



Partnership News

Putnoe Heights & St Mark's Church

26 October 2014

Ordinary 30



Sunday Services

8.30am Holy Communion every Sunday

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

26 October- Ordinary 30

9.30am St Marks - Morning Worship

Preacher - Deacon Jane Mills
Leadership - Mrs. Margaret Appleton
Intercessions - Rev Dr Sam Cappleman
Organist - Mr. Martin Thompson

11.00 am Putnoe - Morning Worship

Preacher - Deacon Jane Mills
Leadership - Mrs. Sue Allen
Intercessions - Mrs. Sam Ware
Organist - Mr. Martin Thompson

2 November- All Saints Worship

9.30am St Marks - Morning Family Worship & baptism

Preacher - Mrs. Wendy Waters
Leadership - Mrs. Elizabeth Bean
Intercessions - Mrs. Wendy Waters/Young People
Organist - Mr. Martin Thompson

11.00 am Putnoe - Morning Family Worship

Preacher - Mrs. Wendy Waters
Leadership - Mrs. Jenny Snelson
Intercessions - Mrs. Sylvia Cohen
Organist - Mr. Martin Thompson

3.00pm Commemoration Service (2.30pm Doves)

Readings 1. Revelations 7:9-17
2. 1 John 3:1-3. 3. Matthew 5:1-12

Midweek Holy communion at St. Mark's Chapel every Wednesday at 10am and at Sir William Harpur House on first Monday of every month at 10.00am.

Thank You

The flowers at Putnoe Heights this week are given in loving memory of Lesley Robinson by Christina Halsey and Karen Dodson, her mother and daughter.

The flowers at St. Mark's this week are given by George Burton in memory of his wife Joyce on her birthday.

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

Gracious God, light and guide of all who put their trust in you: grant us in all our doubts and uncertainties the grace to seek your will, that the Spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices and that in your light we may see light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

William Bright (1824-1901)

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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.

Churchyards Administrator

Mrs Avril Williams 01234 342613

Putnoe Heights Church Centre

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Regular Weekly Activities - A Guide To Our Churches

Monday

Hazeldene Heights Pre-school. Sessional and Full Day care available—open Mon.—Fri. Full Day Care 8.30am to 5pm Sessional times 9am—12noon and 12.45pm - 3.45pm

For more info please contact Laura Leggett 01234 326685 or www.hazeldeneheights.com

8.30-12.30pm St Mark's Pre-School Nursery

Headteacher Mrs. Helen Harpin 312634

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

9.00-3.45pm Top Marks Mon-Fri St Mark's

Headteacher Mrs. Helen Harpin 312634

(See website for more details)

9.45am - Body Control Pilates –Putnoe Heights

Stephanie Smith 357787 or 07973174430

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

10.30am U3A Play reading Putnoe Heights Contact Janet King 313946

11am-12noon Pilates St. Mark's. Liz Mason 07816522200 (starts 8 Sept.)

1.30pm Chat & Make. Term time for babies and toddlers 0-5. Crafts, toys, songs, story and refreshments £1. More details contact St Mark's Church Office on 01234 342613 or Janine 01234 297481 Restarts 8 September

12.00 noon Storybox 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. Contact Carolyn Morris youth@thisischurch.com 365630

2pm U3A Music Appreciation Putnoe Heights Contact Janet King 313946

2.00pm U3A Italian Putnoe Heights— fortnightly

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

5.30 - 8.30 NHS Eat Smart Think Active at Putnoe Heights. For more details contact Emily Taverner 01234 792013

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

6.15 pm Brownies Putnoe. Sharon Tanner 01767699399 or 07720713738.

6.15 Pilates at Putnoe Heights Jane Butcher 300859

6.15pm-8.15pm Fit for Life Yoga - Putnoe Heights Contact Jane Butcher 07891879571

6.30pm Boot Camp Putnoe Heights – Laura Amor 341152 / 07976259081

7.00pm Sugarcraft Guild St Mark's (1st week in month) Pat Nicholson 353518

7.00pm Cancer Care Society. St Mark's. (1st week in month) Mr J Dewhurst 01908 377020.

7.00-8.00pm Laughter Club at St. Mark's 2nd week each month) Cheryl Green 07729187399

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

7.30pm Whist Drive. St Mark's (Weeks 3 & 5 in the month).. Next meeting— 20 October Judith Stanton. 823313

7.30pm No Fear Bridge Club St. Mark's Mrs. Susan Ford 300218.

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

7.45-9.15 Get Fit Keep Fit at Putnoe Heights Diane Field 01234 404976

Tuesday

9 –1pm Bedford Stop Smoking at Putnoe Heights. For more details please contact Olivia Tornyie 01234 276826

9.30am Candlewicking (Needlework). Putnoe Heights. Pat McCart 365507

9.30am -12.30 & 4-9pm Slimming World St. Mark's.

Lorrie Pearson 01234 340473

11.15am U3A Keep Fit Putnoe Heights Contact Janet King 313946

1.15pm U3A Cinema Group. St Mark's Contact Janet King 313946

1.30pm U3A Choir. St Mark's Contact Janet King 313946

2.00pm U3A Book Group 1 St Mark's (3rd Week in month) Contact Janet King 313946

2.00pm U3A Book Group 2 St Mark's (2nd Week in month) Contact Janet King 313946

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

2pm U3A Photography Group 3 St. Mark's (1st Week in month) Contact Janet King 313946

2.30pm Mother Teresa Support Group. St Mark's (1st & 3rd week in month). Wool and knitting needles provided. Mrs Maureen Watling 262225

2.15pm Tuesday Afternoon Housegroup. St Mark's (2nd & 4th week in month) Mary Stubbs 406784.

4.00pm-6.15pm Stars School of Dance at Putnoe Heights. Esther Richardson 295862 or 07917582468

7.30-8.30pm Pilates St Mark's Church Jane Butcher 07891879571

7pm - 8.30pm Daisy Birthing Putnoe Heights Susie 07980447390

7.00pm Keep Fit. St. Mark's Jan Gregory 328455 (Unfortunately Jan has had to cancel her sessions at the moment, but hopes to re-start in January 2015.

7.30pm Ladies Tuesday Club at Putnoe Heights (Meets fortnightl 28 October No Meeting Next meeting AGM on 11 November. Details Janet King 313946

8.00pm Hearts in Beds Committee St Mark's (week 4 in month) Mrs N Aspey 309816

Wednesday

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

10am-2pm Open House at St Mark's for those with learning disabilities., their friends, family , carers and supporters 342613.

10am U3A Gardening Group 3 St Marks. Contact Janet King 313946

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

10am U3A Card Making, St Marks Contact Janet King 313946

10am U3A Diet and Nutrition- Putnoe Contact Janet King 313946

11.15am U3A Keep Fit at Putnoe Heights

12.30pm –4pm St Mark's Nursery Headteacher Mrs. Helen Harpin 312634

12.30pm Luncheon Club. Putnoe fortnightly. Next meeting 5 November Putnoe Heights Office 365630

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

2.00-4.00pm U3A Craft at St Marks.Contact Janet King 313946

2pm U3A Gilbert and Sullivan Putnoe Heights Contact Janet King 313946

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

3.45.- 5.30pm Messy Church. St Mark's (3rd Week in month). for children of lower school age and their carers. Bible-based story, crafts, singing and a meal. Next meeting 19 November

2014 Wendy Waters 401834 Jean Bank 355698

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

6.00 pm Brownies. St Mark's. Mrs C Warden 219731
6.15pm Yoga and Relaxation Putnoe Heights Racheall Monton 01234 297138 or 07910835994
6-7pm ATSK Karate at Putnoe Height Kevin Stark Tel. 01234 353865
7.00pm Bunyan Bridge. St. Mark's Colin Jackson 363398 or Brian Sallows 407725.
7.00pm Archaeological & Local History Society Putnoe Heights monthly. Sylvia Woods 365095
7.00pm Putnoe Guild Putnoe 3rd Wednesday in every month except August Mrs Jo Street 344600
7.00pm Line Dancing Putnoe Mike Del-Boyer 348378
8.00pm Badminton Club Putnoe Heights All welcome. Ken Marriott 214867
8.00pm Tudor Reeds Folk Dance Club at St Mark's (1st,3rd & 5th Wednesday in month). Next meeting will be 29 October Everyone welcome. All dances called, only £1 including refreshments. Rosemary 405594 or Graham 406359 for more details.
8.00pm Bedford Wine and Social Club St Mark's (Week 1 in the month) Greta Cansfield 215016

Thursday

8.30am—12.30pm St. Mark's Pre School Nursery Headteacher Mrs. Helen Harpin 312634
9.30am Thursday Prayer Group. Putnoe Heights. Valerie Capon 356306. Request for prayer can be written in the prayer diary on the information table. Will not meet on October 30 2014
9.15am Spanish for beginners Plus. at Putnoe Heights
10.30pm Spanish Holiday Survival at Putnoe Heights. Elena 01234 266968
9.45am Chat and Play St. Mark's. A term time group for Mums & toddlers.0-5 Contact St Mark's Church Office 01234 342613 or Janine 01234 297481 Restarts September 11
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 342613 Restarts 4 September
1.30 - 3.00pm NHS Baby Clinic at St Mark's (Weeks 1 & 3 in the month) Contact 897401
1pm-2.30pm Drop in (small hall) Next Steps 9-24months Putnoe Children's Centre. Please call Trudy Hamilton (centre assistant) for more information 340552. 2pm -
Friendly Chicago Bridge at Putnoe Heights £2 per session inc. refreshments. New members welcome. Contact Pat 01234 294220.
2pm U3A Current Affairs - Putnoe Heights Contact Janet King 313946
2-4pm U3A Indoor Games. St. Mark's Contact Janet King 313946
2.30 - 4.30pm Bedford Art Society St Mark's Jean Paterson 307210
 3.15-5.15pm Social Care Solutions Drama Group Claire Creek 262650
5.45pm Weightwatchers. St. Mark's. Clare Martin 07805408811.
6.15pm Brownies. Putnoe Heights Lou Brenna. 07919402797.
7.00pm Club 2000 Putnoe Nina Ovenden 825059
7pm U3A Folk & Poetry St Marks (2nd and 4th week in month) Contact Janet King 313946
7.15pm Putnoe Art Group Bob Wardale 406094
7.00pm Bedford Embroiderers' Guild St Mark's (3rd week in month). Carol Plant 01832710504
Bedford Folk Dancers (formerly Barn dancers) Meet weekly at Putnoe Heights Different guest callers each week. Except August. All welcome, cost £2.50

Including refreshments. More details Ron 825574 or Shirley 01767 651767
8.00pm Bedford Writers Circle. St Mark's (1st week in month). John Broadhouse 01525 404014
7.30pm Magpies Women's Group St Mark's (2nd & 4th week in month) Mrs Marie Cotchin 402089
8.00pm Brickhill Ladies Group St Mark's (1st and 3rd week in month) Susan Perugi 300219

Friday

8.30am—12.30pm St. Mark's Nursery Headteacher Mrs. Helen Harpin 312634
8.30am Diabetic Centre St Mark's (1st week in month) Deborah Hennessey 792013
9am -1pm Machine Knitting group at Putnoe Heights, fortnightly . Contact Marion Sutton 217647
10am -12.00 U3A Photography St Marks.(4th week in month) Contact Janet King 313946
10am - 12 & 1.15 - 3.15pm U3A Beginners French St. Marks Contact Janet King 313946
2.00-4.00 pm U3A Whist St Marks. (2nd week in month) Contact Janet King 313946
2pm U3A Gardening - Putnoe Heights Contact Janet King 313946
4.50pm-8.15pm Stars School of Dance Esther Richardson 295862 or 07917582468
7.00pm-9.00pm Meditation St Mark's. Cheryl Green 07729187399
7.45 - 10.45pm Bedford Astrology Club. St Marks(2nd week in month)Carol Brown 01438 233385

Saturday

9.00am Faith Temple Ministries St Mark's (1st week in month) Dawn Kelly 07863762593
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

Sunday

9.30 - 10.30 Church and Sunday School at St Mark's with crèche for under 3's
10 - 5.30pm Bedford Stamp Fayre. 1st Sunday Feb/Apr/ Jun/Aug /Oct/Dec. Contact P Harris 01623 621143
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.
2- 4.30pm Indoor Bowls at St. Mark's 1st and 3rd Sunday. Ray Seymour 305695 or church office.
Messy Church Dates 15 Oct, 19 Nov, 10 Dec



Diary Dates



St Mark's Church Council –
St Mark's Leadership Team - 26 January
Annual Congregational Meetings— 26 April 2014
Putnoe Heights Leadership Team -
Putnoe Heights Management Meeting -
Putnoe Church Council - 20 February
Pastoral Group Meeting -
Churchyard Committee -
Commemoration Service - 2nd November
Circuit meeting –
Deanery meeting -
Woodland Burial Trustees—
Putnoe Heights Children & Youth Meeting - Monday 19 January 2015
Please advise St Mark's Church Office of the dates of your meetings.

Ordinary 30

Sentence 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.

Collect Prayer for the Day

Before we read we pray

Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty,
that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter
the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Common Worship
Shorter Collect*

First Bible Reading - Deuteronomy 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**)

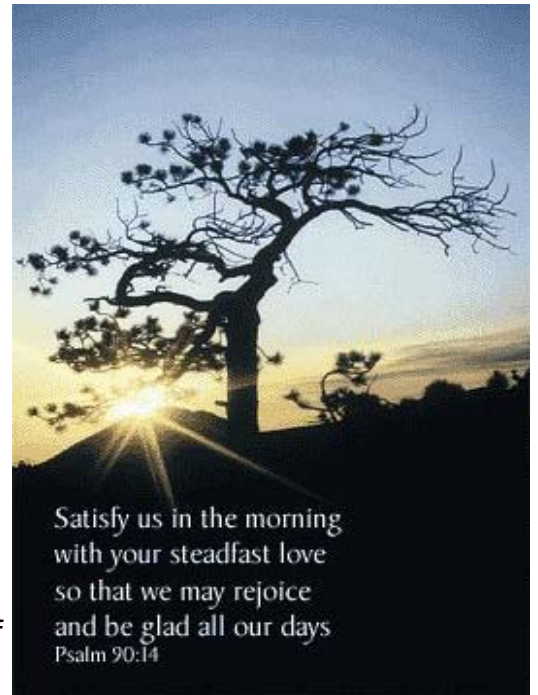
Second Bible Reading 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

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**)

Gospel Reading - Matthew Chapter 22:34-36

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 Morning Worship Booklet and Mission Praise)*

1. Lord of creation, to you be all praise 440
2. I want to walk with Jesus Christ 302
3. Let there be love shared among us 411
4. May the mind of Christ, my Saviour 463
5. O breath of life, come sweeping through us 488

Commentary

This weeks' Gospel reading from Matthew has been following me of late. It all started about a month ago when I was preparing a harvest festival service for Henlow. Having already decided to build the service around Ecclesiastes 3 'there is a time...' I checked the lectionary, as I felt it needed a further dimension and needed guidance as to what that may be. You may remember that I was unwell at the time and, through my 'grogginess', I accidentally read the October readings instead the September ones, yet what I read fitted exactly with the message I felt God wanted me to share with this small village church seeking to explore their mission in their current situation. God has ways of getting us to hear what we need to! The reading begins with the passage often known as 'The great commandment', which is to 'Love God and to love your neighbour as yourself'. It is one of those parts of Jesus teaching that is recorded in the three canonical gospels, perhaps most familiar being Luke 10, where it is the preface to story of the Good Samaritan. John 15:12 contains a similar message where Jesus instructs the disciples to 'Love one another, as I have loved you'.

The recurrent message seems to be that it is the way we live out our lives that demonstrates our faith; 'by this shall all know that you are my disciples'. This, as many of you will know, is a real passion of mine, I truly believe that the way we treat each other, and welcome newcomers, says far more about 'who we are' than any other aspect of church life. I truly believe that it is our hospitality that will engage with the outcast and the fearful even more than our teaching, and that a happy community will in itself be attractive to others, yet we often do not even know much about the people we worship with every week. It would be very tempting to follow this line of thinking once again, or to focus on the fact that Jesus actually seems to quote 3, rather than 2 laws (as to 'love your neighbour as you love yourself', you must actually love yourself), but on this occasion I feel lead to move, as I did last month, to the second, and potentially more difficult part of the reading.

This time last month the main political parties were all having their conferences, so I was lead to draw comparisons between the public speeches of politicians and the teaching of Christ. Low and behold this is also what Charlie did here last week when he talked about Christ giving the true answer to all, rather than tailoring each answer to the particular audience, so maybe God has something along these lines that we need to hear?

In today's reading the comparison is evident, people seem to be asking questions with the specific intent of 'catching him out', much as our politicians do today, yet Jesus, in response, is quite different. Rather than seeking to publically ridicule others he simply challenges them, often in private, to rethink their own preconceptions and, time and time again, he uses their own arguments and quotes the same scriptures to challenge their 'world view'.

The 'politicians' of his day seemed fearful that Jesus was trying to wipe away all the laws that they held so dear, yet Jesus constantly draws on these to illustrate what he is saying. What Jesus presents is not a 'New Commandment' (as it has become known in some Christian thought and song) but an attempt to restate and simplify those very laws, the practice of which, for some, had become more important than the reason for doing so.

This teaching is repeated throughout the early church; Romans 13:10 'Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the Law.' And perhaps more strongly in James 2:8-9 'You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors.'

Jesus rephrases these laws not to replace them but in attempt to widen, or regain a true understanding of them. We may think that much of the Old Testament is very inward looking, verging on racist in places, but it is clear from stories like that of Jonah that God's understanding of who is worthy of his care is often very different to that of the people he calls to serve him.

Today is not just a lesson in tolerance and Christian witness though, it also contains important life lessons, as it says in Thessalonians, living in such a way can actually bring us joy;

8 'Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well'.

There is a warning too, we are wise to avoid getting too attached to ideas, which by their very nature evolve as they grow, as Michel Quoist puts it in the book 'Living Words', 'The Church is changing. My

friends, only the dead don't change... Happily the Church is alive and this is principally why the human face of the Church changes with time'. In Deuteronomy we learn that Moses never saw the fulfilment of the mission he was given to lead the people to the promised land, yet he had faith to know that it would carry on. We too do not always see the fruit of what we start and at times we may feel uncomfortable when things dear to us begin to change in ways we never imagined. We all need the grace to know that others will carry it forward and God needs us to trust that his design will happen.

Each of us are called according to our gifts and skills and God wants us to be able to utilise those gifts. Ultimately God wants us to live fulfilling lives and, without challenging the false boundaries we so easily put in place, often without realising it, we risk missing out on something bigger and better that God has planned for us.

Perhaps we all need to ask once again, who is my neighbour, and how can I help them to know that we are all loved? *Deacon Jane Mills.*

Meditation Make a Will Leave a lasting gift to your church!

November is Will Aid Month, a time when we are encouraged to make a will and once you have made provision for your loved ones, you have the opportunity to make a lasting gift to God, by leaving a legacy to His church.

A gift in your Will to your church is one of the most valuable and lasting ways you can continue to support its mission and ministry within your community. A gift can be an expression of your gratitude and thanksgiving towards God, and can help keep your local church alive, and help transform its future. It can make a huge difference to the church and ensure that we are able to continue to provide Christian ministry in the years to come.

To maintain the ministry of our churches we are dependant on the generosity of people like you. So, if you are you one of the 6 out of 10 people who have not yet made a Will, why not make a will this November. If you have made a will, have you remembered your church?



**Fact:
Most people die without leaving a will!**

Making a will isn't just for old people, death might seem a very long way off, but everybody should have a will. Intestacy is the word used to describe the estate of someone who dies without leaving a will. The intestacy rules distribute the estate between a spouse, children parents, your brothers or sisters or their children and there are no provisions for co-habitees and stepchildren. If there are no living relatives the money goes to the Treasury. You can see that failure to make a will can be one of the most irresponsible acts, leaving loved ones without proper consideration or provision. Parents of children who die without leaving a will can compromise the well being of their children. Making a will shows you care. It is also a way of expressing your faith in exercising stewardship over the worldly goods God has entrusted to your care.

Hints on making a will

1. Whilst you can legally write your own will it is best to go to a solicitor. This will give you expert help in making sure that things are dealt with in the best possible way. If you have already made a will it can be added to or changed; again you should get expert help.
2. You must sign your will and two witnesses who do not benefit from it must certify your signature.
3. It is normal to appoint at least one, preferably two executors whose duty it will be to carry out the instructions in your will. It is wise to tell your executor where your will is kept and to keep a copy at home or in another safe place.
4. It is also a good idea to review your will regularly and whenever there is a major change in your family or financial circumstance - for example, marriage or death of a close relative.

Prayers for today and the week ahead

Love has brought us here today. We love because God first loved us. 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*

Strengthen us, O God, to relieve the oppressed, to hear the groans of poor prisoners, to reform the abuses of all professions; that many be made not poor to make a few rich; for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.
Oliver Cromwell.

World War 1 Advance Notice—Saturday 15 November at 6.30pm at Putnoe Heights Church 'Innocence and Experience' an evening recollections of the First World War' using poetry, prose and pictures. Trench grub will be served at tables of 8 people. Vegetarians can request an alternative to the bully beef. Tickets £10 available from church offices or Jenny Emsley. All proceeds to church funds. There will be a raffle in aid of SSAFA

Partnership Quiz- date for your diary. The quiz will be held at Putnoe Height on Saturday 1 November 7.00pm for 7.30pm. Tickets available from both church offices, £7.50 to include fish/chicken and chips supper. You are invited to make up a team of 6-8 or just buy a ticket and come along.

Men's Fellowship Meal 11 November at 7.30pm at The Pheasant Public House. £15 for two courses and first drink. Deposit £5 to be paid by 2nd November with choices. For details of menu and further information contact Barry Southam 01234 219714, mobile 07860639595 email barrysoutham@aol.com

Roderick Williams, Baritone, with Joseph Middleton, piano. As seen at the BBC Last Night of the Proms 2014. Saturday 22 November 2014. St Andrew's Church. Advance tickets £8, £7 concessions, Students 16-21 £3 Children free accompanied by an adult. At the door are £9/ £8 concessions available Church Centre Office, Kimbolton Road, tel 01234 216881 Central Box Office, Bedford, tel 01234 718112

1st Putnoe Brownies and Rainbows are taking part in The Poppy Challenge. This badge has been created in support of the work of the Royal British Legions Poppy Appeal and to spread the awareness about Remembrance Day whilst also raising funds for the work that they do. Last year (2013) they raised £2000 for the Royal British Legions through sales of this badge. The Brownies have to do six clauses for one of the clauses we have chosen. Make a paper chain 100 links long and write the name of 100 fallen soldiers from your area and hang this in your meeting area. We would like to invite any members of the church whose family lost someone in WW1 to leave the details of that person their name and age at the church office and the Brownies will put it in the chain which we will display on Remembrance Sunday. Thank You Sharon Tanner Brown Owl

Open House Children in Need Fundraising Event Open House will be holding a coffee morning on Wednesday 12 November between 10.30am and 11.45am to raise funds for Children in Need. On sale there will be tea, coffee, homemade cakes, pickles, jams as well as jewellery by Open House members. There will also be games and a lucky dip and other goodies for sale. Please come and join us to raise money for this worthy cause. Last year we raised a staggering £400.

Whist Drive Thank you for Judith Stanton and her members for the donation of £100.

St Marks Junior Church Dates 26 October. 2 November All Saints Worship children stay in church

What then was War' The Royal British Legion presents poetry and songs from the Great War. Saturday 8th November 2014 at 7.30pm. Tickets £8/ £6 from Central Box Office

A big, big thank you to everyone, to everyone who dropped cheques & money through our letter box, who come to our door & handed us cash & those who came to the coffee morning. You were all so incredibly generous & as someone who has used the MacMillan ward in Luton. I send you a huge thank you from everyone who has ever had to use MacMillan in anyway. Unfortunately, both Jane & I have been ill since holding our MacMillan coffee morning and we are now just finishing a prescription of antibiotics. Sadly, it left me even more fatigued than usually and it is only now I can update you about the day. The event itself was lovely with everyone seeming to enjoy themselves and it felt very much like a bunch of friends just sharing coffee & cakes even with those people I had not met before. So it was both fun & worthwhile with whopping £407 collected on the day, unfortunately, I do not know how much money was raised by people using the text code MacMillan assigned to me. Special thanks to Irene for all her help on the day. Maurice & Jane

Pastoral Care A free course in Pastoral Care is to be held in two parts at St Mary's Church Goldington on Saturdays 8 and 22 of November. On 8 November the times are 09.30 - 16.00 and on 22 November 9.30 to 13.00. Please speak with Wendy Waters if you are interested.

St John Ambulance First Aid Training Vicky the Schools, Young Person and Community First Aid Trainer for Bedford with St John Ambulance has kindly offered to provide First Aid courses to suit ages 5-adult and courses can be tailor made to suit the needs of the group/ individuals. Please contact Charlie if you are interested in inviting Vicky to come and do training

Mother Theresa We are looking for new people to join our small friendly group. We meet alternate Tuesday afternoon from 2.30 - 4.15. at St. Mark's, wool, needles, tea and biscuits provided. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 28 October. Come and join us. Maureen Watling 262225 or Church Officer

Thank you. All the clients, volunteers, staff and trustees of The Prebend Day Centre would like to thank you for your harvest gifts. Month by month we continue to welcome an increasing number of new individuals seeking our help and assistance. Your donation ensures that we can provide a hot nutritious meal to individuals locally in need.

St Mark's Christmas Craft Fayre Saturday

22 November 2014 It comes round faster and faster each year. Our Craft Fayre is on 22nd November and your help is needed in so many ways. We will be having the usual Church stalls again and donated items will be greatly appreciated. **New Tombola:** New and unused items needed so please look in your cupboards etc. **Homemade Cake Stall:** Homemade cakes, **Secondhand Book Stall:** Books in good condition plus any jigsaws (with all the pieces) please. **Indoor Plant Stall:** Now is the time to plant cuttings and bulbs etc. **Refreshments:** Donations of tray bakes to sell with our teas and coffees. And of course the **Christmas Prize Draw:** Any new items suitable for raffle prizes would be really welcome. Raffle tickets will be on sale in October. We will need a lot of help nearer the time with leaflet delivering, selling of raffle tickets distributing posters etc. Please let me know of any locations where you think a poster would go. If you are able to help us with manning a stall, on the 22 November, helping in the kitchen or in any other way, we would love to hear from you. As always your help is very much appreciated and we could not run this large fund-raising event without your help. Please contact Avril Williams.

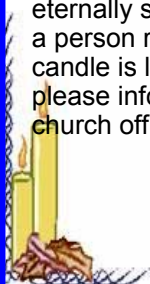
Footprints Walk Sunday 2 November. Meet at Colmworth Golf Club, New Rd, Colmworth (follow signs from Kimbolton Rd) at 2.00pm at the large car park in front of the clubhouse. A 3 mile walk on field paths with no stiles to Wilden and return. Please note the earlier winter start time.

Putnoe Heights Table Top Sale and Coffee Morning to be held Saturday 15 November 10am – 12 noon. To book table (£6 in advance £8 on the day) contact Putnoe church office 01234 365630 or Jenny Snelson 01234 344417. Donations of cakes for refreshments / sale greatly appreciated.

Long overdue With tremendous gratitude to a member of our Partnership and the Holy Spirit who literally saved my life earlier this year; as I was unable to speak and by chance came by my home and called the necessary emergency services. This individual is what Christianity is all about. All my love. Thank you for the several bouquets of flow-

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.'

ers from Putnoe Heights Church during my continuous long illness, especially the recent ones last week. I appreciate Partnership prayers and most of all Thursday morning prayer group and Friday afternoon prayer group too. Much Christian love, Deborah Wallace.

Partnership Council Please note the Christmas Vicarage Party this year will take place on 21 December. Please do advise Corinne if you are able to attend corinneroyden@gmail.com

Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving Sunday 2 November at 3.00pm at St Mark's

You are invited to remember and give thanks for those we have entrusted to God's safe keeping. Release of doves in church grounds immediately before service. Children may come from 2.30pm to see the doves. Preacher: The Reverend Nicola McIntosh Chaplain of Bedford Hospital

Mission Update Thank you to everyone who has contributed financially to our Autumn Mission project. Already nearly £750 has been given to support the Emmaus centre at Carlton and contribute to offering hope and a new beginning to the companions who live and work there. Thank you for your generosity. If you have not yet been able to pick up an envelope with details of how to support the project, these are available from the Ministers or from either church office. Sam

Christmas Shopping Starts Soon



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Once we get into November we start thinking about presents and this year more than ever they will be bought online. So please can you make a point of always going to Amazon through the link on www.ThisChurch.com. If you look at an item through Amazon direct they put a cookie on your machine and we don't get any commission! Please make it a habit to always go through the church website. This costs you nothing and we get a bit of commission. For some reason very people have registered for www.easygiving.com. This works exactly the same when you shop with John Lewis, M&S and a whole host of other shops. This has an added benefit that you will also get some special offers - you can't lose !

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Forthcoming Funerals

There are no funerals
this week