeting on Thursday 26 October at 7.30pm at Putnoe Heights. 'Well Dressing' slide show by Ann Doody. Please feel free to join us, all welcome Eileen Marriott 303834.

**Card sales at Putnoe Heights** continue to do very well. We have recently sent £50 to Riverbank Children's Ward at South Wing Hospital and we are now raising money for the British Diabetic Association. Cards for special occasions and Christmas can always be made to order. Telephone 267567. Thank you for your continuing support. Margaret and Claire Peck.

**Sorry.** We have been unable to access e-mails at St Mark's Church office this week due to a technical fault. We wish to apologise to anyone who has been trying to contact us and hope to be back in operation as soon as possible.

### Partnership Commemoration Service

Sunday 12 November at 3.00pm at St Mark's Church our preacher this year will be The Reverend Dr Sam Cappleman.

**Special Christmas services** this year in the Partnership - Something to look forward to

Christmas trees arrive Friday 1 December  
Christmas gift service, both churches 3 December  
Christingle service, both churches 10 December  
St Mark's Carols in the car park 16 December  
Carols by Candlelight at Putnoe 17 December  
Carols by candlelight at St Mark's 23 December  
Crib service at St Mark's 3.00pm Christmas Eve  
Crib service at Putnoe 4.00pm Christmas Eve  
Midnight Mass both churches Christmas Eve  
Christmas day services 9.30 and 11.00am

### Faith-based community worker

All Saints Parish Church, Queen's Park, Bedford  
£16,500 40 hours per week to include many evenings and weekends

The worker will be based in the Ambrose Reeves Room in All Saints Parish Church on Westbourne Road in Queen's Park, Bedford. The worker will be supervised by the Parish Priest and will be accountable to the Parochial Church Council. The worker will extend, strengthen, and professionalise faith-led community development work in Queen's Park. Specifically, the worker will - support existing faith-led community projects (Fusion Youth Singing, Queen's Park Lives oral history project, All Saints Basketball Club, Queen's Park Youth Cricket) alongside the parish priest. The post may also be combined with some study leading to a professional qualification in community work.  
*Contact St Mark's Church Office for more details*

### Veiled Issue.

The Archbishop of Canterbury's representative to the Muslim Community in England, the Bishop of Bolton, this week defended the right of Muslim women to wear veils over their faces. Nevertheless, he welcomed the debate on the issue. The Bishop, the Rt Revd David Gillett, was speaking on Monday after the Leader of the House of Commons, Jack Straw, said that he asked Muslim women who attended his constituency surgery in Blackburn to remove the full veil, or niqab, from their faces. The Church Times conducted a website vote on whether readers thought Muslim women should be discouraged from wearing the veil—59% said yes as we went to print. Bearing in mind that this is arguably the more tolerant face of mainstream Christianity, what would most people on the street say?

**Not Halloween!** .On Wednesday 18 October the Bishop of Bolton, the Rt Rev David Gillett, will reveal a shocking poster which shows the typical range of supermarket goods on offer to children this Halloween. The poster forms part of 'Halloween Choice', a campaign that is challenging supermarkets and stores to offer a wider range of merchandise to people who want to celebrate Halloween in an alternative way. The poster features actual masks available for parents or children to buy, one of which depicts a serial killer from a film, and carries the tag line - "Not all parents want to see their kids dressed as monsters or murderers this Halloween". As an alternative to Halloween, **TNT and TXT are having a "Saints and Heroes" party this Sunday at 6pm.** All welcome. Costume required!

### 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.

*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 **Peter Whittingstall** will take place at Bedford Crematorium Weds 25th Oct at 2.30pm. Crossley



The funeral of **Mr Webster** will take place at Bedford Crematorium on Weds 25 October at 12.15pm Royden