



# Partnership News

## Putnoe Heights & St Mark's Church

### 28 October 2018

### Last after Trinity - Ordinary 30



#### Sunday Services

**8.30am Holy Communion every Sunday**  
1st and 3rd Sunday at Putnoe Heights Church  
2nd, 4th and 5th Sunday at St. Mark's Church

#### 28 October 2018 - Last after Trinity Ordinary 30

**9.30am St Mark's Church - Morning Worship**  
Preacher - The Reverend Dr Sam Cappleman  
Leadership - Mr Jim Williams  
Intercessions - Mrs Wendy Waters  
Organist - Mr. Clive Simmonds

#### 11.00 am Putnoe Heights Church- Morning Worship

Preacher - Mr Richard Ledger  
Leadership - Mr Martin Fannon  
Intercessions - Dr. Tim Wilkes  
Organist - Mr. Clive Simmonds

#### 4 November 2018 - All Saints Day

#### 9.30am St Mark's Church - Morning Family Worship with Baptism of Joshua Ian Farthing

Preacher - The Reverend Canon Charles Royden  
Leadership - Mr Edward Parry  
Intercessions - Mr. Ian Farthing  
Organist - Mr. Clive Simmonds

#### 11.00 am Putnoe Heights Church – All Age Worship

Preacher - Mrs. Roz Addington  
Leadership - Mrs. Veta Hudson-Rae  
Intercessions - Young People  
Organist - Mr. Clive Simmonds

#### Lectionary Readings:

1. Wisdom Solomon 3:1-9, 2. Revelation 21: 1-6  
3. John 11:32-44

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

#### Thank you

The flowers at St Mark's Church this week have been given by Geoff & Margaret Appleton in loving memory of their parents, Richard & Millie Meads & Mary & James Appleton.

The flowers at Putnoe Heights Church this week have been given by Rita and Nigel Platt and family in loving memory of Justin

And by Janet Cadden in loving memory of her mother Ida

#### Prayer for Sunday

Risen Christ,  
whose absence leaves us paralysed,  
but whose presence is  
overwhelming,  
breathe on us with your  
abundant life;  
that where we cannot  
see we may have  
courage to believe  
that we may be raised  
with you. Amen



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#### Putnoe Heights Church Centre

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Open Monday - Friday 9am - 5.00pm

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Leadership Team: Mr Edward Parry

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Gift Aid Administrator: Mr Jim Williams 360605

Churchyard Administrator: Mrs Avril Williams 342613

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# Regular Weekly Activities - Putnoe Heights Church

## 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 Nuru Lyria 01234 326685 or [www.hazeldeneheights.com](http://www.hazeldeneheights.com)

**9.30-10.30am - Body Control Pilates** –Stephanie Smith 357787 or 07973174430

**2.00pm U3A Music Appreciation** Rod Fewings 07718390188

**2.00pm U3A Italian** – fortnightly Rod Fewings 07718390188

**4.15pm Kumon Maths** Mrs Raksha Mistry 01908 392698

**6.15 pm Brownies** . Sharon Tanner 01767 699399 email [firstputnoebrownies@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:firstputnoebrownies@hotmail.co.uk)

**6.15-7.15pm Pilates** Jane Butcher 07891879571

**7.15pm-8.15pm Fit for Life Yoga** Jane Butcher 07891879571

**6.30pm-8pm Cubs** Ages 8 –10.5 Michelle Davis 07711916870 email: [michelle@putnoescouts.org](mailto:michelle@putnoescouts.org)

**6.30pm Fit For All** – Laura Amor 341152 / 07976259081

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

**7.45-9.15 Get Fit Keep Fit** Diane Field 01234 404976

## Tuesday

**9.30am Candlewicking** (Needlework). Jenny Snelson 344417

**11-12.15am U3A Keep Fit** Rod Fewings 07718390188

**2.00pm Library Walk W.I.** meets monthly.

Jo Fordham (President) 01234 217396

Margaret Bull (President) 01234 267866

Cheryl Gardner (President) 01234 261584

**2.30pm. Ladies Tuesday Club** (meets monthly) Next Meeting Tuesday 13 November - Christmas Craft and AGM . 'Details Diane Bayliss 268101

**2.30-4.30 U3A Play Reading** Rod Fewings 07718390188

**6.30pm– 8.00pm Cubs** 6.30pm—8.00pm Ages 8-10.5 [michelle@putnoescouts.org](mailto:michelle@putnoescouts.org)

## Wednesday

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

**11.00am U3A Keep Fit.** Rod Fewings 07718390188

**12.30pm Luncheon Club.** Fortnightly. Contact Putnoe Office 365630

**2-4pm U3A Ukulele Group.** Beginners welcome. Contact Chris Fordham 217396

**2.00pm - Fifty plus Keep Fit.** Mrs Webster 856966

**4.15pm Kumon Maths.** Mrs Rakha Mistry 01908 392698

**5.00–6.00pm Rainbows** Gayle email : [1stputnoerainbows@gmail.com](mailto:1stputnoerainbows@gmail.com)

**6.15-7.15pm ATSK Karate** Kevin Stark 01234 353865

**6.15-7.45pm GKR Karate** Daniel Freer 07931 504 712

**7.00pm-9.00pm Scouts** ages 10.5-14; Michelle Davis 07711916870 email:[michelle@putnoescouts.org](mailto:michelle@putnoescouts.org)

**7.00pm Archaeological & Local History Society** monthly. Sylvia Woods 365095

**7.15pm Putnoe Guild** Putnoe 3rd Wednesday in every month except August Mrs Jo Street 344600

## Thursday

**8.15-2.15pm Sing & Sign.** Julie Warriner **01767 691488**

**9.30am Thursday Prayer Group.** Valerie Capon 356306. Request for prayer can be written in the prayer diary on the information table.

**10.00-12pm U3A Painting & Sketching** Rod Fewings 07718390188

**1.30-3.00p.m Little Fishes** for the under 4's and their carers. Playtime, craft, story time, music and singing. For further details please contact Carolyn Morris tel 07751348925 or email [storyboxplus@btinternet.com](mailto:storyboxplus@btinternet.com)

**2pm –4pm U3A Current Affairs** Rod Fewings 07718390188

**2.30pm-3.30pm U3A Spanish** (Weekly) Rod Fewings 07718390188

**5.15-8.15pm NHS Eat Smart Think Active** contact : Laura Rocket 355122

**6.00pm-7.30pm Beavers** Ages 6-8 [michelle@putnoescouts.org](mailto:michelle@putnoescouts.org)

**6.15pm Brownies.** Putnoe Heights Lou Brennan. 07919402797.

**7.00pm Club 2000** Putnoe Monthly second Thursday in the month. Sandra White 313645

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

**8.00pm Bedford Folk Dancers** (formerly Barn dancers) Meet weekly with different guest callers each week. Except August. All welcome, cost £2. Including refreshments. More details Ron 825574 or Shirley 01767 651767

## Friday

**9.30pm Spanish Holiday Survival** Elena 01234 266968

**9.30am –12. 30pm Machine Knitting** group 1st and second weeks per month. Contact Marion Sutton 217647

**10am-12 U3A French Conversation** Rod Fewings 07718390188

**2pm U3A Gardening** Rod Fewings 07718390188

**6.30pm-8.00pm Beavers** Ages 6-8 Michelle Davis 07711916870 email: [michelle@putnoescouts.org](mailto:michelle@putnoescouts.org)

## Saturday

**2.15pm Society of Recorder Players** G. Parry 01462 674792

## Sunday

**11.00 - 12.00 Church and Junior** for the under 9's . A crèche is also available.

## Diary Dates

**St Mark's Church Council** - 13 November

**St Mark's Leadership Team** - 6 November

**St Mark's Church AGM** - April 28 2019

**Putnoe Leadership Team** –

**Putnoe Management Meeting** –

**Putnoe Church Council** - October 30.

**Pastoral Group Meeting** –

**Churchyard Committee** -

**Circuit Meeting** -

**Deanery meeting** - 29 November

**Woodland Burial Trustees** –

**Putnoe Heights Children & Youth Meeting** -

**St Marks Messy Church** - 21 November, 12 December.

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

# Regular Weekly Activities - St Mark's Church

## Monday

**7.30am-6.00pm Pre-school** Mon-Fri St Mark's

**7.30am-6.00pm Top Marks** Mon-Fri St Mark's

Manager Mrs. Helen Harpin 312634

(See website for more details)

**9.00am-12noon St Mark's Pre-School Nursery**

Manager Mrs. Helen Harpin 312634

**10.00am Bakers Barn Art Group.** Mrs M. Berry 211955

**10.00am U3A Play reading** Rod Fewings 07718390188

**9.45am - 10.45am & 11.00am-12noon Pilates** Liz Mason  
07816522200

**2-4pm U3A Meditation & Wellbeing** Rod Fewings  
07718390188

**2-3.15pm U3A Recorder Group** Rod Fewings  
07718390188

**6.00pm Brownies** Mrs C Mathew 826190

**7.30pm Sugarcraft Guild** St Mark's (1st week in month)  
Mary Daly 217127

**7.00-8.00pm Laughter Club** on 2nd week each month  
Cheryl Green 07729187399

**7-9pm Rangers.** Nikki Lake 07584028653

**7.15pm Guides.** Mrs Gill Lake 218091

**7.30pm Whist Drive.** Weeks 3 & 5 in the month. Judith  
Stanton. 823313

## Tuesday

**9.15am-11.15. Chat & Make** A term time group for Mums  
and toddlers 0-5. For more details ring St Mark's Church  
Office 01234 342613 or Janine 01234 297481

**9.30am -12.30 & 4-9pm Slimming World**

9.30, 11.30, 3.30, 5.30, 7.30. Lorrie Pearson 340473

**1.15pm U3A Cinema Group.** Rod Fewings 07718390188

**1.30pm U3A Choir.** Contact Rod Fewings 07718390188

**2.00pm U3A Book Group 1** (3rd Week in month) Contact  
Rod Fewings 07718390188

**2.00pm U3A Book Group 2** (2nd Week in month)  
Contact Rod Fewings 077183901882

**2.00pm U3A Photography Group 3** (1st Week in month)  
Contact Rod Fewings 07718390188

**2.30pm Knit & Natter Group.** Meetings: ,23/10,  
6/11,20/11,4/12,18/12Wool and knitting needles provided.  
Mrs Maureen Watling 262225

**2.00-3.30pm Tuesday Afternoon Housegroup.** A social  
and Bible Study group. Meetings:30/10, 13/11,27/11,11/12.  
Mrs Jean Bank 355698

**6-7pm Supple Strength Yoga** Amanda Alcock  
07769747393

**7.30-9pm Faith Community Church** Audua Ogilvie 01234  
308644

**8.00pm Hearts in Beds Committee** (4th week in month)  
Mrs N Aspey 309816

**8.25-9.25pm Restoration Pilates** Johanna Debnam  
07753418170

## Wednesday

**10.00-2pm Open House** for those with learning  
disabilities, friends, family, carers and supporters 342613.

**10.00am U3A Gardening Group 3** Rod Fewings  
07718390188

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

**10am U3A Card Making,** Rod Fewings 07718390188

**10-4pm Sewing group** 4th week of the month. Contact  
Sue Sewell 07979797747

**1.15pm Social Bridge Club** Mr Barnes 261811

**2.00-4.00pm U3A Craft** 1st week of the month Contact:  
Rod Fewings 07718390188

**3.45- 5.30pm Messy Church.** (3rd Week in month). for  
children of lower school age and their carers. Bible-based

story, crafts, singing and a meal. Next meeting 21  
November Wendy Waters 401834

**6.00pm Brownies.** Mrs C Warden 219731

**7.00pm Bunyan Bridge.** Peter Cullum 07545508185

**8.00pm Tudor Reeds Folk Dance Club** at St Mark's  
(1st,3rd & 5th Wednesday in month. Next meeting 31  
October Everyone welcome. All dances called, only £1  
including refreshments. Call Rosemary 405594 or Graham  
406359 for more details or come and join our friendly  
group and have a try.

**8.00pm Bedford Wine and Social Club** ( Week 1 in the  
month) Jill Cooper 357960

## Thursday

**9.45am Chat and Play** A term time group for Mums &  
toddlers.0-5 St Mark's Church Office 01234 342613 or  
Janine 01234 297481

**12pm Storybox** . Welcomes 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.. Contact  
Jaana Swaby 342613

**2-4pm U3A Indoor Games.** Rod Fewings 07718390188  
**2.30 - 4.30pm Bedford Art Society** Jean Patterson  
307210

**5.15-6.45pm Weightwatchers** Jodi Henderson  
07449890830

**6-7pm Supple Strength Yoga** Amanda Alcock  
07769747393

**7-9pm Bedford Community Gospel Choir** weekly  
meeting . Contact 07554148540

**7.00pm U3A Singing for Fun** (1st & 3rd week in month)  
Rod Fewings 07718390188

**7.00pm Bedford Embroiderers' Guild**  
(3rd week in month). Carol Plant 01832710504

**7.30pm Magpies.** Meet on 2nd & 4 Thursday Next  
meeting 8 November ' I was only putting out the chamber  
pot' David Squibb. Call Rosemary 405594 for more  
details.

**8.00pm Bedford Writers Circle.** St Mark's (1st week in  
month). John Broadhouse 01525 404014

## Friday

**10am -12.00 U3A Photography** (4th week in month)  
Contact Rod Fewings 07718390188

**10.45am - 12 U3A Poetry & Literature** St. Marks  
Contact Rod Fewings 07718390188

**2.00-4.00 pm U3A Whist** (2nd week in month) Contact  
Rod Fewings 07718390188

**7.45 - 10.45pm Bedford Astrology Club.** St Marks(2nd  
week in month )Carol Brown 01438 233385

**6.30 -8.30pm Pakua Martial Arts** John Waugh  
07802755914

**7-9pm Mindfulness Meditation** Bhante Samitha  
07983466105

## Saturday

**9.00am Faith Community Church** (1st week in month)  
Audua Ogilvie 01234 308644

**10.00am-1pm Theatretrain** Dancing acting, singing. Kate  
Howard 01234 782414

**10am-1pm Sugarcraft Guild Cygnets** (2nd week in  
month) Margaret Baldry 07919404906

## 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 at St. Mark's.**  
P Harris 01623 621143 1st week Dec/Feb/Apr/Jun/Aug/  
Oct.

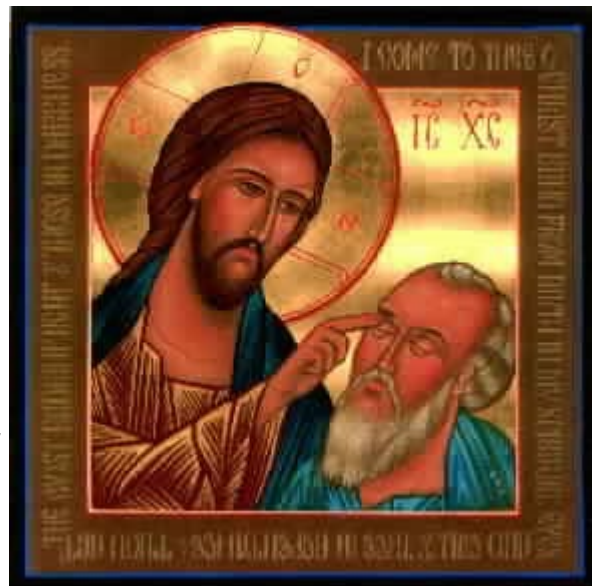
# Ordinary 30

## Opening Verse of Scripture

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be on my mouth. **Ps 34 v 1**

## Collect Prayer for the Day - Before we read, we pray

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



## First Bible Reading - Job 42:1-6, 10-17 (St. Mark's)

Then Job answered the Lord: 'I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. "Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?" Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. "Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you declare to me." I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes.'

And the Lord restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before. Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the Lord had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. The Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. He also had seven sons and three daughters.<sup>4</sup> He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. After this Job lived for one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children's children, four generations. And Job died, old and full of days.  
(This is the word of the Lord—**Thanks be to God**)

## First Bible Reading - Isaiah 55: 1-11 (Putnoe Heights)

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts, let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

(This is the word of the Lord—**Thanks be to God**)

## Second Bible Reading - Hebrews Chapter 7:23-28

Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office; but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them. Such a high priest meets our need--one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself. For the law

appoints as high priests men who are weak; but the oath, which came after the law, appointed the Son, who has been made perfect forever. (This is the word of the Lord—**Thanks be to God**)

### **Gospel Reading - Mark Chapter 10:46-52**

Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (that is, the Son of Timaeus), was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called to the blind man, "Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you." Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus. "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him. The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see." "Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

(This is the word of the Lord—**Thanks be to God**)

### **Post Communion Sentence**

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

### **Hymns - St Mark's**

1. Christ is made the sure foundation
2. For I'm building a people of power.
3. The King of Love my Shepherd is
4. Brother, sister, let me serve you.
5. We trust in you, our shield and defender.

### **Putnoe Heights**

1. All hail the power of Jesu's name 342
2. Come Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire 155
3. Break thou the bread of life 153
4. Your words to me are life and health 164
5. God has spoken—by his prophets 157

### **Meditation**

In his book, 'Signs of the Times' by Jean Vanier, which was reviewed last week, Vanier draws the distinction between power and authority. He states, 'Power imposes, it is the capacity to influence and modify the other through bypassing or crushing their conscience. Authority is linked to growth, a type of power which can help people develop their own sense of responsibility, their creativity, their personal conscience and their freedom.' 'Authority exists so that everyone can feel more alive'. As we look at Jesus in His engagement with Bartimaeus we see His authority in its full glory, authority over the things of the earth, but also His authority in enabling Bartimaeus to grow in creativity, freedom and become more alive. It was this authority which those in so called power found so challenging. Sometimes in our prayers perhaps we mix up God's power and His authority. God is all powerful, but His power comes through His authority over all things. God does not impose His will, as some powerful ruler might, but invites us to freedom through enjoying the benefits of His authority. Acts of power by those in authority are sometimes necessary for the good of all. But acts of power which merely seek to impose superiority through the subjugation of others are detrimental to all, even those in powerful positions. In the engagement and dialogue with Bartimaeus Jesus demonstrates a gentle, yet truly mighty, authority which those around would struggle to fully comprehend until the journey which Jesus was on when He met Bartimaeus came to its end in Jerusalem. *Sam Cappleman*

### **Commentary**

Today's reading centres on the theme of prayer and communication with God. In our Old Testament reading which comes at the end of the book of Job, it's as if Job finally comes to his senses and repents of his own position of questioning God. He prays for his friends who have counselled him and offered so called comfort, but have similarly questioned God with the same '*superficial caricatures*', as Tom Wright expresses it, and Job is restored. (Needless to say, there are some who believe that this last chapter of Job is a later addition, obviously preferring that Job stays in his position of misery and gloom.) Job realises that prayer is about coming into God's presence and depending on His reliability and justice rather than our own predisposed ideas and notions of what God should or should not be doing in a particular set of circumstances. Job comes to this position of humble trust in a God He can't quite understand but realises it is much bigger and greater than he can ever imagine.

The letter to the Hebrews, which is generally (although not universally) attributed to be the writing of Apollos, a Jew from Alexandria, who was an eloquent speaker, and authority on the scriptures, with an ardent spirit (Acts 18 v 24 - 26) speaks of prayer too. Intercession for His people is a critical component of the role of the priest of the order of Melchizedek, the order to which Christ, the Messiah, is an eternal priest. God Himself appointed Christ for this very purpose, embodied and brought to fulfilment on the cross, in order that we can have complete assurance that there is nothing that can come between us and God that is

outside the redeeming love of Jesus and His cross and resurrection. This reconciliation with God is permanent, just as Christ's priesthood is permanent through the overcoming of death on the cross. Other priests, who intercede for the Jews will come and go, they will live, and they will die, but Christ lives forever. Christ comes before God on our behalf in prayer. The idea of Christ being the great high priest is so important to the writer of Hebrews he (and it probably is a [he](#), whoever it was!) returns to it time and time again.

Bartimaeus comes before God through Christ in prayer. There is no complex theology in Bartimaeus' prayer. There is not the logic or rationalising we see in Job. In Bartimaeus we see and hear a blind man asking simply to have his sight restored. There were many who didn't want Jesus disturbed. Didn't Bartimaeus realise Jesus was on an important journey up to Jerusalem? He's just on his way out of Jericho, He's a man on a mission. And even though Jesus is indeed a man on a mission, a mission of life and death, He still has time to stop and engage with Bartimaeus. Rather than being regarded as a bit of an inconvenience, Jesus regards him with respect and dignity and simply asks what Bartimaeus would like Jesus to do. Perhaps more than even the disciples, Bartimaeus has recognised who Jesus is, the Messiah and the Son of David, the heir of God's promises.

In this week's Church Times Angus Ritchie points out that many times over the past few weeks in our gospel readings we have seen the contrast between so called able bodied people who misunderstand or reject Jesus' message and mission with those who are marginalised, women, children and now Bartimaeus, who exemplify a faithful response. Those in greatest need seem to grasp the reality of the Kingdom of God and exemplify faith, while others, who we might expect to get the message and understand what is happening appear to miss out on the profundity of a God who has become incarnate through His Son and walks about among us. Perhaps it is because of their supposed self-sufficiency that they find it more difficult to cry out to a God who walks with us day by day, whatever our situation and circumstances.

Coming before God in prayer is not just a task for the Messiah, the Son of David, the great High Priest of the order of Melchizedek, it is something we are all called to do. Sometimes this might be with specific prayers and requests, other times it will be simply coming to God in an attitude of quietness and expectancy as we lay before Him our deepest needs and hearts desires. The gospel tells us that Bartimaeus followed Jesus on His way, followed Him to Jerusalem and the events that would follow as Jesus conquers not just infirmities, but death itself. We should not dilute the story of the healing of Bartimaeus, he was blind, and he had his sight restored. Neither should we miss the broader context of the recognition of who Jesus was, and the exchange that takes place as a result of this and the transformation not just of sight but of life itself for a man who started the morning, as he always did, sitting by the road and begging for scraps and loose change. *Sam Cappleman*

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

God whose holy name defies our definition, but whose will is known in freeing the oppressed, make us to be one with all who cry for justice; that we who speak your praise may struggle for your truth, through Jesus Christ. Amen. All desires known

Eternal God, You have been our resting-place through the ages. Generations come and pass away, but You abide forever. We praise you for Your presence among us. You bring us comfort amid our trials - clarity where confusion persists - peace in the midst of conflict - and hope of eternal life. Hear us now as we pray for Your Church and the needs of the world, for You are the God of our lives. We pray for the Church of Jesus Christ; that, begun, maintained and promoted by the Holy Spirit, it may be true, engaging, glad, and active, doing your will. Let Your church be always faithful, O God, and ready to promote the cause of compassionate love and peace. Amen

Now may the blessing of God the Father, who made from one every nation that occupies the earth; of God the Son, who bought us for God from every tribe and language and people and nation; and God the Holy Spirit, who brings us together in unity, be with you and remain with you always. Amen  
After 'Patters of Worship'

**The Walsingham Way** To go on a pilgrimage or retreat to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham is to follow in the steps of pilgrims through nearly 1,000 years. In the year 1061 a sleepy little village in the depths of rural Norfolk was transformed. The Lady Richeldis of Walsingham had a vision of the Virgin Mary. She was transported in spirit to the Holy Land and shown the house in which Mary was told that she would be the Mother of Jesus. The Virgin Mary commanded Richeldis to build an exact replica of this house in Walsingham, which was to be known as 'England's Nazareth', a title Walsingham holds to this day. Richeldis carried out the instruction and, within a short time, Walsingham became one of the most important shrines in Europe, on a par with Rome, Jerusalem and Compostela. Henry VIII was a great devotee of Walsingham however, after his break with Rome, he ordered its destruction. After this

Walsingham became for centuries just a sleepy little village again, forgotten by most people. In the nineteenth century the old Slipper Chapel was revived as a place of pilgrimage and subsequently became the Roman Catholic National Shrine. In the twentieth century, following the inspiration of the late Father Hope Patten, an extensive Anglican Shrine was built. At the heart of the Shrine Church is the Holy House, a 'recreation' of the original house in Nazareth. Within the Holy House, above the altar, is the niche where the statue of Our Lady of Walsingham sits surrounded by candles and votive lights. This is the heart of the Shrine and is a special place for the 320,000 pilgrims who visit each year.

A pilgrimage to Walsingham offers the opportunity to experience the full range of the Anglican liturgy where all the senses are used in glorious worship. Regular features of a pilgrimage include daily Eucharist, Shrine Prayers (where individual petitions and world needs are brought), the Sacraments of Anointing and Reconciliation and, special to Walsingham, Sprinkling at the Well. The Saxon well was discovered when the Shrine was built and is a link back to the original Shrine. Pilgrims receive the water in three ways, drinking the water reminds us of God's love flowing in us to refresh us; pouring the water through our fingers symbolising the overflowing love of God, and signing with the sign of the Cross reminding us of our Baptism.

Pilgrimage is an intensely personal experience but you share this, like those pilgrims in the Canterbury Tales, with others when having meals, a drink or as part of the liturgy. It is both a personal and a shared journey. The quiet rhythm of the Shrine is an opportunity to come away from our daily lives and spend time in prayer, contemplation and worship with pilgrims from all over the UK and abroad. *Mike Warren*



**Putnoe Thursday Prayer Group.** Request for prayer can be written in the prayer diary on the information table.

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**Putnoe Heights Fairtrade Stall** - Traidcraft plc is to cease trading in its current form on 31 December 2018 with all 68 staff at Traidcraft HQ being made redundant. The company is currently consulting about new business models. The fair trade stall will continue as long as we have stock, please take a look at this season's range in the new catalogue, we can still take orders for all items in it. read more <https://fairtradegoldingtonputnoe.wordpress.com> The next stall will be on 4 November.

**Both The Word and The Jaffa will be open late** on the dates below. At The Word there will be displays of Christmas cards & calendars plus Christmas gifts including books, CDs, DVDs, mugs, prints & journals.

Thursday 8 November 5 – 7 p.m. Local crafts at Jaffa for £3.50 Wednesday 14 November 7 – 9 p.m. Coffee & cake at Jaffa for £3.50

Tuesday 27 November 7 – 9 p.m. Coffee & cake at Jaffa Everyone is welcome, on their own or in a group. If you would like to bring a group, please phone Joy at The Word on 01234 343353.

**Christmas Fayre at Bunyan Meeting, Mill Street** Saturday 10 November 10am – 2pm. Lunches, teas, coffees, stalls, homemade cakes, tombola, raffle, craft stalls..

**Putnoe Heights Church Council** will take place at the church on Tuesday 30 October at 7.30 pm. Members of council, and church members as observers, are urged to attend as we discuss the way forward for Putnoe Heights Church.

**Footprints.** There will be a two and a half mile walk to be held near Clapham on Sunday 4 November 2018. Start time is 2.00pm and not 2.30pm Summer to winter time start. Start location is Browns Wood. Drive through Clapham from Bedford. Turn right at the Traffic Island towards Yarlswood Detention Centre. Approx 3/4 mile there is a small carpark on the left hand side. Car park space is limited but if full you may consider parking on the grass verges nearby. The walk is on firm ground but can get a bit muddy if recent rain. A modicum of hills to climb. Any queries Contact Alan or Margaret

**St. Mark's Pre-School** We are short staffed at preschool on Tuesday 30 October This would be great for anybody who wanted to have first hand experience and we really need support. We require one person to cover from 9 until 12. One person to cover from 12.45 to 4 o'clock. Please can you let me know if you can help ? Charlie

**Pastime with Good Company** an evening of music with "The Ensemble of Friends". St. Mark's Church 7.30pm 24 November. Charity Concert for Canine Partners and other Rotary charities. Tickets £15 include wine and savouries. John and Janet Day

**St Mark's Weekly Offering Envelopes**

Replacement sets of Weekly Offering Envelopes are available after the service this morning. If you do not currently use the envelope scheme, or would like to find out more about regular giving to the Church please contact Jim Williams tel. 01234 360605. Thank you to all who give so generously to St Mark's.



## St Mark's 24th Annual Christmas Craft Fayre 17 November 2018

I hate to say it but Christmas is fast approaching and this years' Craft Fayre is just over 3 weeks away. We have the street leaflets on the table this morning please help us by taking a street to deliver. It does not have to be your own street!!! Also we have posters available today, if you know anywhere you can put one up please take one. There is a list of various places and it would be a great help if you deliver one or two.

**Raffle Tickets** – Will be on table in Foyer after service. You don't have to pay today. Please take a few books home to family and friends returning the stubs and money anytime during week beginning 12 November for the Fayre on the Saturday.

**Tombola** – Any NEW unwanted gifts\Christmas presents etc. for our Tombola stall. –Ian Farthing and John Day are the people to see if you have any queries.

**Cake Stall**- homemade cakes required see Milly

**Refreshments** – homemade traybakes to sell at our Refreshment Counter.

**Secondhand Book Stall** – Any books or paperbacks in good condition also good jigsaws with all the pieces please. Please see Elizabeth Bean

**Indoor/Outdoor Plant Stall** – Wendy Water and Marion Prior are the ladies to see about plants etc. It would be good if plants were labelled

There again donated items for the above stalls can be bought up to Church anytime week beginning 12 November.

We will need help on the day. If you are able to offer a bit of time on the 17 please let me know.

The money from the Fayre this year is going towards new lighting in the car park which is desperately needed. Please please help us to make this the most successful fayre ever. Avril

## Pastime with Good Company

An evening of music with

*"The Ensemble of Friends"*

*Pastime* Is a song allegedly composed by Henry VIII performed together with other music through the ages up to Elizabeth II

St Mark's Church Brickhill

7-30 pm 24th November 2018



Charity Concert for Canine Partners  
and other Rotary Charities

Tickets £15 include wine and savouries

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## Putnoe Heights Church members with Methodist Roots

If any of you would like your own membership ticket of the Methodist Church as a reminder of your roots and with the details of 'Our Calling' commitment, please contact Caroline Weaver. This year's annual ticket is now available.

## 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.*



## Forthcoming Funerals

All funerals at Bedford Crematorium can be found @ [www.bedford.gov.uk/obituaries](http://www.bedford.gov.uk/obituaries)

**The funeral of Lawrence Wyatt** will take place at Putnoe Heights Church at 2.30pm on Friday 2 November.

**A memorial service for Margery Charie** will take place at 2.00pm on Friday 9 November at Putnoe Heights Church

**The funeral of June Margaret Stevens** at 10.45 on Thursday 8 November