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Partnership News

2 January 2005 - Epiphany



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



January 2

Epiphany

8.30am Service of Holy Communion

9.30am St Mark's Church Morning Worship

Leadership Team Mrs Janet Day

Preacher Mrs Sue Plant

11.00am Morning Worship

Leadership Team Mrs Sue Allen

Preacher Mrs Sue Plant

January 9 - Covenant Service

8.30am Service of Holy Communion

Held at both churches

9.30am St Mark's Church Morning Worship

Preacher Mr Chris Izzard

Leadership Team Delia Shephard

11.00am Putnoe Heights Morning Worship

Preacher Mr Chris Izzard

Leadership Team Mr Alan Bayliss

Please note Bible Readings Not as published on
Putnoe Rota due to covenant service.

Exodus 24:3-11 Romans 12:1-2 John 15:1-10

Thank You

The flowers at Putnoe Heights Church this week have been given by Jill Richards in memory of her husband, Barry.

are extremely grateful when donations are made for the flowers. This may be as a celebration of a happy occasion such as an anniversary or in memory of someone who has died. Contact

Miss Marion Prior 303254 (St. Mark's) or

Miss Jennie Cooper 404950 (Putnoe Heights)

Prayer for Sunday

Dearest Lord,

We are mindful this week of the deaths of many thousands of people. We think of the numerous families who are in mourning for the loss of those who are precious to them. May we remember that all human life is also precious to you, and that all people are your children. Strengthen us, that we might encourage those with resources to work to relieve suffering and bring aid to those in need. Amen.

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Partnership News will automatically be posted on our website.

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Please inform us if you know of anyone who is ill, bereaved,

housebound, requires a visit, home communion or counselling services.

Please also ask us if you would like a home visit for any reason.

Putnoe Heights Church Centre

Open 9am - 1.00pm Monday & Friday

9am - 4pm Tuesday/Wednesday & Thursday

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Regular Weekly Activities - A Guide To Our Churches

Monday

- 9.30 - 12.00 pm Pre-school** (See website for more details) Mrs Janet Smith 326685 (Putnoe Heights) or Mrs. Helen Harpin **312634** (St. Mark's).
- 10.00 am Day Care Centre** at St. Mark's Church for those with Learning Difficulties. Contact K Stenton 07748 760082
- 12.00pm - 1.00pm Storybox** at Putnoe Heights Church. Service for parents/carers & children under 5. Children's activities songs and prayers, all in one hour from 12-1pm!
- 4.15 - 5.45pm Kumon Maths** at Putnoe Heights. Contact Ms R.Mistry 01908 217555
- 6.00pm Brownies** St Mark's. Mrs C Mathew 400987
- 6.15 pm Brownies** Putnoe. Alison McEwen 358583
- 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
- 7.30- 9.30pm Creative Needles** at Putnoe Heights. Mrs Hayward 307648
- 7.30pm Whist Drive** - At St Mark's each month. Next 20 December St. Mark's Christmas Whist Drive. Contact Mrs. Judith Stanton. 823313
- 7.30pm Housegroup** 30 The Ridgeway. The home of Eddy & Margaret Peck 267567.
- 8.00 - 9.00 pm 'Get Fit, Stay Fit'** at Putnoe Heights. Mrs Diane Field 404976

Tuesday

- 9.30am - 12.30pm Candlewicking** (Needlework) at Putnoe Heights - Mrs Olive Shotbolt 267203
- 9.30am - 11.30pm Jo Jingles** at St. Mark's. Music & movement for pre-school children. Contact Renu Elston 01908 282866
- 10.00am - 11.00am - Keep Fit** at Putnoe Heights. Contact Mrs Stileman 822230
- 1.30 -3.00pm Putnoe Heights Church Toddlers Playtime** Contact Geraldine Skeel 406828
- 12 noon - 10.00 pm Slimming World** at St. Mark's. Sessions start at 12, 1.30pm, 4pm, 5.30pm & 7.15pm Contact Val Careless 345213.
- 2.15pm Putnoe Heights Women's Fellowship** - Next meeting - 4 January 2005 Revd. Sam Cappleman Contact Mrs Betty Wyatt 350188
- 2.15pm Putnoe Heights Men's Fellowship.** Next meeting 4 January 2005 Revd. Sam Cappleman Contact Lawrence Wyatt 350188.
- 2.30pm Mother Teresa Support Group.** Meets fortnightly at St. Mark's. Wool and knitting needles provided. Contact Mrs Joan Gravett 356911 and Mrs Marjorie Taylor 305709
- 2.30pm Tuesday Afternoon Housegroup.** Meets fortnightly at St. Mark's Church. Contact Mary Stubbs 406784.
- 3.30 - 4.30pm Putnoe Heights Church** Essential Stretch Contact Caroline 07778 898135 or 326096
- 6.30 - 7.30pm Yoga** at Putnoe Heights. Contact

Rachel Leontyne 01234 783129

- 6.45pm Guides** at Putnoe Heights - Liz Rix 363607
- 7.00 - 8.00 pm Keep Fit at St. Mark's Church.** Contact Mrs Jan Gregory 214107.
- 7.30- 9.00pm Bibleway Church** at Putnoe Heights - Bible study & prayers. Contact Revd.Tarr 309881 or 07891095746
- 7. 45 pm Putnoe Heights Ladies Tuesday Club** - Next meeting – December 14th - Christmas Service Meets fortnightly. Contact Sheila Cracknell 217009
- 8.30-9.30pm St. Mark's - Qi Gong** (Self help healing) group) - Contact Mr F Steele 355937

Wednesday

- 10.00 am Childminding Support Group** at Putnoe Heights. Mrs S Longman 313949
- 10.00 am Day Care Centre** Putnoe Height Church for those with Learning Difficulties. Contact K Stenton 07748 760082
- 10.00 am Holy Communion** at St. Mark's Chapel. A half hour service followed by coffee. All welcome.
- 10am Sewing & Chat** Putnoe Heights Contact Valerie Russell 01462 815966
- 12 - 1pm Putnoe Height Church** Total Body Toning Contact Caroline 07778 898135 or 326096
- Luncheon Club** at St. Mark's meets fortnightly. Next one 15 December Contact St. Mark's 342613
- 1.30 - 4.00pm. Bridge Club for the Retired** - Meets weekly at St. Mark's. Mrs Truss Boyce 781133
- 4.15 - 5.45pm Kumon Maths** at Putnoe Heights Contact Ms R Mistry 01908 217555
- 6. - 7.00pm Self Defence at Putnoe** Contact Mr James 07711 687449
- 6.00 -7.30 pm Brownies** at St Mark's Contact Mrs Carol Warden 219731
- 7.00pm St. Mark's Church** Bunyan Bridge. Contact Brian Sallows 407725
- 7-10pm Putnoe Guild** - Putnoe Heights 3rd Wednesday each month. Contact Mrs Dallas 212609
- 7.45 - 8.45pm Kick Boxing** Junior classes St. Mark's. Mr James 07711687449 or 07810234890
- 7.45pm Badminton Club** at Putnoe Heights - all welcome. Contact Ken Marriott 214867

Thursday

- 9.30am Thursday Prayer Group** at Putnoe Heights in the side chapel. Sylvia Cohen 343424 *Request for prayer can be written in the prayer diary on the information table.*
- 10.30am - 12.00am Brickhill Clinic** at St Mark's with **Fledglings 2.00pm—3.00pm** Contact 267444
- 10.00am - 11.30am Yoga** at Putnoe Heights Contact 244970
- 12 - 1.00 pm Storybox** at St Mark's Church. Service for parents, carers & children under 5. Sandwich lunch, Bible Stories, Children's activities,

songs & prayers, all in one hour from 12-1pm.

1.30 - 3.00 pm St. Mark's Church Toddler Group.
Contact Debbie Coppenhall 356828.

1.30 -3.00pm Putnoe Heights Church Toddlers Playtime Contact Geraldine Skeel 406828

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

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

6.15pm Brownies at Putnoe Mrs S Lewis 300198

7.30 - 9.30pm Club 2000 Putnoe 2nd Thursday of the month. Contact Mrs Moreton 771261

6.15 - 7.30pm Bedford Junior Chess Club. St. Mark's Contact Mr & Mrs Pike 823795

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

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

7.45pm. Housegroup-Meets fortnightly at 3 Little Headlands. Newcomers always welcome. Contact Betty Wyatt 350188

8.00 - 10pm Bedford Writers Circle meets at St Mark's Church 3rd Thursday each month. Contact Mr John Broadhouse 740271

Friday

10.00 am Day Care Centre at St. Mark's Church
Contact K Stenton 07748 760082

6 -7.00 pm Self Defence at Putnoe Contact Mr James 0771 687449 or 07810 234890

7. 30 - 9.30pm Young Peoples meeting Contact Pastor Tarr 376841

7.30pm Music Group St. Mark's Church/monthly

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

Saturday

10.00am - 1.00pm & 2 - 5pm Theatre Train at St Mark's -dancing acting, singing,- Kate Randle 304865

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

Peace Project Saturday School at Putnoe Heights.
For details contact Mrs.E.Tarr 309881

Sunday

1- 3pm & 7-9pm Bibleway Church at Putnoe Heights - Worship. Contact Revd. Tarr 309881 Mob. 07891095746

News, Views and Information

The Calendar

Putnoe Centre Management -

St Mark's Church Council Feb 1 2005

Churchyards Committee

Next meeting on Monday 17 Jan at 10am

St Mark's Centre Management Meeting

Wednesday 19th January 2005

St Mark's Leadership Team

Next meeting on 12 Jan home of Ian Farthing, 4 May

Deanery Synod 10 Feb

Partnership Council 18 Jan

Putnoe Heights Leadership Team

25 April 2005 at 7.30pm

Putnoe Church Council

7 Feb 2005 13 June 2005, 10 Oct 2005

Pastoral Group Meeting January 24 at 2.00pm

Calendar dates now appear on our church website www.ThisChurch.com. Please advise us if you have a date to be added to the church calendar

Wednesday Bereavement Drop in Group.

The group will start again on Wednesday 12 January at 2.30pm., with a talk by Sonia Minney from the Guildhouse, followed by tea & an opportunity to talk with friends & members of the Pastoral Team until 4pm. The group will continue meeting on the first Wednesday of each month from 2.30 to 4 pm with the same format, talk, tea and chat. We are considering changing the name to 'Tea and Friendship,' & would be grateful for any other ideas..

Coming Soon Storybox Plus is an After School Club

for 4-9 year olds which will be starting in January from 4.00 to 5.00pm on Thursdays. The group will rehearse a short drama and make the props and costumes for a

performance at the Family Service at Putnoe.

Volunteers will be needed to make refreshments, help with the crèche and support the group. Please ring Joan on 344536.

Clubhouse. We are pleased to announce that over 80 application forms have been requested for the positions of support worker at St Mark's Clubhouse. Interviews will take place early in January.

Rural Dean Our congratulations and prayers go to The Reverend Canon Dr Christopher Dent on his appointment as Rural Dean of Bedford.

Fundraising Spectacular Weekend

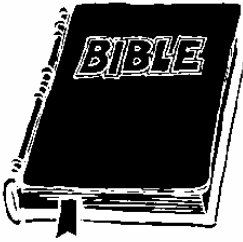
5th and 6th February 2005

A note for your diaries. We have arranged 2 exciting fundraising events in aid of the Autism Building Extension at St Mark's.

Saturday Night 5th February, 7-30pm our ever popular themed evening this time taking in the music and flavours of Spain, book early to avoid disappointment

Sunday 6th February 4pm to 5.30pm at Bedford High School Swimming Pool, Battle of the Sexes Swimathon, 2 teams, 5 men and 5 women have laid down a challenge to win this spectacular race and raise the most sponsorship money- who will win ? Come and offer your support. The men's team will include Neil and Charlie! Please join us in our fundraising through these events and help us to make our dream of the new building into a reality.

Bible Notes



Verse of Scripture Matthew Chapter 2:1

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him."

A Collect Prayer - Before we read we pray

Eternal God, by a star you led wise men to the worship of your Son. Guide by your light the nations of the earth, that the whole world may see your glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading Jeremiah 31:7-14

This is what the LORD says: "Sing with joy for Jacob; shout for the foremost of the nations. Make your praises heard, and say, 'O LORD, save your people, the remnant of Israel.' See, I will bring them from the land of the north and gather them from the ends of the earth. Among them will be the blind and the lame, expectant mothers and women in labor; a great throng will return. They will come with weeping; they will pray as I bring them back. I will lead them beside streams of water on a level path where they will not stumble, because I am Israel's father, and Ephraim is my firstborn son. "Hear the word of the LORD, O nations; proclaim it in distant coastlands: 'He who scattered Israel will gather them and will watch over his flock like a shepherd.' For the LORD will ransom Jacob and redeem them from the hand of those stronger than they. They will come and shout for joy on the heights of Zion; they will rejoice in the bounty of the LORD-- the grain, the new wine and the oil, the young of the flocks and herds. They will be like a well-watered garden, and they will sorrow no more. Then maidens will dance and be glad, young men and old as well. I will turn their mourning into gladness; I will give them comfort and joy instead of sorrow. I will satisfy the priests with abundance, and my people will be filled with my bounty," declares the LORD. (Reader : This is the word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God**)

Second Reading Ephesians 1:3-14

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will--to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding. And he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times will have reached their fulfillment--to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ. In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, in order that we, who were the first to hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession--to the praise of his glory. (Reader: This is the word of the Lord - **All: Thanks be to God**)

Gospel Reading John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it. There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all

men might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God-- children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. John testifies concerning him. He cries out, saying, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'" From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made him known. (Reader: This is the Gospel of Christ -**All: Praise to Christ our Lord**)

Post Communion Prayer

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hymns (Please distribute Hymns and Psalms and Morning Worship)

- 1 (H & P) 75 Christ our king before creation. (Tune: Lord thy church on earth is seeking)
- 2 (M.P) 445 Lord the light (shine Jesus shine)
- 3 (H & P) 769 God is working his purpose out (Tune Benson)
4. (H & P) 79 Of the father's love begotten (Divinum Mysterium)

Prayers

Glory to you, O Champion of all Loves, who for our sake endured the cross, encountered the enemy and tasted death. Glory be to you, O King of all Kings, who for our salvation wrestled with principalities and powers, subdued the forces of hell and won the greatest of all victories. To you be all praise, all glory and all love; now and for ever. Amen.

Thomas Ken, 1637-1711

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A Hymn for Sunday

Lord, the light of Your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining:
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us;
set us free by the truth You now bring us -
shine on me, shine on me.
*Shine, Jesus, shine,
fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze,
set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth Your word,
Lord, and let there be light!*

- 2 Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,
from the shadows into Your radiance;
by the blood I may enter Your brightness:
search me, try me, consume all my darkness
shine on me, shine on me.
Chorus
- 3 As we gaze on Your kingly brightness
so our faces display Your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory:
mirrored here, may our lives tell your story -
shine on me, shine on me.
Chorus

MRDF LAUNCHES ASIA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

The Methodist Relief and Development Fund has launched an appeal to aid the victims of the earthquake that struck Asia and has so far caused about tens of thousands of deaths. Anyone wishing to contribute directly to the appeal should send a cheque payable to MRDF to 25 Marylebone Road, London, NW1 5JR, with a covering note saying that it is for the Asian earthquake fund.

Our own churches are raising money which we will send to MRDF direct. If you would like to give simply make your donation and give it to a member of the Leadership Team or our treasurers direct, John Day (St Mark's Email: treasurer@thisischurch.com) and Kathryn Morse (Putnoe Email: treasurerph@thisischurch.com). It would be helpful if you included your donation in an envelope, which can be obtained from the church office with your name and address stating that the gift can be Gift Aided. This will allow us to reclaim tax.

The Appeal

Kevin Fray, MRDF Supporter Relations Co-ordinator, said "many of us were shocked to see the scenes of destruction after the earthquake and waves struck across a wide part of the Asia Pacific region. MRDF will send the funds raised to the local relief agencies who need it most. We will as usual work closely with ACT to ensure that donations go quickly and effectively to those who are suffering."

MRDF partner Action by Churches Together (ACT) has already started aiding efforts by ecumenical church groups to provide food, shelter and medical supplies to the affected areas. In Sri Lanka, where more than 5,800 people are said to have died, the National Council of Churches in Sri Lanka (NCCSL) reports that two truckloads of essential food items and water will leave today for Muttur in Trincomalee and the other to Thirukovil in Batticaloa, two of the worst hit areas.

In India, ACT member Church's Auxiliary for Social Action (CASA) reports that 12 teams have been deployed, both assisting and assessing needs of people in the coastal areas. Four strategic operational points are being set up: two in Tamil Nadu at Trichy and Drinamvenny, one in Andhra Pradesh, and another one in Kerala to assist some 50,000 families. The official death toll in India so far is more than 4,000 people. CASA however reports that the churches in the coastal regions are reporting more deaths as news trickles in from smaller and more remote villages and areas.

In Indonesia, where more than 4,400 people are believed to have died, ACT members Yayasan

Tanggul Benkana (YTB), Yakkum Emergency Unit/CD Bethesda (YEU) and Church World Service (CWS) are co-ordinating their response to the emergency. CWS will conduct a rapid assessment mission to Aceh this week, working with a team from YEU. YTB reports that figures received from Aceh province puts those displaced at some 150,000 people. YEU will also be sending an assessment team to North Sumatra.



Note: More information on ACT and its work in this and other areas is available at www.methodist.org.uk

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Thank you to our Leadership Teams, and all of those who have shared a part in worship or worked to ensure our services have been so well prepared for over Christmas.

Putnoe Heights New Year Family Lunch

Sunday 9th January 2005 at 1 p.m. Traditional after Christmas Festive Lunch with wine, crackers, all the trimmings. Tickets available now - £8.00 (£4.50 children under 10). Numbers will be limited - once the tickets are gone, they are gone!

Thank You to Judith Stanton and all of the Folks at Whist Drive who have raised £281 for church funds

New Colour Photo Printing Service Fantastic for those Christmas Photographs !

For a limited period St Mark's Office are offering a special colour photo printing service. We will print one full colour sheet of A4 top quality laser (1200dpi) colour for only 30p. Printing will be onto special colour copy laser printing card of 160gm. This can be one photo of A4 size or several on one page. You can send photos to the office by Email to our special photo printing facility at officeteam@thisischurch.com

If you have Microsoft Word or Publisher you may compile your photos on a sheet and send them to us as a document to be printed straight off. Otherwise send JPG's, etc and we will format!

Thank You—Sam, Neil, Joan and Charlie would like to say thank you to everybody who has kindly sent cards and Christmas greetings. We wish you all a very happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.

Rotas—Copies of the next quarter Rota are now available

Office Closure. St Mark's and Putnoe Heights Church Offices will open again on Tuesday 4 January 9.00am

New Year Greetings. George and Helena Lowther send their best wishes for the New Year to all of their friends.

Lunch Club

Since the unexpected closure of Gold, due to lack of finances, a slimmed down operation has been operated by Social Services. This has been of enormous help to people with learning disabilities who have depended on that group for support. We were delighted when an award from the European Social Fund of £160,000 was made to St Mark's to enable them to take on staff and provide a service which will be able to provide for the needs of these existing members. The funding is strictly monitored to ensure compliance with the stated objectives of enabling people with learning disabilities to enter meaningful employment. It is apparent that providing the training plans and operating this service on two sites is not satisfactory and the Management Committee have been asked to try and make it easier for the new group 'Clubhouse' by operating at St Mark's on all three days.

This would only be possible if alternative and satisfactory arrangement could be found for the Lunch Club. This week Lunch Club leaders met and discussed a proposal that the Lunch Club move to Putnoe Heights Church. The leaders recognised that there would need for alternative transport arrangements and some logistical changes if this were to be possible. However they were overwhelmingly supportive and kindly agreed that they would be prepared to move to allow the work with people with learning disabilities to succeed. The change will not be effective immediately but will take place after consultation with members in the New Year. Therefore expect the first Lunch Club gatherings to be at St Mark's as usual and any changes will be announced beforehand.

For some people this change will make things easier, for others it will be more difficult and we will need to ensure that transport is provided so that nobody is unable to continue. The Management Committee at St Mark's are grateful to Lunch Club and everybody at Putnoe who have co-operated to enable them to meet the difficulties with which they have been presented. It is yet another blessing which has come from the Partnership of our two churches. **Thank you for your understanding and patience.**



Nova Property Services

Would like to wish everybody
a happy and peaceful new year

Please note that with immediate effect our new telephone number is as follows

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A personal message from the Archbishop of Canterbury

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams, has sent a message of sympathy and support to the people of Asia and parts of Africa affected by the devastation caused by Sunday's earthquake.

In a personal letter to Anglican leaders in the region Dr Williams said:

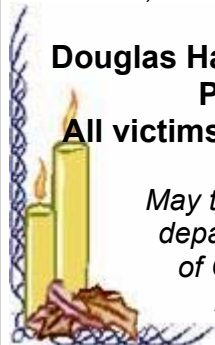
" This tragedy has had a devastating impact in Asia; it is also felt here in Britain and across the world. Every life lost is a personal tragedy for each family and our hearts go out to the bereaved and injured. The hardship caused by this devastation will be a challenge to many and will require the help and support of the world community. You are all very much in my thoughts and prayers at this time."

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.

Douglas Harold James Saunders (JIM)
Peter John Daniels
All victims of the earthquake tragedy

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



Flowers at Putnoe Heights and St Mark's Church.

Anyone who wishes to pay for the flowers on any Sunday in the next few months is invited to enter their name on the new Flower Rota that is now on the main notice board in the welcome area. We are extremely grateful when donations are made for the flowers. This may be as a celebration of a happy occasion such as an anniversary or in memory of someone who has died. Contact
Miss Marion Prior 303254
(St. Mark's) or
Miss Jennie Cooper 404950
(Putnoe Heights)

