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Partnership News

29 July 2007

17th in Ordinary Time



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Partnership Church Services Today

8.30am Holy Communion every Sunday on the 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday at Putnoe Heights Church. On the 2nd & 4th Sunday in St Mark's Chapel.

9.30am St Mark's - Holy Communion with PCH

Preacher – Mr Richard Ledger

Leadership Team- Mrs Laura Farthing

Intercessions - Mrs Margaret Appleton

11am Putnoe Heights - Holy Communion with PCH

Preacher - Mr Richard Ledger

Leadership Team - Mr Lawrence Wyatt

Intercessions - Ministers

Charles Royden is preaching at Priory Methodist Church this morning.

18th in Ordinary - 5th August

9.30am St Mark's - Family Worship

Preacher – Revd Charles Royden

Leadership Team - Mrs Laura Farthing

Intercessions - Mr Chris Izzard

11.00am Putnoe Heights - Family Worship

Preacher - Revd Charles Royden

Leadership Team - Mrs Wendy Nash

Intercessions - Mrs Sue Allen

Readings

1: Ecclesiastes 1: 2, 12-14 and 2: 18-23

2: Colossians 3: 1-11 3: Luke 12: 13-21

Thank You

The flowers at St Mark's this week have been by Ada Hill and Dawn Wood in memory of Derek on his birthday.

The flowers at Putnoe Heights Church this week have been given by Jenny and Barry Snelson to celebrate the wedding of their daughter, Hannah, to Alistair Knox, on the Isle of Wight.

Prayer for Sunday

Dear Lord, thank you for warmth, thank you for kindness and the feeling of someone close, thank you for mums, dads, aunts, uncles, grandmas and granddads, thank you for vets who look after animals when they are sick or hurt, thank you, Lord, for doctors and nurses, thank you for people who help ill or disabled people, thank you for kind and generous people, thank you for not giving up on us.

Lorna Bowers (aged 10), Ossett, West Yorkshire

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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 - Mrs L Parry 216724

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Regular Weekly Activities - A Guide To Our Churches

Monday

9.30-12.00pm Mon-Fri Putnoe Heights Pre-school
Headteacher Mrs Janet Smith ☎326685

8.30-5.30pm Mon-Fri St Mark's Pre-school
Headteacher Mrs. Helen Harpin ☎312634
(See website for more details)

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

10.00am Bakers Barn Art Group. St Mark's
Mr Kellie ☎721063

12.00-1.00pm Story box 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. ☎Liz 302349

2.30-4.30pm Bedford Arts Society at Putnoe Heights
Malcolm Smith ☎01234 400741 (weekly from 25 September 2006)

4.00pm Storybox Plus Putnoe Heights for 4-9 year Old. Meet at 3.30 for refreshments & games. Then till 5pm 'follow the year' through stories, drama, singing & craft activities. We then make a short presentation in church on first Sunday in each month. ☎Liz Spavins 302349

4.15pm Rosemary Conley Diet & Fitness. Putnoe Heights. Miriam Adcock ☎01908 565044

4.15-6.00pm Kumon Maths Putnoe Heights.
Ms Raksha Mistry ☎01908 392698

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

6.15 pm Brownies Putnoe. Sharon Tanner ☎364710

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. Putnoe Heights Karen Simpson ☎244970

7.30pm Creative Needles. Putnoe Heights.
Jacky Hayward ☎307648.

7.30pm Whist Drive. St Mark's each month next 30 July for Headway 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). Putnoe Heights.
Judi Staughton ☎341821

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

1.30-3pm Toddlers Playtime. Putnoe Heights.
Andrea ☎210177 or Majella ☎325293.

1.30pm U3A Cinema Group. St Mark's. Last Tuesday of the month. Mr Austin ☎365184

2.00pm U3A Book Group. St Mark's (3rd Tuesday only)
Mrs Burman ☎364723

2.00pm Library Walk W.I. Putnoe Heights, meets monthly. Mrs C Allen ☎363878

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

2.15pm Putnoe Heights Women's Fellowship - Next August 7 Summer Meeting Betty Wyatt ☎350188.

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

2.30pm Tuesday Afternoon Housegroup. St Mark's Meets fortnightly. Mary Stubbs ☎406784.

3.45-5.30pm Stars School of Dance. Putnoe Heights.

Esther Sancto ☎272517 or ☎07917 0582468.

6.30 - 7.30pm Yoga Putnoe Heights.

Rachel Leontyne ☎783129

7.00pm Hearts in Beds Cardiac Support Group at St Mark's, (1st Tuesday) Contact Kate Parsons 351150

7-8pm Keep Fit. St. Mark's Jan Gregory ☎214107.

7-9pm MT Karate [all ages] Putnoe Heights.

Karen King ☎07941 264885

7- 10pm Card Makers Club meets fortnightly at St Mark's.
Carol Houghton ☎346718

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

7.30-10.30pm Chartered Management Institute St Mks

7.45pm Putnoe Heights Ladies Tuesday Club - Meets fortnightly. Next meeting 31 July Coffee Evening Audrey Wilkins ☎365068 or Margaret Gentle ☎309043

Wednesday

9.00am Paint Tots at St Mark's Jacqui Harrahan ☎824475

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

9.30am - Body Control Pilates. Putnoe Heights.
Stephanie Smith ☎357787.

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

10.00am Holy Communion. St. Mark's Chapel.

A half hour service followed by coffee. All welcome.

10am Sewing & Chat. Putnoe Heights Valerie Russell
☎01462 815966

10.30 am U3A Art Appreciation Putnoe Heights
Fortnightly. Audrey Hancock ☎365915.

Luncheon Club. Putnoe Heights fortnightly. Next meeting 5 September Putnoe Heights Office ☎365630

1.00-3pm Police Surgery at Putnoe Heights .

1.30-4.00pm. Bridge Club for the Retired. St. Mark's. Mr Barnes ☎261811

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

4.15-6pm Kumon Maths. Putnoe Heights
Mrs Raksha Mistry ☎01908 392698

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

6.15-7.45pm Yoga and Relaxation Putnoe Heights
Racheall Monton ☎01234 297138

6.30-7.30pm Karate. St Mark's Karen ☎079412 64885

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

7.00pm Archaeological & Local History Society meets monthly. Putnoe Heights. Sylvia Woods ☎365095

7.00pm Yoga St Mark's Dorothy Turner ☎721763

7.00pm Putnoe Guild meets monthly. Putnoe Heights.
Janice ☎Loxley 347073

7.45pm Badminton Club. Putnoe Heights
All welcome. Ken Marriott ☎214867

8.00-10.00pm Tudor Reeds Folk Dance Club St Mark's,
1st ,3rd & 5th Wednesday. Next meeting 5 September
More details Graham ☎406359 or Danny ☎401668.

8.00pm Bedford Wine and Social Club St Mark's (1st week) Mrs Gansfield ☎215016

Thursday

9.30am Thursday Prayer Group. Putnoe Heights in the quiet room. Sylvia Cohen ☎343424
Request for prayer can be written in the prayer diary on the information table.

9.30am-12.30 Jo Jingles. St. Mark's. Music & movement for pre-school children. Jayne Phillips ☎01582 485333

9.45am Yoga Putnoe Heights Karen Simpson ☎244970

9.45am-11.30am Chat and Play St.Mark's. A group for Mums & toddlers. £1.50 for first child + 50p for each extra child over 2 years.Next meeting 6 September. More details from St. Marks Office ☎342613 or Emma Strangwick ☎211070

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

12pm Storybox. 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 based story and singing. Lots of fun. Next meeting 6 September. Contact Emma Strangwick ☎211070

1.30-3pm Toddler Playtime. Putnoe Andrea ☎210177 or Magella ☎325293.

2- 4.30pm Putnoe Bridge Club. Gerald Palmer ☎345991

5.30-7.30pm Police Surgery. St Mark's Foyer.

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

6.15pm Brownies. Putnoe Heights Helga Nash ☎218521

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

7.00pm Club 2000 Putnoe Heights
Sheila Jakeman ☎261935

7-9pm U3A Folk & Poetry Group. St Mark's (Fortnightly starting from 26th April) Contact Doug Ovenden ☎825059

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

7.30-9.30pm Embroiderers' Guild St Mark's
3rd Thursday of the month. Mrs E Rigby ☎344442

7.30-9.30pm Tabernacle of Truth Church Putnoe Heights Bible Studies every 2 Thursday- Pastor Tarr ☎360188

7.45pm Housegroup meets fortnightly
Betty Wyatt ☎350188

8.00-10pm Bedford Writers Circle. St Mark's 1st Thursday each month. Mr Broadhouse ☎740271

8.00-10.00pm Magpies Women's Group St Mark's (2nd & 4th weeks) Mrs Cotchin ☎402089

8.00pm Brickhill Wives St Mark's (1st and 3rd weeks)
Mrs Woods ☎404702

Friday

9.30am & 12.30pm U3A Photography Group (4th week)
Joyce Fildes ☎353086

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

1.30-2pm Stars School of Dance Putnoe Heights
Contact Esther Sancto ☎272517 or ☎07917 582468

2.00pm U3A Gardening Group Putnoe Heights Eve Whitehead ☎356875

6.30-9.00pm Line Dancing. St Mark's
A night of fun Christine Rushton ☎782360

7-10pm Bedford Arts Society fortnightly Putnoe Heights from 8 September. Malcolm Smith ☎01234 400741

7.30pm Youth Club for age 10-15. St Mark's Church.
Contact PCSO Rowland Gilbey ☎349179

Saturday

9.00- 12.00pm Stars School of Dance. Putnoe
Esther Sancto ☎272517 or ☎07917 582468

10.00am - 1.00pm Theatretrain St Mark's. Dancing acting, singing. Kate Randle ☎01234 782414

7.15-10.30pm Duplicate Bridge. St Mark's
Ann or Peter ☎212066

Sunday

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

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

1 - 3pm Tabernacle of Truth Church Putnoe Heights
Rev. Tarr ☎360188 or ☎07866775515

6-7.30pm T.N.T. Putnoe. For 9-12 year olds (fortnightly) join us for fellowship, fun, games & outings. Liz ☎302349.

6 -7.30pm T.X.T Putnoe. for 13 + fortnightly, join us for fellowship, debate & discussion. Liz ☎302349

Diary Dates

St Mark's Church Council – 12 November
St Mark's Leadership Team – 12 September
Putnoe Heights Leadership Team –17 September
St Mark's Church Management Meeting -
Putnoe Heights Centre Management - 20 August
Putnoe Church Council - 8th October
Pastoral Group Meeting –
Churchyard Committee - 5 September 11am
Putnoe Heights Mission Group Meeting. 12
September. 7.30pm at 14 Flint Way
Partnership Council -
Brickhill Parish Council Meetings
Deanery Meeting - 13 September St Paul's
Circuit Meeting
Woodland Burial Trustees - 3 September 7pm
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.



Telecare

It is extremely helpful to the Ministers to be able to have feed back, especially if somebody is poorly or in hospital. If you have not yet put your name down on the

Telecare scheme, please do so. Additional members of the Pastoral Team are sharing the task of making telephone calls. Please do not be concerned if a new person calls.

17th in Ordinary



Opening Verse - Colossians 2:6

Continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness

Collect Prayer for the Day - Before we read

Gracious God, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of life and the word of your kingdom. Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread, even Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen *Methodist Worship*

PRAYER

First Bible Reading - Genesis 18: 20-32

Then the LORD said, "The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sin so grievous that I will go down and see if what they have done is as bad as the outcry that has reached me. If not, I will know." The men turned away and went toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing before the LORD. Then Abraham approached him and said: "Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked? What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous people in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing—to kill the righteous with the wicked, treating the righteous and the wicked alike. Far be it from you! Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?" The LORD said, "If I find fifty righteous people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake." Then Abraham spoke up again: "Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, though I am nothing but dust and ashes, what if the number of the righteous is five less than fifty? Will you destroy the whole city because of five people?" "If I find forty-five there," he said, "I will not destroy it." Once again he spoke to him, "What if only forty are found there?" He said, "For the sake of forty, I will not do it." Then he said, "May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak. What if only thirty can be found there?" He answered, "I will not do it if I find thirty there." Abraham said, "Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, what if only twenty can be found there?" He said, "For the sake of twenty, I will not destroy it." Then he said, "May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak just once more. What if only ten can be found there?" He answered, "For the sake of ten, I will not destroy it." (This is the word of the Lord - **Thanks be to God**)

Second Bible Reading - Colossians 2: 6-19

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ. For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and you have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority. In him you were also circumcised, in the putting off of the sinful nature, not with a circumcision done by the hands of men but with the circumcision done by Christ, having been buried with him in baptism and raised with him through your faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having cancelled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross. Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day. These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ. Do not let anyone who delights in false humility and the worship of angels disqualify you for the prize. Such a person goes into great detail about what he has seen, and his unspiritual mind puffs him up with idle

notions. He has lost connection with the Head, from whom the whole body, supported and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows as God causes it to grow.

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

Third Bible Reading – Luke 11: 1-13 - Please Stand

(After the Gospel is announced—**Glory to Christ our Saviour**)

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: " 'Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation.' " Then he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and he goes to him at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, because a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have nothing to set before him.' "Then the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children are with me in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.' I tell you, though he will not get up and give him the bread because he is his friend, yet because of the man's boldness he will get up and give him as much as he needs. "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. "Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

(This is the Gospel of Christ - **Praise to Christ our Lord**)

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: may we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns, now and fore ever. Amen

Hymns (Please distribute Holy Communion & Healing and Mission Praise)

1. All Hail the power. 13
2. Jesus, name above all names. 375
3. How good is the God we adore. 244
4. Jesus invites his saints. (Partnership News)
5. We are called to be God's people. (Partnership News)

Commentary

In the Lord's Prayer in Luke 11 there are the points I want to highlight.

1. **"Your kingdom come, your will be done, in earth as in heaven."** So these are not impossibilities - not pie in the sky, because Jesus tells us to pray for them. We are not to be so heavenly minded that we are no earthly use! Our faith is to be connected to real life. What then are we praying for? Surely that the fruits of the Spirit will grow - love , joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, greatness and self control. How life at all scales would be transformed if these were predominant. We could add justice, truth, reconciliation and compassion. We are praying for a new creation here – and as Christians we are called to give expression to the values of the kingdom in our lives, both individually and together.

2. **"Forgive us our sins for we also forgive everyone who sins against us"** (or as we know better, as we forgive those who sin against us.) Well do we forgive everyone? The version we say means " in proportion as we forgive" - so how would we fare if God took us at our word and acted accordingly? It is good that He is kinder and more just and loving and forgiving than we are - but do read Matthew 18: 21 - 35 as a cautionary tale - with verse 35 really giving us a cause to ponder.

3. **"For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever."** And though not in the version in Luke, the Lord's Prayer ends " For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever." We can depend on God because of this conclusion - the confirmation that His love is the strongest force in all creation through the life, death, resurrection and exultation of Jesus the perfect window into God. As Colossians 2:15 says " And having disarmed the powers (of evil), he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

One day there will be a new heaven and a new earth. One day the earth will be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.

Richard Ledger

Meditation God is.....

God is the Word

which became flesh and dwelt among us.

(John 1:14)

God is the Light

that no darkness can totally obliterate.

(John 1:5)

God is the Peace

that reaches out to us in life's fiercest storms.

(John 14:27)

God is Hope

that gives confidence of a brighter future.

(Romans 15:13)

God is Comfort

that reaches even our deepest sorrows.

(2 Corinthians 1:3)

God is Healing

for self-inflicted wounds of wilfulness and sin.

(Revelation 22:2)

God is the Forgiveness

that shoulders the burden of our follies.

(1 John 1:9)

God is the Love

that never writes us off, whatever we have done.

(John 3:16)

God is the Life

Which holds us secure to the gates of death and beyond. (John 11:25) *Edmund Banyard*

Prayers for Sunday and the week ahead

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen

God is strong and wise

God, our loving father, thank you that you never change. You are as strong and wise and loving as the day you made the world. Thank you that nothing can ever happen that will make you alter. You are the one true God and Maker of all. We worship you in Jesus' name. *Zinna Bryan, Twentieth Century*

All our gifts O Lord our God, Give us by your Holy Spirit a willing heart and a ready hand to use all your gifts to your praise and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen *Thomas Chanmer, Sixteenth Century*

Christ's body

Christ has no body now on earth but yours; yours are the only hands with which he can do his work, yours are the only feet with which he can go about the world, yours are the only eyes through which his compassion can shine forth upon the troubles world. Christ has no body now on earth but yours. St Teresa of Avila, Sixteenth Century

O Lord renew our spirits and draw our hearts unto yourself, that our work may not be a burden, but a delight; and give us such a mighty love to you as may sweeten our obedience. O let us not serve you with a spirit of bondage as slaves, but with cheerfulness and gladness, delighting in you and rejoicing in your work. Amen. Benjamin Jenks. 18C

You are mine.

O God you have said:

Do not be afraid - I will save you.

I have called you by name -
you are mine.

When you pass
through deep waters,
I will be with you;

Your troubles will not overwhelm you.

Help me to hear you
say these words to me.

Based on the Book of Isaiah Ch 43.

God is unchanging

Let nothing disturb you,
nothing alarm you:

while all things fade away
God is unchanging.

be patient

and you will gain everything:

for with God in your heart

nothing is lacking,

God meets your every need.

St Theresa of Avila. 16C

Storybox plus now meets at Putnoe on a Monday afternoon between 3.30 and 5.00. If any children aged between 4 and 9 years old within the Partnership would like to join us as we "Follow the Year" please contact Liz

YPF/Jnr Church—There will be no YPF or Jnr Church at Putnoe during August

Belief Courses A Day Retreat at Turvey Abbey on Saturday 24th November 2007. The suggested Fee will be £30.00. For information contact Stephen Heap 01234 216181. Cheques payable to BELIEF. Getting to grips with Matthew's Gospel. Speaker - Dr Jeffrey John at St Andrew's Church, Kimbolton Road.. 23rd February.2008 Forms available from St Mark's Church Office

Putnoe Heights Grass Cutting and Gardening. - Could anyone do this on a regular basis? Otherwise there is a rota on the Notice Board in the Welcome Area for people to sign to do it weekly. Thank you.

Footprints. Next walk will be on Sunday 5th August. Meet at The Globe, Linslade for circular walk. Details from Ruth and Alan Bunker Tel. 213951.

British Cardiac Patients Association. Our next meeting at Putnoe Heights Church is on Thursday August 23rd at 7.30pm. We will be entertained with music played on the keyboard by Shaun Milsom. All are welcome to come along and join in with us. Admission is free and we will have refreshments and a raffle.

Saturday 4th August -10am to 12noon
Coffee morning at 1 Slater Close Kempston With Pam and Bob Burn in aid of Keech Cottage Children's Hospice. Please contact Sylvia Cohen, 343424 if you need transport. Will drivers please park in Loveridge Avenue as parking tends to be a bit tight in the Close. All are welcome.

Putnoe Heights Mission Group are looking for new helpers to spur our work and contribute new ideas for fundraising.

Two Day Summer Special—'Joseph and his Amazing Technicolor Dream-coat'. We invite all our young adults (under 100yrs!) and children (over 5 years) throughout the Partnership, to join us at Putnoe Heights on Tuesday 21 & Wednesday 22 August between 9.30 and 3.30 for two days of fun. We will learn about Joseph and his family relationships through story, discussion, games, crafts and under the direction of Clive Simmonds put together the 20 minute musical performance. More details will follow. Liz
We would very much appreciate any adult help for either part of day.

Luncheon Club which meets fortnightly at Putnoe Heights relies heavily on volunteer drivers to transport elderly folk to & from their homes. An additional driver is needed to start in early September. If you can help please ring Putnoe Church Centre 365630.

NCH House to House Collection NCH, the children's charity, works with disadvantaged and disabled children and their families, through its family centres located throughout the country. It is an independent charity working with other groups in partnership including the Methodist Church. Her Majesty the Queen is its patron. The annual house to house collection to support the vital work of the NCH will take place as usual in the first 2 weeks in September. St Mark's Church has the responsibility for covering most of Brickhill and last year we raised over £800. If you could spare a few hours during early September to put out and collect envelopes in the Brickhill area, perhaps near to where you live, or you would like some more information then please contact me Mike Elliott 342507.

Mother Teresa Support Group – Would you like to spend a pleasant afternoon in good company, knitting and chatting with a cup of tea and biscuits to sustain you? If so, you would be very welcome to join us at St Mark's on alternate Tuesdays at 2.30pm Wool, needles and patterns provided.

Glad News Sad News' In using the sleeving, which you kindly collected for me before Easter, I have found a mother and baby picture—original and enlargement. I've pinned them to the notice board at St Mark's—please claim them if you are the owner. Thank you. Marion.



St Mark's Coffee Shop

Open for tea, coffee and cakes
every Sunday 2.30pm to 5.00pm

It is hoped that we might soon employ somebody to run our coffee shop on Saturdays and Sundays, to develop, this outreach opportunity. If this is something which you would be interested, perhaps as a job share, please speak with Charlie.

Hymn 4

1. Jesus invites his saints
to meet around his board;
here pardoned rebels sit and hold
communion with their Lord.
2. Here we survey that love
which spoke in every breath
which crowned each action of his life,
and triumphed in his death.
3. This holy bread and wine
maintain our fainting breath,
by union with our living Lord,
and interest in his death.
4. Our heavenly Father calls
Christ and his members one;
we the young children of his love,
and he the first-born Son.
5. We are but several parts
of the same broken bread;
our body has its several limbs,
but Jesus is the head.
6. Let all our powers be joined
his glorious name to raise;
pleasure and love fill every mind
and every voice be praise.

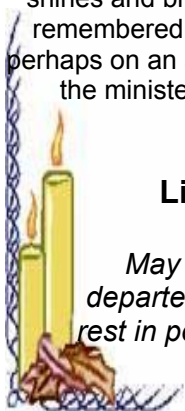
Isaac Watts (1674 –1748)

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.

**Dorothy Kaye
Linda Margaret Watts**

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



Hymn 5

1. We are called to be God's people
showing by our lives his grace,
one in heart and one in spirit,
sign of hope for every race.
Let us show how he has changed us,
and remade us as his own;
let us share our life together
as we shall around his throne.
2. We are called to be God's servants,
working in his world today;
taking his own task upon us,
all his sacred words obey.
Let us rise, then, to his summons,
dedicate him to our all,
that we may be faithful servants,
quick to answer now his call.
3. We are called to be God's prophets,
speaking for the truth and right;
standing firm for godly justice,
bringing evil into light.
Let us seek the courage needed,
our high calling to fulfil,
that mankind may know God's blessing
in the doing of his will.

Thomas A Jackson (b.1931)

Lord Christ,
You have no body on earth but ours,
No hands but ours,
No feet but ours.
Ours are the eyes through which your com-
passion
Must look out on the world.
Ours are the feet by which you may still
Go about doing good.
Ours are the hands with which
You bless people now.
Bless our minds and bodies
That we may be a blessing to others.

St Teresa of Avila

Rest in Peace

There are no funerals this week

