



Methodist
Church

Partnership News

23 October 2005
30 in Ordinary

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



Church of
England

Church Services Today

8.30 Service of Holy Communion

Held at both churches

9.30am St Mark's Church - Morning Worship

Preacher - Revd Neil Bramble-Chapman

Leadership Team - Mrs Janet Day

Intercessions - Ministers

11.00am Putnoe Heights - Morning Worship

Preacher - Revd Neil Bramble-Chapman

Leadership Team - Mr Dave Allen

Intercessions - Mrs Betty Wyatt

30 October - All Saints

8.30 Service of Holy Communion

Held at both churches

9.30am St Mark's Church - Holy Communion with Prayer for Christian Healing

Preacher - Revd Dr Sam Cappleman

Leadership - Mrs Linda Parry

Intercessions - Mr Warwick Holden

11.00am Putnoe - Holy Communion with Prayer for Christian Healing

Preacher - Revd Dr Sam Cappleman

Leadership Team - Mr Alan Cooper

Intercessions - Mrs Sue Allen

Next Week's Bible Readings 1 Reading - Rev 7:9-17

2 Reading - 1 John 3: 1-3 3 Reading - Matt 5: 1-12

Thank You

The flowers at Putnoe Heights Church this week have been given Christine and Maurice Halsey in loving memory of their daughter Lesley Robinson and also by Mrs Kath Hooley in memory of her husband Ron on their wedding anniversary.

The flowers in Church at St Mark's this week have been given by Janet and Brian Ibberson to give thanks for and to celebrate the birth of their first grandchild, Penelope Rose.

Prayer for Sunday

Help us, O Lord,
never to nurse the grievance
that separates us from you and from one another.
Grant us grace to forgive
those who have wronged us.
May we know that no sin is
so great that it cannot be confessed;
no wound so deep it cannot be healed,
and no sinner so lost
that grace cannot bring them home.

William Booth, 1829-1912

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*Please inform us if you know of anyone who is ill, bereaved,
housebound, requires a visit, home communion or counselling services.
Please also ask us if you would like a home visit for any reason.*

Putnoe Heights Church Centre

Open 9am - 1.00pm Monday & Friday

9am - 4pm Tuesday/Wednesday & Thursday

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Children's and Youth Worker-Mrs Liz Spavins 302349

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Regular Weekly Activities - A Guide To Our Churches

Monday

9.30 - 12.00 pm Pre-school (See website for more details) Mrs Janet Smith 326685 (Putnoe Heights) or Mrs. Helen Harpin **312634** (St. Mark's).

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

10.00am Supple Strength at Putnoe Heights. Louise Woodcock 270302

12.00pm - 1.00pm Story box 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, no charge. Contact Liz on 01234 302349

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

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

6.15 pm Brownies Putnoe. Penny Fulham 406045

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

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

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

7.30pm Creative Needles at Putnoe Heights.

Jacky Hayward 307648. New members welcome.

7.30pm Whist Drive - At St Mark's each month the next one 31 October Mrs. Judith Stanton. 823313

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

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

Tuesday

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

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

10.00am Keep Fit at Putnoe Heights. Mrs Stileman 822230

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

12 noon - 10.00 pm Slimming World at St. Mark's. Sessions start at 12, 1.30pm, 4pm, 5.30pm & 7.15pm Val Careless 345213.

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

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

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

2.15pm Putnoe Heights Women's Fellowship - Next meeting 25 October Mrs A.Alderman & Mrs. M.Goddard Betty Wyatt 350188.

2.15pm Putnoe Heights Men's Fellowship. Next meeting 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. Mary Stubbs 406784.

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

6.45pm Guides at Putnoe Heights. Emma Holloway 293792

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

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

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

7. 45 pm Putnoe Heights Ladies Tuesday Club - Meets fortnightly.at 7.45pm Next meeting 1Nov. A.G.M. Madge Walsh 359088

8.30-9.30pm St. Mark's - Qi Gong (Self help healing group) - Mr F Steele 355937

Wednesday

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

9.30am Bedford U3A at Putnoe Heights meets bi-monthly. Next meeting . Jenny Coggins 266379

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

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

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

Luncheon Club at Putnoe Heights fortnightly. Next meeting 2 November 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

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

6.00pm Self Defence at Putnoe Mr James 07711 687449

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

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

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

7pm Putnoe Guild meets monthly at Putnoe Heights. Pam Holley 771964

7.45pm Kick Boxing Junior classes at St Mark's. Contact Mr James 07711687449 or 07810234890

7.45pm Badminton Club at Putnoe Heights - all welcome. Ken Marriott 214867

8.45-9.45pm St. Mark's - Qi Gong (Self help healing group) starting 1 Oct - Mr F Steele 355937

Thursday

9.30am Thursday Prayer Group at Putnoe Heights

in the quiet room. Sylvia Cohen 343424 *Request for prayer can be written in the prayer diary on the information table.*

9.45am Yoga at Putnoe Heights. Karen Simpson 244970

10.30am - 12.00am Fledglings at St Mark's

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

12pm Story box 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, no charge. Contact Liz Spavins on 1234 302349

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

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

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

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

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

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 Heights. Helga Nash 218521

7.00pm Club 2000 at Putnoe Height. Pat Stidolph 345247

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

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

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

Bibleway Church 7.30—9.30-Putnoe Heights Bible Studies every 2nd Thursday- Pastor Tarr 360188

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

Wyatt 350188

8.00 - 10pm Bedford Writers Circle meets at St Mark's 3rd Thursday each month. 1st Thursday as from January 2006 Mr John Broadhouse 740271

Friday

9.30am U3A Exercise at Putnoe Heights. Carole Maunder 301325

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

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

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

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

Saturday

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

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

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

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

Sunday

1- 3pm & 7-9pm Bibleway Church at Putnoe Heights - Worship. Contact Revd. Tarr 360188 Mob. 07866775515

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

Diary Dates

St Mark's Church Council

8 February

Circuit Meeting 16 March

St Mark's Leadership Team -

17 January, 21 February, 24 April, 6

June, 12 September

Putnoe Heights Leadership Team 21 November meet at Putnoe Heights Church

St Mark's Church Management Meeting

1 November. All meetings to start 7.00pm

Putnoe Heights Management - 14 Nov,

16 Jan 2005

Putnoe Church Council 10 Oct 2005, 6 February

Deanery Synod 16 November

Pastoral Group Meeting - 6 February 2006 2.00pm

Churchyard Committee - 31 November 10am

Putnoe Heights Mission Group Meeting .

Partnership Council - 24 January

Brickhill Parish Council

Visit of Bishop Christopher 23 October

Joint Deanery Circuit 18 January,

Annual Congregational Meeting 7 May

Calendar dates appear also on our church website www.ThisChurch.com.

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

Bible Notes

Ordinary 30 Year A Trinity 21 (Green)

Verse of Scripture Psalm 90:14

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love
So that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

A Collect Prayer - Before we read we pray.

Eternal God, giver of love and peace, you call your children to live together as one family. Give us grace to learn your ways and do your will, that we may bring justice and peace to all people; in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen**

First Reading – Deut 34: 1-12

Then Moses climbed Mount Nebo from the plains of Moab to the top of Pisgah, across from Jericho. There the LORD showed him the whole land—from Gilead to Dan, all of Naphtali, the territory of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the western sea, the Negev and the whole region from the Valley of Jericho, the City of Palms, as far as Zoar. Then the LORD said to him, "This is the land I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob when I said, 'I will give it to your descendants.' I have let you see it with your eyes, but you will not cross over into it." And Moses the servant of the LORD died there in Moab, as the LORD had said. He buried him in Moab, in the valley opposite Beth Peor, but to this day no one knows where his grave is. Moses was a hundred and twenty years old when he died, yet his eyes were not weak nor his strength gone. The Israelites grieved for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days, until the time of weeping and mourning was over. Now Joshua son of Nun was filled with the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him. So the Israelites listened to him and did what the LORD had commanded Moses. Since then, no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, who did all those miraculous signs and wonders the LORD sent him to do in Egypt—to Pharaoh and to all his officials and to his whole land. For no one has ever shown the mighty power or performed the awesome deeds that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.
(This is the word of the Lord -- **Thanks be to God**)

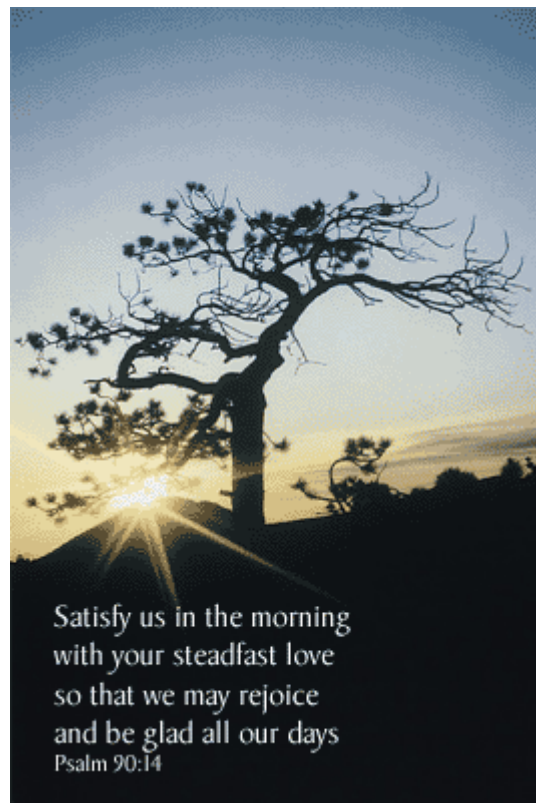
Second Reading - 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10

You know, brothers, that our visit to you was not a failure. We had previously suffered and been insulted in Philippi, as you know, but with the help of our God we dared to tell you his gospel in spite of strong opposition. For the appeal we make does not spring from error or impure motives, nor are we trying to trick you. On the contrary, we speak as men approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please men but God, who tests our hearts. You know we never used flattery, nor did we put on a mask to cover up greed—God is our witness. We were not looking for praise from men, not from you or anyone else. As apostles of Christ we could have been a burden to you, but we were gentle among you, like a mother caring for her little children. We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well, because you had become so dear to us. (This is the word of the Lord -- **Thanks be to God**)

Third Reading - Mathew 22: 15-22

Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, "What do you think about the



Christ? Whose son is he?" "The son of David," they replied. He said to them, "How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls him 'Lord'? For he says, "'The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet." If then David calls him 'Lord,' how can he be his son?" No one could say a word in reply, and from that day on no one dared to ask him any more questions. (This is the word of the Lord.—**Thanks be to God**)

Post Communion Prayer

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen

Hymns (Please distribute Hymns and Psalms and Morning Worship)

1. Ye servants of God 278
2. Give me joy 492
3. Love divine 267
4. Come let us sing 691
5. The Servant Song. (On Partnership News)

Commentary:

A lawyer asks Jesus: "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" (It may be better translated: "What sort of commandment is great in the Law?" That is, what is the quality shared by the most important commandments?) Nobody would have been surprised by the first part of Jesus's answer: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind" (Matthew 22.36-7).

Jesus is quoting Deuteronomy 6.4. "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your might." This is the opening of the *Shema* ('Hear, O Israel'), which every adult male Jew was and is expected to recite morning and evening every day.

Jesus, answering the lawyer in this week's gospel, has evoked the *Shema*; and so has summarised the first five of the Ten Commandments, ordering Israel's right relation to God. But what of the second five, on the Israelites' right relations with each other? For a summary, Jesus quotes Leviticus 19.18: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself."

He is applying a technique associated with his contemporary, the great teacher Hillel: two commandments having a term in common were linked by analogy and allowed to complete each other. The command in the *Shema* to love God and in Leviticus to love one's neighbour illumined each other and made a single proposition.

Hillel became famous for his own summary of the Law. He was asked to teach the Law while standing on one foot — and did so. "What you hate for yourself," he said, "do not do to your neighbour. This is the whole Law. The rest is commentary."

How is the command to love God like the command to love our neighbour? Matthew's Jesus will shortly tell the Parable of the Sheep and Goats: its king will declare that what we have done (or not done) for the least of these his brothers, we have done (or not done) for him (Matthew 25.40, 45).

Our neighbours bear the image of God; to love those neighbours is to love God's image, to neglect them is to neglect that image. Clement of Alexandria (second century) preserves a saying of Jesus not recorded in the Gospels: "You have seen your brother; you have seen God."

We are clearly commanded to love, as our neighbours or brothers, those to whom we are linked by faith or Church. But who else? Jesus brings us up sharply: "You have heard it was said, 'You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies" (Matthew 5.43-4). For those enemies, too — however hard it is for us to see it — bear as we do the image of God himself.

Neil Bramble-Chapman (*From an article By Robin Griffith-Jones (Church Times)*)

Meditation

Mark Twain is supposed to have said,

"It's not what I don't understand about the bible that bothers me, but what I do understand."

The teachings of Jesus are remarkable for their simplicity and perhaps no more so than when Jesus tells us that to love God with all of our heart soul and mind is the greatest and first commandment. Jesus' teaching today is straight forward and we require reminding rather than explanation of what he means. God should be the goal of our deepest love and this should not deprive our other loves of intimacy or importance.

Rather since we define ourselves by who and what we love, our souls are enriched or diminished by the

objects of our affection. To love God and concern ourselves with loving God above all things keeps our lives in perspective, it also enriches us above all things. We become more in the image of God, the more we love God. It is therefore true that our devotion to God brings quality to the other loves in our life, which are inevitably deepened as we learn more of what it is to love and be loved by God.

Prayers for Sunday and the week ahead

Lord of creation, you give new strength to our faith. Grant that we may recognise your presence in all life and history, and face our trials with serenity and peace. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Let me prefer your presence, O God, to all other company. Let me exalt your name, O Lord, above all other names and let me love your will, O God, beyond all other desires; for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen. Therese of Lisieux, 1873-1897

Love has brought us here today. Not our love for God but God's steadfast love for us:
The love of the Holy for that which is full of flaws.
The love of the Seeker for the that which is lost.
The love of the Healer for that which is diseased.
The love of the Reconciler for that which is alienated.
Love has brought us here today. We love because God first loved us.

The Servant Song

Brother, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you,
Pray that I might have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

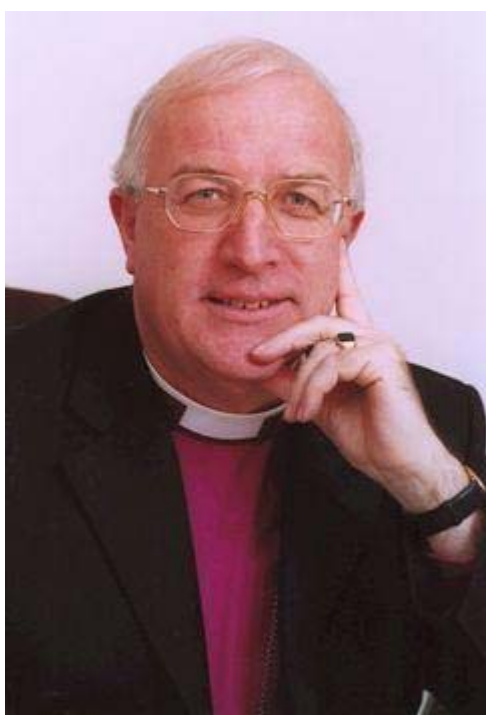
I will weep when you are weeping,
when you laugh I'll laugh with you,
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.

Sister, let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ to you,
Pray that I might have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

I will hold the Christ-light for you,
in the night-time of your fear,
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
we are bothers on the road,
we are here to help each other
walk a mile and bear the load.

When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.



Brass, Buffet and the Bishop

Tonight at St Mark's

Tickets available this morning £5



A night with Bishop Christopher

Bedford Town Band will play. After refreshments there will be an opportunity to meet the Bishop informally. There will be a public session at which the Bishop will respond to questions from the audience. Please try and let us know if you have any questions beforehand. Email, telephone or fax St Mark's Office.

News, Views and Information

Bedford Ecumenical Lay Training Centre
'Practical Spirituality' course. Wednesday 2, 9
November 2005. 7.45 - 9.30pm at St Andrew's
Church. Rev Dr Joan Crossley 344536

Junior Church and Storybox Plus at Putnoe will
be holding a cake stall following the All Age Service
on Sunday 6th November 2005. Proceeds will be
used towards our Christmas activity programmes.
We thank you in advance for your support in
'supplying' and 'buying' our home goodies.

**Partnership Youth and Children's Choir St
Mark's and Putnoe**—I am hoping to begin a
Partnership Youth and Children's Choir in
preparation for Christingle, on 11th December and
the Crib services on 24th December. This would be
an informal group open to all ages of our Church
Family. We also would welcome members of the
groups who meet on our premises, particularly the
Brownies, Guides and Scouts. If you would like to
join this exciting new group or are young at heart
and can support us, with for example music,
organising or leading, please contact me. We plan
to start rehearsals on Sunday 6 November during
the Junior Church sessions. Thank you in advance.
Liz Spavins..

NSPCC Coffee morning/Bring & Buy Friday 28
October from 10 –12 noon at Putnoe Heights
Church. Entrance £1 including coffee/tea.

Autumn Craft Day Saturday 19 November at
Priory Methodist Church from 9.45 to 4.30. £3 per
half day session. Information & booking forms from
Pam Seymour 305695.

Garth Hewitt in Concert—Holy Ground Friday 11
November at 7.30pm at Priory Methodist Church an
evening of Stories & songs from the Holy Land
contact David Fraser 01234 771370

Thank You. To everybody who turned out for the
visit by the DAC this week to the Garden of
Remembrance. As soon as we have a
recommendation regarding their decision on the
use of the columbaria it will be reported in
Partnership News.

Christmas Craft Fair—Help on 19th November
both in the kitchen and in the fair itself would be
appreciated. If you can spare an hour on that day
please speak with Avril Williams or one of the
Leadership Team. Cakes for the Church stall will be
very welcome.

Welcome. We hope that everybody will feel
welcome at Putnoe Heights. God welcomed all
kinds of people and he still does. There is a group
of 'welcomers' for each Sunday service offering a
handshake and helping people find their way
around. Those people are hoping to recognise new
attenders, but if you are new or 'newish', and would
like some guidance, or just a friendly word do
please let those welcoming know, and if you've
been coming for years they are still very pleased to
help. Welcoming is not a job just for a few on the
team, everyone can be observant for new faces.
Take the initiative, a smile or a brief word could
make all the difference for people of the church's
family. What a good opportunity coffee time offers.
Peter Beswick- Welcome Steward (Retired!)

Be silent, be thoughtful

Be reverent

For this is the house of the Lord.

Before the service - speak to God

During the service - let God speak to you.

After the service - speak to one another..

(Charmaine Host)

Supplied by Peter Beswick

Commemoration Service. The Partnership
Commemoration Service for the Faithful Departed
takes place at St Mark's Church on Remembrance
Sunday 13 November at 3.00pm. This annual
service is open to everybody and we hope that you
will feel able to come, especially if you have a
special memory for somebody who has died.

Storybox Plus If anyone has any suitable
'Board Type' games that they can donate to
The children & youth at both churches, please
Leave in the church office. Thank you Liz.

Charity Concert - Cancer Research UK
Kempston Musical Society presents An Evening of
Light Music in aid of Cancer Research UK at
Putnoe Heights Church on Saturday, 12 November
at 7.30pm. Tickets are £6 (£5 for concessions) and
include light refreshments. There will also be a
raffle Please contact Alan Bayliss (01234 268101),
Sue Butler (01234 354183) or Putnoe Heights
Church Office for tickets.

Trade Justice Mass Lobby of Parliament -
Wednesday 2nd November. Meet @ Bedford
railway Station 9.45am. If you wish to join the group
contact G Brown
graham@isisbedford62.freemove.co.uk

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Reassurance when you need it most

St Mark's Church Pre-school To provide all day care from January 2006

St Mark's Church Pre-school will provide all day care for children starting in January 2006 and this will be running all year round. St Mark's has taken this major step forward in response to requests from parents who value the extra care facilities to enable them to manage work and other family commitments. Parents want funded pre-school sessions in addition to extra sessions to help them with busy lives and this is where St Mark's will help. In addition to the usual pre-school, children will be able to stay all day from

8.00am until 6.00pm in the fantastic facilities provided at St Mark's. Parents need these facilities throughout the year and so St Mark's will no longer close during school holidays. This is a fantastic opportunity for families with busy lives, so make sure that you get your name down fast.

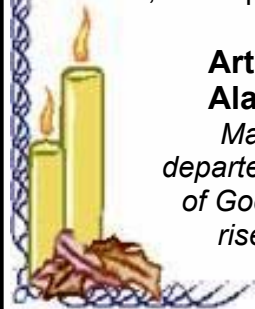
Thank you so much for thinking of us here at St. John's by kindly donating the harvest goods following the recent service at Putnoe Heights Church. The produce will be put to extremely good use in the kitchen and the surplus will be sold to raise extra much needed funds for the hospice. We are extremely grateful to you and all the members of the congregation for your continuing support of the home. It is very much appreciated. With our very best wishes to you all. Pauline Panter, Hospice Manager.

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.

Arthur Williams
Alan Clive Jones

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



Forthcoming funerals to be taken by our Ministers

The funeral of Albert James Squire will take place at Bedford Crematorium on 26th Oct 2005 at 10am.

Rev. Neil Bramble-Chapman

The funeral of Daphne Diane Austin will take place at St Mark's on Tuesday 25th Oct 2005 at 10am.

Rev Dr Joan Crossley

The funeral of John Alfred Charles Setchell will take place at Bedford Crematorium on Thursday 27 October at 11.30am *Charles Royden*