



Methodist  
Church

# Partnership News

## 26 November 2006

### Sunday before Advent -Christ the King

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 Holy Communion** at ST MARK'S ONLY  
**9.30am St Mark's - Morning Worship**  
 Preacher - Revd Charles Royden  
 Leadership - Mr Ian Farthing  
 Intercessions - Mr Richard Ledger  
**11.00am Putnoe Heights - Morning Worship**  
 Preacher - Revd Charles Royden  
 Leadership Team - Mrs Jenny Emsley  
 Intercessions - Dr Tim Wilkes

#### 3 December Advent Sunday

**8.30 Holy Communion** at PUTNOE HEIGHTS  
**9.30am St Mark's - Family Worship—Gift Service**  
 Preacher – Revd Dr Sam Cappleman  
 Leadership - Mr Mike Cooper  
 Intercessions - Mr John Stubbs  
**11.00am Putnoe Heights - Family Worship - Gift Service**  
 Preacher - Revd Dr Sam Cappleman  
 Leadership Team - Mr Lawrence Wyatt  
 Intercessions - Mrs Claire Peck

**Reading 1 : Daniel 12: 1-3**  
**Reading 2 : Acts 12:1-19**  
**Reading 3 : Luke 19:1-10**

#### Thank You

The flowers at St Mark's this week have been given by Audrey Wilkins in memory of her parents.

The flowers at Putnoe Heights Church this week have been given by Dorothy Billingham in memory of her husband, Ridley.

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

Thou hast given  
so much to me,  
give one thing more,  
a grateful heart

*George Herbert*

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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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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 next 18 December Contact 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 28 November Members favourite carols. Contact Betty Wyatt 350188.

**2.15pm Putnoe Heights Men's Fellowship.** Next meeting.5 December 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 - 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 28 November - ,Talk about road traffic victim support, by Marion Garside. 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 29 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. Contact 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 -  
Circuit Meeting -**

**St Mark's Leadership Team – 27th November 07**

**Putnoe Heights Leadership Team -**

19 February 2007 at Wendy's house

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

12.30pm 6 December

**Putnoe Heights Centre Management - 15 January 07**

**Putnoe Church Council 29 January 07**

**Pastoral Group Meeting – 31 January 07**

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

**Putnoe Heights Mission Group Meeting – 7.30pm 17 January 07, at 14 Flint Way**

**Partnership Council - 20 February 07 at St Mark's**

**Brickhill Parish Council - 30 Nov 06**

**Deanery Meeting ,**

**Putnoe Heights Children & Youth—**

**Calendar dates appear on our church website  
www.ThisChurch.com. Please advise St Mark's  
Church Office of the dates of your meetings.**

## Sunday before Advent Stir-up-Sunday



### Verse of Scripture - Romans Chapter 13:11

Now is the time to wake out of sleep: for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed.

### Collect Prayer - Before we read we pray

God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*Common Worship Shorter Collect*

### First Bible Reading - Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14

"As I looked, "thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat. His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze. A river of fire was flowing, coming out from before him. Thousands upon thousands attended him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. The court was seated, and the books were opened. "In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all peoples, nations and men of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

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

### Second Reading - Revelation 1: 4b-8

John, To the seven churches in the province of Asia: Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father--to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen. Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and all the peoples of the earth will mourn because of him. So shall it be! Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."

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

### Third Reading - John 18: 33-37

Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" "Is that your own idea," Jesus asked, "or did others talk to you about me?" "Am I a Jew?" Pilate replied. "It was your people and your chief priests who handed you over to me. What is it you have done?" Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place." "You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."

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

### Post Communion Prayer

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Hymns (Please distribute Hymns and Psalms and Morning Worship

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty the King of Creation (Ibse den herren) 16
2. He is Lord 256 (after confession)
3. King of Kings and Lord of Lords (398 Mission Praise on page 8)
4. Jesus is Lord creation voice proclaims it 260
5. Thou didst leave thy throne 154 (Tune Margaret)
6. Mine eyes have seen the glory

## **Commentary Jesus the Name High Over all**

This year as we will travel through the four Sundays of Advent, leading to Christmas Day, we will think of names or titles given to speak of Jesus and who he is. Each week we will consider a different name using a piece from scripture, a commentary and a prayer. There will be words spoken by the worship leader and words which the congregation can join in saying. As we do so we remind ourselves of Jesus, God born man. Jesus the name above all names.

## **First Candle - Jesus the Son of David the Old Testament Ancestors of Jesus**

### **Commentary**

The Old Testament spoke of the coming of the Messiah, of how a Saviour would be born, a king in the line of King David. He would rule the world wisely and bless all the nations. So the angel visited the shepherds and told them that in the Bethlehem, the City of David, a Savior had been born; Christ the Lord. God keeps his promises and Jesus the Son of David came, not just an earthly king, but the promised Saviour.

## **Second Candle - Jesus the Prince of Peace The prophets who foretold the birth of Jesus**

### **Commentary**

When Jesus came he taught people the importance of being peace-makers. He said that those who make peace shall be called the children of God. When Christ comes to us he brings us peace and he will bring everlasting peace when he comes again in glory.

## **Third Candle - Jesus the Lamb of God John The Baptist**

### **Commentary**

In their old age God gave to Zechariah and Elizabeth a son called John. When John called Jesus 'The Lamb of God,' he brought to mind the greatest act of salvation in the history of the Jewish people, the release of the people from captivity in Egypt. This was celebrated every year in Passover. Jesus was led like a lamb to the slaughter, he is our Passover lamb, sacrificed for us, once for all. We have been redeemed by the precious blood of Jesus. When John called Jesus the Lamb of God, he saw him as a Saviour who would take away the sin of the world. As we light this candle we remind ourselves that Jesus is God's final sacrifice for the sins of the world.

## **Fourth Candle - Jesus The Son of God Mary the Mother of Jesus**

### **Commentary**

The title Son of God expresses the unique and special relationship which Jesus has with God the Father. So Jesus called God 'Abba,' Father, and even at the age of 12 he regarded the Temple as his 'Father's House.' Son of God is a title used in key places in the Gospels. At baptism the voice of God was heard to call Jesus, God's Son. At the transfiguration the voice of God acknowledged Jesus and the way of suffering he had chosen. It is because Jesus is the Son of God that when we look at the life and teachings of Jesus we gain the very best picture of what God is really like.

## **The Fifth and Last Candle - Jesus is Immanuel 'God with us'**

### **Jesus is born on Christmas Day**

### **Commentary**

God had come close to people throughout history, through prophets and priests. Now Matthew quotes the words of the prophet Isaiah to tell us that Jesus was no mere prophet, in Jesus God had actually come to dwell with the people. Jesus was not a messenger sent from God, now God had come in person. The Gospel of Matthew begins by reminding us God come to us in this unique and special way as Jesus Immanuel. The Gospel of Matthew closes by reminding us that Jesus is still among us today and he will continue to be 'until the end of the age.'

### **Prayer**

Thank you Lord Jesus that you are to us an ever present friend. You were of one being with the father, and yet you left the throne of heaven to live among us as a servant king. You suffered death and poured out your love as you died on the cross. You brought peace to us and you set before us an example of humility, obedience and love. So may we be drawn to serve you and bring glory to your name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## Meditation

Strangely, today is the last Sunday of the church year, which begins with the first Sunday in Advent, four Sundays before Christmas. Our collect today reminds us that it is 'Stir Up Sunday' a Sunday synonymous with Christmas puddings. The great cry 'stir up' was a reminder to congregations to get the Christmas pudding made in plenty of time to mature before Christmas. An important addition to the mixture is a coin, whoever gets it on their plate on Christmas Day should get worldly riches heaped upon them !

However, the prayer is actually asking God for something much more important. We are praying that God will stir up our wills, so that we might get on with doing the good works that he has planned for us to do. Then, as a consequence, we pray that we might receive our abundant reward. In an age when so much is about how we feel, it is interesting to get another perspective. In the end, it is our will, rather than our feelings, that is the most important governor of our actions.

Real love is not about feeling, it is about choosing, by our wills, to do good to others even though we may not feel good towards them. Our feelings should not dominate our wills. And so we pray that God will "stir up" our wills, so that they will be in charge of us, doing what we know is right. In this prayer we recognise that we need God's help in order for our wills to function properly. *Charles Royden*

## Prayers for Sunday and the week ahead

The serenity prayer God, grant us grace to accept the things we cannot change, courage to change the things we can change, And wisdom to know the difference. *Reinhold Niebuhr (1892-1971)*

Risen Christ, today, tomorrow and everyday, your Spirit lives within us. Sometimes we feel we understand so little. But remaining in your presence, wherever we are, is prayer. And perhaps close to you, O Christ, silence is often all there is to prayer. And then we sense that, our whole life long, we move forward when trust in you guides every step, when a trusting heart is at the beginning of everything. *Brother Roger of Taize. 1915*

Teach me my God and King, in all things thee to see, and what I do in anything, to do it as for thee  
*From 'The Elixir'*

# Christmas Services at St Mark's and Putnoe Heights

## St Mark's Church

### Christingle Service,

9.30am Morning Service, Sunday 10 December

### Carols in the Car Park

Carols in St Mark's Church car park  
With Mulled Wine and Mince Pies !  
With Bedford Town Brass band  
6.30pm on Saturday 16 December  
*(Inside if wet !)*

### Carols by Candlelight

Saturday 23 December at 6.30pm

### Christmas Eve

Morning Service 9.30am  
Crib Service at 3.00pm

### Midnight Mass

Christmas Eve at 11.30pm

### Christmas Morning Worship

9.30am

## Putnoe Heights Church

### Christingle Service,

11.00am Morning Service, Sunday 10 December

### Carols by Candlelight

Sunday 17 December at 6.30pm

### Christmas Eve

Morning service 11.00am  
Crib Service at 4.00pm

### Midnight Mass

Christmas Eve at 11.30pm

### Christmas Morning Worship

11.00am



# News and Information



## Gift Day

Next Sunday will be Gift Day at both St Mark's and Putnoe Heights churches. This year the gift day will focus on our mission project for Kisiizi. To

contribute to the gift day please take one of the Smartie tubes from either church and fill with coins and money to bring back next Sunday as a contribution to the Kisiizi project if you haven't done so already. In the past we have had collections of toys and shoe boxes which have been sent to children overseas. However, more recently there have been problems with the cost of export of these items and other administrative issues, so the Smartie tubes really are the most effective way of ensuring our gifts are used in the optimal manner. If you have already taken a Smartie tube last week and eaten the Smarties, all you need to do is bring back the tube next week. Your support in all of the mission initiatives is truly appreciated. We know all of our contributions make a real difference to those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

**On Friday 1st December (World AIDS Day)** : there will be a half hour service of prayer, readings, quiet and the lighting of candles at 6.00pm at St Paul's Church, Bedford to which all will be welcome.

**Belief.** Bedford Ecumenical Lay Institute for Education and Faith. In place of our Advent Course we are encouraging everybody to attend. 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 advent. The next module "Thinking about God" led by Rev'd Dr Ian McIntosh begins on 8 November at 7.45 .  
Weds 22 Nov God and Suffering  
Weds 29 Nov God the Holy Spirit  
Weds 6 Dec God as Trinity

**Putnoe Provender** will be open for business on Sunday December 3rd after Morning Service. Cakes, jams, marmalade, chutney and of course, Putnoe's celebrated Christmas Puddings will be on sale. All proceeds to Kisiizi Hospital All contributions gratefully received( we have freezer space).  
John and Sally Gunning 305925.'

**Concord singers Christmas concerts.** Saturday 16 December, 7.30pm, at St Mary's Church Cardington, in aid of the church organ fund. Tickets £8 including refreshments. Saturday 23 December, 7.30pm, at St Mary's Church Oakley. Tickets £7.50 including refreshments.

**Putnoe: new meeting room.** Update. We are still awaiting permission to proceed from Methodist Property Office and also planning permission from the Council. In the meantime we are beginning the tendering process and hope to start building in the Spring.

**4th Putnoe Brownies** are looking to recruit new members. Meeting Thursday, term time, between 18.15 and 19.45. Large Hall at Putnoe Heights.

**Christmas Voices.** Friday 8 December 7pm at Putnoe Heights. (Please note early start) An evening of favourite poetry, prose and Bible readings with a Christmas theme. Tickets £3.00 to include a drink and mince pie. In aid of Kisiizi. Requests for readings to be included to Joan Crossley or Sue Allen.

**St Mark's Leadership Meet** this Monday, 27th November at 7.30pm at Linda Parry's home

**Putnoe Heights Tuesday Club** - Our Christmas meeting is at Putnoe on Tuesday 12th December at 7.45pm. This will be an open meeting, so all are welcome. There will be an entry fee of £1 which includes refreshments. There will also be a collection for BECHAR ( a charity for Bedford homeless).

**British Cardiac Patients Association** next meeting Thursday 21 December at 7.30pm at Putnoe Heights. This will be a Christmas Party with entertainment by Bedford Town Band. Everyone is welcome to come and join us, please bring a wine glass. There will be a raffle and refreshments. More details, contact Eileen Marriott 303834.

**Kempston Musical Society Christmas Concerts.** Saturday 16 December at 7.30pm at Kempston East Methodist Church, also featuring Kempston Junior Concert Band.. Monday 18 December at 7.30pm at Elstow Abbey in aid of The Friends of Elstow Abbey. More details for both concerts from 01234 268101

**Ettie Cobley** would like to thank everybody for their good wishes during her recent illness. They were much appreciated.



### Christmas Door Wreaths.

Can be ordered from Marion at only £6 each. Delivery on 20 December. Please telephone your order to St Mark's office 342613 or to Marion at home 303254

### Storybox at St Marks

We would like to thank all the ladies who have regularly support our

under 5 group each week by making the sandwich lunch on a Thursday. This group has been going for two years now and some of our volunteers feel it is time to move on from catering, so we are now looking for some new people to join us in the New Year. Please see Liz, Joan or Janet for more details. Also if any one feels they would like to join the storytelling rota, please ask for details. Our Storybox group at St Mark's attracts approx. 30 children with their carers each week and remains a very important part of our church work. Please support us.

**Christmas Coffee Morning** from 10– 12 noon  
On Saturday 2 December at 85 Brookfield Road  
Proceeds to Guide Dogs for the Blind. Raffle, Christmas goods, bric a brac, books etc. Looking forward to seeing you, Bertie, Margaret & Alan.

**Christmas Coffee Morning** with mince pies.  
Saturday 9 December, 10 –12 noon, at 30 The Ridgeway, the home of Eddy & Margaret Peck. Raffle, cakes etc. Proceeds to Mission Funds.

**Christmas Fayre Thank You.** The Christmas fayre this year at St Mark's raised money which will go towards the work on the new centre, specifically

paying for new cupboards to be installed in the Church Hall. A total of £ was raised. Thank you to Avril and all who helped

### Carols in the Car Park

Carols in St Mark's Church car park, with Mulled Wine and Mince Pies ! With Bedford Town Brass band 6.30pm on Saturday 16 December



**Woodland Burial.** Progress is being made on establishing the woodland burial site at Keysoe. A booklet is now available which can be downloaded from the church website, [www.thisischurch.com/woodland](http://www.thisischurch.com/woodland). Alternativlely contact our administrator Mrs Linda Parry at St Mark's Church office or by Email, [woodland@thisischurch.com](mailto:woodland@thisischurch.com)

### A Hymn for Sunday

*King of kings and Lord of Lords*

King of kings and Lord of lords  
Glory, hallelujah!

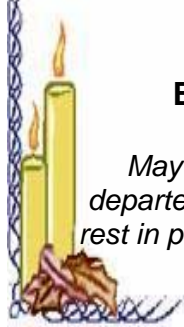
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Jesus, Prince of Peace  
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### Rest In Peace

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.



### Eric Arthur Mooring

*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 Peggy Walker** will take place at Putnoe Heights Church at 10.00am on Monday 27th November (*Crossley*)

**The funeral of Mr Roy Frederick Hudson and Dorothy Joy Hudson will take place together** at Bedford Crematorium at 2.30pm on Monday 4 December (*Royden*)

**The funeral of Charles Arthur Wilkins** will take place at Bedford Crematorium on Wednesday 29 November at 11.30am (*Royden*)