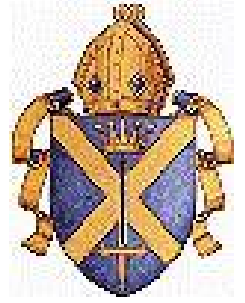


# Partnership News

23 May 2010

Pentecost



## Partnership Church Services Today

### 8.30am Holy Communion every Sunday

1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday at Putnoe Heights  
2nd and 4th Sunday at St. Mark's Church

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

Preacher - Mr Richard Ledger  
Leadership – Mrs Avril Williams  
Intercessions – Mr John Tatman

### 11.00am Putnoe Heights– Morning Worship

Preacher – Mr Richard Ledger  
Leadership - Mrs Sam Ware  
Intercessions -Ministers

## 30 May - Trinity Sunday

### 9.30am St. Mark's –Holy Communion with PCH

Preacher - Revd Charles Royden  
Leadership – Mrs Margaret Appleton  
Intercessions – Mrs Delia Shephard

### 11.00am – Putnoe Heights—Holy Communion with PCH

Preacher—Revd Charles Royden  
Leadership - Mrs Sam Ware  
Intercessions - Mrs Sue Allen

**Readings** 1 Prov 8:1-4,22-31. 2.Romans 5: 1-5  
3. John 16: 12-15

### Midweek Worship

**Holy Communion** at St Mark's Chapel every Wednesday  
at 10.00am and at Sir William Harpur House on first  
Monday of every month at 10.00am

## Thank You

The flowers at Putnoe Heights Church this week  
have been given by Liz Hayward in memory of her  
mother Olive Betts.

The flowers at St. Mark's have been given by Geoff  
and Margaret Appleton in celebration of their Ruby  
Wedding Anniversary.

We are grateful when people make donations towards  
flowers perhaps to celebrate a special occasion such as  
an anniversary or in memory of a loved one. Please  
contact Miss Marion Prior 303254 (St Mark's) or Ann Hitt  
404186 (Putnoe Heights) or add your name to the rota in  
the foyers.

## Prayer for Sunday

Living God,  
you have created all that is.  
Send forth your Spirit  
to renew and restore us,  
that we may proclaim  
your good news  
in ways and words  
that all will understand and believe.  
Amen.

### The Reverend Dr. Sam Cappleman

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### Partnership Pastoral Support Team Co-Ordinator & Churchyards Administrator

Mrs Mary Stubbs 406784 Mary@Thisischurch.com  
*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 Monday to Thursday 9am - 5pm, Friday 9am - 1pm**  
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**Leadership Team** Mrs Samantha Ware 304058  
**Treasurer** Mr Ian Morse 216428 treasurerph@thisischurch.com

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**Tel/fax & Answering Service** 342613 office@thisischurch.com  
**Centre Manager** Miss Wendy Rider 342613  
**Leadership Team** - Avril Williams 360605  
**Treasurer** - Mr Ian Farthing 210892 treasurer@thisischurch.com  
**Gift Aid Administrator** Jim Williams 360605

# Regular Weekly Activities - A Guide To Our Churches

## Monday

### 9.15 -11.45 am Mon-Fri Putnoe Heights Pre-school

Head teacher Mrs Janet Smith ☎326685

### 8.30-5.30pm Pre-school Mon-Fri St Mark's

### 9.30-3.15pm Top Marks Mon-Fri St Mark's

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.

**9.45am - Body Control Pilates** –Putnoe Heights Stephanie Smith ☎ 357787 or 07973174430

**10.00am Bakers Barn Art Group.** St Mark's Mrs Berry ☎211955

**10.30am U3A Play reading** St Mark's J Birks ☎219607

**12.00pm Story box Putnoe Heights** 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.

**3.30pm Storybox Plus** Putnoe Heights for 4-9 year olds. Meet at 3.30 for refreshments & games. Then until 5pm stories, drama, singing & craft activities.

**4.15pm Rosemary Conley Diet & Fitness.** Putnoe Heights. Margo Needham ☎843747 or 07881730747

**4.15pm Kumon Maths** Putnoe Heights. Mrs Raksha Mistry ☎01908 392698

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

**6.15 pm Brownies** Putnoe. Sharon Tanner ☎07720713738.

**6.15 Pilates** at Putnoe Heights Jane Butcher 300859

**7.30pm Sugarcraft Guild** St Mark's 1st week Pat Nicholson ☎353518

**7.30pm Cancer Care Society.** St Mark's. 1st Week. Mr J Dewhurst ☎01908 377020

**7.15pm Guides.** St Mark's. Mrs Gill Lake ☎218091

**7.15pm Yoga.** Putnoe Heights Denise Green ☎244970

**7.30pm Whist Drive.** St Mark's 3rd & 5th week . Next meeting May 31 Judith Stanton. ☎823313

**7.30pm House group** 30 The Ridgeway. The home of Eddy & Margaret Peck ☎267567.

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

## Tuesday

**9.30am Jo Jingles.** St. Mark's. Music & movement for pre-school children. Renu Elston ☎07790296016

**9.30am Candlewicking** (Needlework). Putnoe Heights. Judi Staughton ☎341821

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

**10am Autism Beds Adult Support Group.** St Mark's. Sally Cripsley ☎350704

**11.15am U3A Keep Fit Putnoe Heights** Sally Banks ☎ 870357

**1.30pm Toddlers Playtime.** Putnoe Heights Majella Atkinson ☎325293.

**1.30pm U3A Cinema Group.** St Mark's 4th Week in month . Mrs Beaumont ☎261461

**2.00pm U3A Book Group.** St Mark's 3rd Week Mrs Forrest ☎344043

**2.00pm Library Walk W.I.** Putnoe Heights, meets monthly. Morag Tomkins ☎356895

**2pm U3A Photography** (Group 3) St Mark's 1st Week. Janet King ☎313946

**2.15pm Putnoe Heights Women's Fellowship.** Next meeting May 25 ADH Disorder - Mrs. Bone. Betty Wyatt ☎350188.

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

**2.15pm Tuesday Afternoon Housegroup.** St Mark's Fortnightly. Mary Stubbs ☎406784.

**3.45pm Stars School of Dance.** Putnoe Heights. Esther Sancto ☎295862 or 07917582468.

**6.30pm Creative Card making.** Putnoe Heights Church. Carol Houghton ☎346718

**6.30pm Yoga** Putnoe Heights Veronica Lafferty ☎781466 or 07788750360

**7pm Keep Fit.** St. Mark's Jan Gregory ☎328455

**7pm MT Karate** [all ages] Putnoe Heights. Karen King ☎07941 264885

**7.30pm Hearts in Beds. Cardiac Support Group** 1st Tuesday in the month. Brian Ibberson ☎403497

**7.30pm Tabernacle of Truth Church** Putnoe Heights Bible study & prayers. Revd. Tarr ☎360188 or 07866775515

**7.30pm Putnoe Heights Ladies Tuesday Club** - Meets fortnightly. Next meeting June 1 'Bring & Share Meal'. Janet King ☎313946

**8.15pm - 10.15pm Bedford Advanced Dancers** St. Mark's 1st Tuesday in month. Shirley Sadler ☎01767 651767

## Wednesday

**9.30am Body Control Pilates.** Putnoe Heights. Stephanie Smith ☎357787 or 07973174430.

**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

**10am U3A Card Making,** St Mark's Church. 4th week in the month. Janet King ☎313946

**12.30pm Luncheon Club.** Putnoe Heights fortnightly. Next - May 23 Putnoe Heights Office ☎365630

**1.00-3pm Police Surgery** at Putnoe Heights .

**1.15pm Bridge Club for the Retired.** St. Mark's. Mr Barnes ☎261811

**1.45 Scots Society Whist** Putnoe monthly .All welcome Nancy Barr ☎268147

**2-5pm Police Surgery.** St Mark's Foyer. ☎349179

**1.30-4.30pm U3A Craft St Mark's** 1st & 3rd week. Pat Holland ☎262823

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

**4.15pm Kumon Maths.** Putnoe Heights Mrs Raksha Mistry ☎01908 392698

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

**6.15pm Yoga and Relaxation** Putnoe Heights Racheall Monton ☎01234 297138 or 07910835994.

**6-8pm Karate.** St Mark's Karen King ☎079412 64885

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

**7.00pm Archaeological & Local History Society** Putnoe

Heights monthly. Vanessa Aykac 268098 or 07917385987

**7.00pm Putnoe Guild** Putnoe Heights monthly Janice Loxley ☎ 347073

**7.00pm Line Dancing** Putnoe Heights Mike Del-Boyer ☎348378

**8.00pm Badminton Club** Putnoe Heights All welcome. Ken Marriott ☎214867

**8.00pm Tudor Reeds Folk Dance Club** meet at St Mark's 1st,3rd & 5th Wednesday in month. Next meeting 2 June Everyone welcome. All dances called, only £1 including refreshments. Ring Alan ☎ 345312.Graham 406359 or Rosemary 405594 for more details.

**8.00pm Bedford Wine and Social Club** St Mark's 1st week in the month. 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.*

**9.45am Yoga** Putnoe Heights Denise Green ☎244970

**9.45am Chat and Play** St.Mark's. A group for Mums & toddlers. Emma Strangwick ☎211070

11am-12noon Citizens Advice Bureau at Putnoe Heights.

**12pm Storybox** . St Mark's 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 Jaana Swaby ☎ 363283

**1.30 - 3.00pm NHS Baby Clinic** St. Mark's ☎267444

**1.30pm Toddler Playtime.** Putnoe Majella Atkinson ☎325293.

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

**2.30 - 4.30pm Bedford Art Society** at St Mark's. Malcolm Smith ☎400741

**4 - 7.00pm Police Surgery.** St Mark's Foyer. ☎349179

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

**6.15pm Brownies.** Putnoe Heights Caroline Morgan ☎07786508351

**7.00pm Club 2000** Putnoe Heights Nina Ovenden ☎825059

**7pm U3A Folk & Poetry** St Mark's 2nd & 2th week in month. Doug Ovenden ☎825059

**7.15pm Putnoe Art Group** Bob Wardale ☎406094

**7.30pm Bedford Embroiderers' Guild** St Mark's 3rd week in month. Pauline Lynham ☎01525 714517

**8.00pm Bedford Writers Circle.** St Mark's 1st week in month. Mr Newton ☎01525 378193

**8.00pm Magpies Women's Group** St Mark's 2nd & 4th week Jean Birks ☎219607

**8.00pm Brickhill Ladies Group** St Mark's 1st and 3rd week in month. Julia Nicholson ☎353642

### Friday

**9.30-12.30pm U3A Photography** (Group 1) St Marks 4th week in month Val Scrivener ☎346397

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

**10am - 12 & 1.15 - 3.15pm U3A Beginners French** St Mark's Joyce Fields ☎353086

**12.15pm U3A Photography** (Group 2). St Mark's 4th week in month. Sue Butler ☎354183

**5pm Stars School of Dance** Putnoe Heights Contact Esther Sancto ☎295862 or ☎07917 582468

**2.00pm U3A Gardening Group** Putnoe Heights Eve

Whitehead ☎356875

**6.15pm Yoga and Relaxation** Putnoe Heights. Racheall Monton ☎297138 or 07910835994

**7.45 - 10.45pm Bedford Astrology Club.** St. Mark's. Carol Brown ☎01438 233385

### Saturday

**10.00am Theatretrain** St Mark's. Dancing acting, singing. Kate Howard ☎01234 782414

**Young Embroiderers** bi monthly Putnoe Heights Terry Fletcher ☎357198

**2.15pm Society of Recorder Players** at Putnoe Heights. G Parry ☎ 01462 674792

**7.00pm Duplicate Bridge.** St Mark's Mrs Pillinger ☎212066

### Sunday

**9.30 - 10.30 Church and Sunday School** at St Mark's with crèche for under 3's

**11.00 - 12.00 Church and Junior** at Putnoe Heights for the under 9's and Young Peoples Fellowship (Y.P.F) for our young adults. A crèche is also available.

**1pm Tabernacle of Truth Church** Putnoe Heights Revd. Tarr ☎360188 or ☎07866775515

**6pm T.N.T.** Putnoe. For 9-12 year olds (fortnightly) join us for fellowship & fun.



**St Mark's Church Council** – 22 June, 8 November.

**St Mark's Leadership Team** –

**Putnoe Heights Leadership Team** – 7 June at the Manse, 18 October

**Putnoe Heights Management Meeting** ; 24 May

**St Mark's Church Forum Meeting** -

**Putnoe Church Council** - 21 June, 25 October.

**Pastoral Group Meeting** -

**Churchyard Committee** - 26 May at 11am.

**Putnoe Heights Mission Group**—9th June 7.30 14 Flint Way

**Partnership Council**—TBA

**Brickhill Parish Council Meetings**

**Deanery Meeting** - 17 June.

**Circuit Property/Treasurers Meeting**

**Circuit Meeting**

**Woodland Burial Trustees** –

**Putnoe Heights Children & Youth** –

*Please advise St Mark's Church Office of the dates of your meetings.*

# Pentecost

## Opening Verse of Scripture -Romans 5:5

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

## Collect Prayer for the Day *Before we read we pray:*

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit on the disciples with the wind from heaven and with tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the Gospel: send us out in the power of the same Spirit to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Methodist Worship*

## First Reading – Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. Utterly amazed, they asked: "Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs--we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?" Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine." Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

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

## Second Reading – Revelation Chapter 8:14-17

Those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs--heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

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

## Gospel Reading – John 14:8-17

Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us." Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you



are not just my own. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves. I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it. "If you love me, you will obey what I command. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counsellor to be with you forever-- the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. (Reader: This is the Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God**)

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Hymns - (Please distribute Hymns and Psalms and Morning Worship )**

1. Alleluia, sing to Jesus ( In Partnership News)
2. For I'm building a people of power (in Partnership News)
3. There's a Spirit in the air **326**
4. Gracious Spirit Holy Ghost **301**
5. Breathe on me breath of God **280**

### **Commentary**

Our readings are about the Holy Spirit changing people. In Romans 8: 14-17 people become children of God—in a new and intimate relationship with him in which there is no fear. We are not to be afraid of God for, as John says, He is love and perfect love casts out fear.

The gospel reading talks about the Spirit of truth, he will live in us and be with us. Through the Holy Spirit God is with us, through all the changing circumstances of our lives, to guide and strengthen or encourage us. Shades of Psalm 23 here.

Then in Acts 2 we read of the release of God's spirit of love— to empower and transform— to start the amazing story of the worldwide spread of the goodness of God's love in Jesus, our crucified, risen and ascended Lord.

Nature shows that God delights in diversity, and so it is in the Church, the body of Christ. Every Christian is different; each has a special and different contribution to make, and it is by the Holy Spirit that God enables and equips us to serve him in the way (s) that he wants.

We all have different gifts and in the New Testament there are lists of some of the gifts of the Spirit. They range widely! 1 Corinthians 12: 7-11 lists wisdom, knowledge, faith, gifts of healing, miraculous powers, prophesy, distinguishing between spirits, speaking in tongues and interpretation. In verses 28-30 Paul lists gifts to enable people to be apostles, teachers, helpers and administrators; evangelists and pastors (Ephesians 4: 11); serving, encouraging, giving leadership, showing mercy.(Romans 12:7 while 1 Peter:4 includes hospitality and speaking.

All good gifts are from God. The German theologian Jurgen Moltmann points out "In principle every human potentiality and capacity can become a gift of the Spirit through a person's call if they are used in Christ." In Ephesians 4 Paul says that God wants the body of Christ to be built up until we reach unity in the faith... We will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. And that can involve us all!

For each of us is unique, each one of us is special to God; each one of us is called to serve Him. There is no suggestion at all that all Christians have, or should have, the same gift (s). That would be as silly as saying that God wants us all to be vicars or organists or Church Treasurers! The mind boggles, and Paul writes against such views in 1 Corinthians 12: 12-26. It is well worth reading.

Christians discover that as God equips them to serve him in different ways, so their lives begin to be changed and these new characteristics that develop in our lives are described by Paul as fruits of the Spirit. He lists them in Galatians 5: 22– love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,

goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self– control.

Nicky Gumbel in his book on the Alpha course says that the most important fruit is love. He says that love is at the heart of the Christian Faith, that the Bible is the story of God's love for us, and that God's greatest desire is that we should respond by loving Him and our neighbour. Without this love, he says (echoing St Paul), everything else counts for nothing. Now there's a thought for us all. *Richard Ledger*

### **Meditation**

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast; it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.

(1 Corinthians 13: 4-8)

### **Prayers for Sunday and the Week Ahead**

O God, you have graciously brought us to this hour,  
The time when you poured out your Holy Spirit in tongues of fire upon your apostles, filling them with the gift of your grace; so most wonderful Lord, may we too receive this blessing; and as we seek to praise you, merciful God, in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, may we share in your eternal kingdom. For your name is worthy of all honour and majesty and you are to be glorified in hymns of blessing, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and for ever, to the ages of ages.

*Eastern Orthodox Church.*

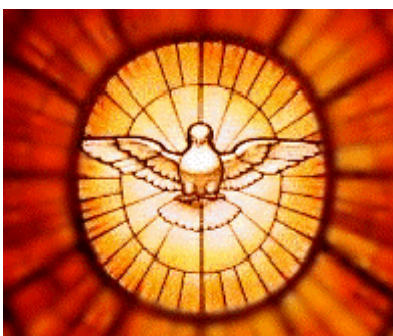
Gracious God

We thank you for the great gift of your Holy Spirit– an experience which transformed the lives of the apostles, which has changed the lives of countless believers across the centuries, and which has power to reshape our lives here and now. Open our hearts, our minds and our souls to your living presence so that we shall know your life-changing power for ourselves.

*Nick Fawcett*

Lord God Almighty, pour upon us your Spirit,  
and set us on fire with love for you,  
that we may bring forth the fruits of love, joy and peace,  
and live to the praise of your Holy name;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Come as joy to disperse our sorrows,  
come as power to enable us and encourage us.  
Come as love and revive your church,  
that we may show and share your gifts,  
that we may reach out in love through your grace.  
David Adam



When breathing stops, we die. Jesus' Spirit remains with his community as its breathing. He will not rescind on the gift of his life-giving breath. Just as God breathed breath into Adam to make him a "living being," on Pentecost that same Spirit gave birth to a breathing and forgiving community. Now, the new life source of the Spirit enables us to continue Jesus' ministry of compassion and forgiveness.

**The Partnership Lunch Club**, fortnightly Wednesdays at Putnoe, urgently needs an additional driver to bring less mobile folk to lunch (a previous appeal did yield a reserve driver thank you). If you can help it would greatly ease the load on the team, please contact Peta Pearson 356878.

**House Group to meet at 13 Farnham Way** Putnoe on Mondays at 7.45pm on 14, 21 June and 12 July. We will be using the York Course 'When I survey .. Christ's cross and ours'. For more information contact Wendy Waters 01234 401834.



**Sunday morning Taxi Service** St Mark's is now providing a taxi service for the 9.30am service. This service is free of charge for those who have difficulty transporting themselves to

Church. To book this service all that you have to do is to telephone St Mark's Church Office during the week before 1.00pm on Friday. We will then arrange to have you collected by our driver, it is as simple as that!

If you require any more information please speak with Avril Williams 360605

**CAB** run an advice session at the Putnoe Heights Children's Centre. It's from 11-12 on a Thursday morning and is a drop in service.

**Holy Communion at Sir William Harpur House.** There is a service of Holy Communion on the first Monday of every month at 10.00am at Sir William Harpur House. All are welcome to attend this service

**Puttenhoe Residential Home.** Would you be interested in joining a group of people to help provide some worship at Puttenhoe? They have asked us to consider how we might be able to support the provision for the residents of a short service including some hymn singing, readings etc. If you are interested please speak with one of the ministers or any member of the Leadership Team

**Sunday Afternoon tea and cakes.** £2.00 in aid of Action for Children will be held at St. Mark's Church on 23rd May 2-4pm in the Wren Room. All are welcome. If you have a home collecting box, please bring this for opening and counting the money. Thank you. Margaret Standley.

**TNT** We look forward to meeting again on Sunday 20th June for our annual bicycle ride to the Danish Camp. All Welcome. -Carolyn Morris

**Anam Cara Journey** an evening of music featuring piano and vocal items from Iona led by the Revd.

Kay Mutert. Friday 28th May at 6.30pm at St. Mary the Virgin, Church Lane, Goldington. The evening will include a light buffet. Cost £5.00 (accompanied under 18s free). Further details from 262123 or office@stmarygoldington.org.uk.

**Carers Week 14-20th June** If you look after someone who has a disability whether they are a relative or a friend and the work you do is unpaid then you are a carer. The Carers Support Bureau is running events on the dates listed giving information and support, BP checks, signposting to other services and free refreshments.

Monday 14th June Roxton Garden Centre 1-3pm (on mobile bus), Tuesday 15th June Harrold outside lower school 10-12pm (on mobile bus), Friday 18th June Bedford St. Paul's Square 10-4pm at the Charity Market and Saturday 19th June Kempston Rural 10-12pm All Saints Church Hall, Church End. Carers Support Bureau 0800 039 1234

**3- Circuit Walk** On Saturday 12th June from Priory to Willington to Sandy. Meet at Priory Methodist Church, Newnham Avenue, Bedford at about 10-15 am. For more information contact Geoff Talbot (07850 605719 or geoffal@btinternet.com).

**New Prayer Group.** We are proposing a new group for quiet/contemplative prayer to take place on Friday afternoons from 2.00pm until 2.45pm in the quiet room (Small Chapel) at Putnoe Heights Church. For more information please contact either Eileen Brown on 267909 or Sam Ware on 304058

**Children and Youth group meeting, Putnoe** Our next meeting will now be on Monday 12th July 2010, at 1.15 p.m. in the meeting room, instead of Monday 14th June 2010.

**Christian Aid:** A big thank you to everyone who supported Christian Aid week at Putnoe Heights Church. We raised a total of £1267.04 Carolyn and Lawrence

**For Sale** Hitachi Digital Set Top Box in good working order. Complete with connectors and full installation/operating instructions. £5 for church funds. Please ring Olive Elkins on 268375 any day after 6pm.

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**Did you know.....** One of the major themes of the fourth gospel is love. The word appears 57 times in fourth gospel, and the two great commandments are to love God and love one another. The followers of Jesus "will keep" the commandment to love. This is not so much an order--"you will keep, dagnabbit"-- but a simple statement of fact, i.e. this is how followers of Jesus live.

## Hymns for Sunday

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus,  
his the sceptre, his the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph,  
His the victory alone;  
hark! the songs of peaceful Sion  
thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus out of every nation  
has redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! bread of angels,  
you on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluia! Here the sinful  
flee to you from day to da;  
Alleluia not as orphans  
are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! He is near us,  
faith believes, nor questions how.

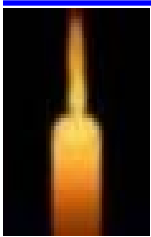
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Glory be to God on high;  
to the Father, and the Saviour,  
who has gained the victory ;  
Glory to the Holy Spirit,  
fount of love and sanctity.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
to the triune Majesty

For I'm building a people of power  
And I'm making a people of praise,  
That will move through this land by my Spirit,  
And will glorify my precious name.  
Build your Church, Lord,  
Make us strong Lord,  
Join our hearts Lord, through your Son.  
Make us one, Lord,  
In your body,  
In the kingdom of your Son.

**Putnoe Heights Mission Group** Faith in Action have had a thank you letter acknowledging our recent donation of £350 to Malawian General Fund. Sylvia Cohen 343424

**Footprints Walking weekend** Sept 24-26: The chosen venue for this year's weekend away is the Best Western Studley Castle Hotel, Castle Road, Studley, Warwickshire B80 7AJ, built in the victorian style of a medieval castle. Please contact Barry Snelson at the Putnoe Heights Church office [Tuesday to Thursday] on 01234 365630 or at home on 01234 344417 as soon as possible to register your interest. Non-walkers are welcome as there is ample opportunity to visit local places, such as Stratford-Upon-Avon."

**Footprints Walk** The next walk is on Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> June starting at 2.30pm. It is just over 3 miles and starts from St Denys Church in Colmworth. This is just south of the junction of the Little Staughton road with Honeydon Road. If there is no parking available near the church, there is more a short distance down Honeydon Road (a waymarked footpath leads back to the church). Further details from Sue or Richard Butler Tel: 354183.



**Visit our online chapel, Light a Candle of Remembrance.** We have now provided the opportunity to visit our online chapel and light a prayer candle. Please visit [www.thischurch.com](http://www.thischurch.com) and click on the candle.

### 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.

**Pauline Winifred Reissland**

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

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### Forthcoming Funerals

**The funeral of Phyllis Naylor Reynolds** will take place at Putnoe Heights Church at 1.00pm on Tuesday 25 May