



# Partnership News

## Putnoe Heights & St Mark's Church

### 2 November 2014

#### Ordinary 31



### Sunday Services

#### 8.30am Holy Communion every Sunday

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

#### 2 November - All Saints Worship

##### 9.30am St Marks - Morning Family Worship & baptism

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

##### 11.00 am Putnoe - Morning Family Worship

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

##### 3.00pm Commemoration Service (2.30pm Doves)

#### 9 November- Remembrance Sunday

##### 9.30am St Marks - Morning Worship

Preacher - Revd. Dr. Sam Cappleman  
Leadership - Mrs. Wendy Waters  
Intercessions - Mrs. Morag Steward  
Organist - Miss Marion Prior

##### 11.00 am Putnoe - Morning Worship

Preacher - Revd. Dr. Sam Cappleman  
Leadership - Mrs. Vete Hudson-Rae  
Intercessions - Mr. Tim Wilkes  
Organist - Mr. Alan Bunker

**Readings** 1. Micah 4: 1-8 2. Romans 8: 31-end  
3. 1 Corinthians 15: 50-end

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

### Thank You

The flowers at Putnoe Heights this week are given by Rita and Nigel Platt in memory of Justin and dearly departed family members, by Harry Stokes and family in loving memory of Mary on here birthday and by Dorothy Harlow in loving memory of husband Ron.

The flowers at St. Mark's this week are given by Richard Ledger in memory of his mother

### Welcome

We welcome you to our service today we especially welcome the family and friends of Emily Anne who has been brought for baptism

### Prayer for Sunday

Each day and each night, may the wisdom of the Wonderful Counsellor guide us. May the strength of the Mighty God defend us. May the love of the Everlasting Father enfold us and may the blessing of the Prince of Peace rest upon us; now and always. Amen.

*Based on Isaiah of Jerusalem (eighth century BC)*

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**Partnership Pastoral Support Team Co-Ordinators**  
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*Please inform us if you know of anyone who is ill, bereaved, housebound, requires a visit, home communion or counselling services. Please also ask us if you would like a home visit for any reason.*

**Churchyards Administrator**  
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#### Putnoe Heights Church Centre

**Open Monday to Thursday 9am - 5.30pm, Friday 9-1pm**  
**Tel/fax & Answering Service** 365630 putnoe@thisischurch.com  
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#### St. Mark's Church Centre

**Open Monday - Friday 9am - 5.00pm**  
**Tel/fax & Answering Service** 342613 office@thisischurch.com  
**Centre Manager** Miss Wendy Rider 342613  
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# Regular Weekly Activities - A Guide To Our Churches

## Monday

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

For more info please contact Laura Leggett 01234 326685 or [www.hazeldeneheights.com](http://www.hazeldeneheights.com)

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

Headteacher Mrs. Helen Harpin 312634

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

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

Headteacher Mrs. Helen Harpin 312634

(See website for more details)

**9.45am - Body Control Pilates** –Putnoe Heights

Stephanie Smith 357787 or 07973174430

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

**10.30am U3A Play reading** Putnoe Heights Contact Janet King 313946

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

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

**12.00 noon Storybox** Putnoe Heights We welcome the under 5's and their carers to join them between 12noon and 1pm for a sandwich lunch followed by a Bible based story and singing. Contact Carolyn Morris [youth@thisischurch.com](mailto:youth@thisischurch.com) 365630

**2pm U3A Music Appreciation** Putnoe Heights Contact Janet King 313946

**2.00pm U3A Italian** Putnoe Heights– fortnightly

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

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

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

**6.15 pm Brownies** Putnoe. Sharon Tanner 01767699399 or 07720713738.

**6.15 Pilates** at Putnoe Heights Jane Butcher 300859

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

**6.30pm-8pm Cubs** at Putnoe Ages 8 –10.5

Email:[phxg.enquiries@gmail.com](mailto:phxg.enquiries@gmail.com) Tel Tom 07974566509

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

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

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

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

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

**7.30pm Whist Drive.** St Mark's ( Weeks 3 & 5 in the month).. Next meeting– 17 November Judith Stanton. 823313

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

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

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

## Tuesday

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

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

**9.30am -12.30 & 4-9pm Slimming World** St. Mark's. Lorrie Pearson 01234 340473

**11.15am U3A Keep Fit Putnoe Heights Contact Janet King 313946**

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

**1.3pm U3A Choir.** St Mark's Contact Janet King 313946

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**7.15-8.15pm Pilates** St Mark's Church Jane Butcher 07891879571

**7pm - 8.30pm Daisy Birthing** Putnoe Heights Susie 07980447390

**7.30pm Ladies Tuesday Club** at Putnoe Heights (Meets fortnightly Next meeting AGM on 11 November. Details Janet King 313946

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

## Wednesday

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

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

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

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

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

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

**11.15am U3A Keep Fit** at Putnoe Heights

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2014 Wendy Waters 401834 Jean Bank 355698

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

**5.00–6.00pm Rainbows** at Putnoe Heights Sharon Tanner Tel 01767699399 or 07720713738

**6.00pm Brownies.** St Mark's. Mrs C Warden 219731

**6.15pm Yoga and Relaxation** Putnoe Heights Racheall Monton 01234 297138 or 07910835994

**6-7pm ATSK Karate at Putnoe Height Kevin Stark Tel. 01234 353865**

**7.00pm-9.00pm Scouts** at Putnoe ages 10.5-14; Email:phxg.enquiries@gmail.com Tel Tom 07974566509

**7.00pm Bunyan Bridge.** St. Mark's Colin Jackson 363398 or Brian Sallows 407725.

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

**7.00pm Putnoe Guild** Putnoe 3rd Wednesday in every month except August Mrs Jo Street 344600

**7.00pm Line Dancing** Putnoe Mike Del-Boyer 348378

**8.00pm Badminton Club** Putnoe Heights All welcome. Ken Marriott 214867

**8.00pm Tudor Reeds Folk Dance Club** at St Mark's (1st,3rd & 5th Wednesday in month). Next meeting will be 5 November Everyone welcome. All dances called, only £1 including refreshments. Rosemary 405594 or Graham 406359 for more details.

**8.00pm Bedford Wine and Social Club** St Mark's ( Week 1 in the month) Greta Cansfield 215016

### Thursday

**8.30am—12.30pm St. Mark's Pre School Nursery** Headteacher Mrs. Helen Harpin 312634

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

**9.15am Spanish for beginners Plus.** at Putnoe Heights

**10.30pm Spanish Holiday Survival** at Putnoe Heights. Elena 01234 266968

**9.45am Chat and Play** St.Mark's. A term time group for Mums & toddlers.0-5 Contact St Mark's Church Office 01234 342613 or Janine 01234 297481 Restarts September 11

**12pm Storybox** . St Mark's welcome the under 5's and their carers to join them between 12 noon and 1pm for a sandwich lunch followed by a Bible based story and singing. Lots of fun. Contact Jaana Swaby 342613 Restarts 4 September

**1.30 - 3.00pm NHS Baby Clinic** at St Mark's ( Weeks 1 & 3 in the month)Contact 897401

**1pm-2.30pm Drop in** (small hall) Next Steps 9-24months Putnoe Children's Centre.Please call Trudy Hamilton (centre assistant) for more information 340552. 2pm - **Friendly Chicago Bridge** at Putnoe Heights £2 per session inc. refreshments. New members welcome. Contact Pat 01234 294220.

**2pm U3A Current Affairs** - Putnoe Heights Contact Janet King 313946

**2-4pm U3A Indoor Games.** St.Mark's Contact Janet King 313946

**2.30 - 4.30pm Bedford Art Society** St Mark's Jean Paterson 307210

3.15-5.15pm Social Care Solutions Drama Group Claire Creek 262650

**5.45pm Weightwatchers.** St. Mark's. Clare Martin 07805408811.

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

**7.00pm Club 2000** Putnoe Nina Ovenden 825059

**7pm U3A Folk & Poetry** St Marks (2nd and 4th week in month)Contact Janet King 313946

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

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

**Bedford Folk Dancers** (formerly Barn dancers) Meet weekly at Putnoe Heights Different guest callers each week.Except August. All welcome, cost £2.50 Including refreshments. More details Ron 825574 or Shirley 01767 651767

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

**7.30pm Magpies Women's Group** St Mark's (2nd & 4th week in month) Mrs Marie Cotchin 402089

**8.00pm Brickhill Ladies Group** St Mark's (1st and 3rd week in month) Susan Perugi 300219

### Friday

**8.30am—12.30pm St. Mark's Nursery** Headteacher Mrs. Helen Harpin 312634

**8.30am Diabetic Centre** St Mark's (1st week in month) Deborah Hennessey 792013

**9am -1pm Machine Knitting** group at Putnoe Heights, fortnightly . Contact Marion Sutton 217647

**10am -12.00 U3A Photography** St Marks.(4th week in month) Contact Janet King 313946

**10am - 12 & 1.15 - 3.15pm U3A Beginners French** St. Marks Contact Janet King 313946

**2.00-4.00 pm U3A Whist** St Marks. (2nd week in month) Contact Janet King 313946

**2pm U3A Gardening** - Putnoe Heights Contact Janet King 313946

**4.50pm-8.15pm Stars School of Dance** Esther Richardson 295862 or 07917582468

**6.30pm-8.00pm Beavers** at Putnoe Ages 6-8 Email: phxg.enquiries@gmail.com Tel Tom 07974566509

**7.00pm-9.00pm Meditation** St Mark's.Cheryl Green 07729187399

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

### Saturday

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

**10.00am Theatretrain** St Mark's. Dancing acting, singing. Kate Howard 01234 782414

**Young Embroiderers** bi monthly Putnoe Heights Terry Fletcher 357198

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

### Sunday

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

**10 - 5.30pm Bedford Stamp Fayre.** 1st Sunday Feb/Apr/ Jun/Aug /Oct/Dec. Contact P Harris 01623 621143

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



## Diary Dates



**St Mark's Church Council –**

**St Mark's Leadership Team - 26 January**

**Annual Congregational Meetings— 26 April 2014**

**Putnoe Heights Leadership Team -**

**Putnoe Heights Management Meeting -**

**Putnoe Church Council - 20 February**

**Pastoral Group Meeting -**

**Churchyard Committee -**

**Commemoration Service - 2nd November**

**Circuit meeting –**

**Deanery meeting -**

**Woodland Burial Trustees—**

**Putnoe Heights Children & Youth Meeting - Monday 19 January 2015**

*Please advise St Mark's Church Office*

*of the dates of your meetings.*

# Ordinary 31

## All Saints Day

### Sentence of Scripture - 14 Psalm 34:7

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him, and he delivers them

### Collect Prayer for the Day

*Before we read we pray*

God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Common Worship Shorter Collect*



*They will receive blessing from the Lord and vindication from the God of their salvation.  
Psalm 24:5*

### First Bible Reading - Revelation Chapter 7: 9-17

After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying: "Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honour and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!" Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?" I answered, "Sir, you know." And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore, "they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat upon them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes." (This is the word of the Lord – **Thanks be to God**)

### Second Bible Reading 1 John 3: 1-3

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. Everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure. (This is the word of the Lord-- **Thanks be to God**)

### Gospel Reading - Mathew 5: 1-12

Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. (This is the word of the Lord - **Thanks be to God**)

### Post Communion Prayer

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## **Hymns** *(Please distribute Morning Family Worship Booklet and Baptism Booklet at St. Mark's)*

1. Praise ye the Lord MP518
2. For I'm Building a people of power -sing twice MP 151
3. One more step along the world I go JP 188
4. We are called to be God's people tune 'Stenka Razin' used for 'The carnival is over'
5. For all the Saints verses 1,2 4,,6,7

## **Commentary**

'The word 'saint' is used both for the figure in a stained-glass window and for the humble, self-effacing Christian down the street. In the Apostle Paul's New Testament letters Christians were addressed as the 'holy ones'. In following centuries people who had attracted others to holiness were declared a holy person or saint by a local bishop at their funeral. It does not matter what we call them: it does matter that we be one.' Words of Ray Simpson, Anglican priest, founding member of the Community of Aiden and Hilda and author of books on Celtic Spirituality in his book 'Waymarks for the Journey'. Words that for me sum up the Christian celebration of 'All Saints Day' held on 1 November. It was first instigated by Pope Boniface in 609AD to remember all martyrs and celebrated on 13 May, in 837AD Pope Gregory IV extended the festival to remember all the saints, changed its name to 'Feast of All Saints' and moved it to 1st November. In Mathew 5: 1 – 12, the passage commonly referred to as 'The Beatitudes', we hear Jesus' words describe as 'Blessed', or 'Happy', those who suffer in a variety of ways; together with those who offer support to the suffering. For many thousands of saints today that suffering is as real for them as it was for those early followers of Jesus who first heard Jesus' words, which were and are intended to both enlighten and encourage. The image we are likely to recall when we hear the word saint is of a person with a 'halo' round their head, images that abound in art, images that portray, predominately, male pious people clutching Bibles, or with hands in a position of prayer. Is this the image we are to aspire to; is it the image that the Beatitudes describe? Perhaps for some it is, some saints were and still are called to live lives of Biblical study, silent contemplation and prayer, but for many this is not the case. They are called to study, pray and work in the most desperate places with the most despairing people, with the poor in spirit; the bereaved; the meek; the hungry and the thirsty; the persecuted. These are the saints that show mercy; seek justice; are the peacemakers, but to do this they need to be pure in heart and see God in all that they are exposed to. These are the unseen saints who in all parts of society are making a difference inspired and guided by the Holy Spirit.

In his recently published book 'Saints and Pilgrims in the Diocese of St Albans', (a copy is on display in St Mark's chapel), Bishop Alan has compiled brief biographies of 366 Christian people who, over nearly 2000 years, have shaped the area now covered by our diocese, Included are bishops, doctors, members of parliament, missionaries, priests, poets and some saints with halos. But those that I'm drawn to are the previously unknown stalwarts of our churches and communities who have responded to God's call upon them by quietly and diligently serving Him by serving others. Two examples who attracted my attention are:

### **Basil Carr**

Born in 1924, he died in 2011. It is unlikely that anyone, other than those who knew him, have heard of him. Basil's wife was very involved in the church which made him curious to know why, so he went along to church activities, later he became churchwarden and with his wife began a charismatic prayer group. Eventually he trained to be Reader, despite his initial misgivings about his lack of further education, and was licensed in Elstow, which is on the south side of Bedford. His talent was articulating the faith in a way which ordinary people could understand.

He also had the capacity to empathise with those who were experiencing problems in their personal lives.

### **Jennifer Worth**

Who was recently made famous by the TV series 'Call the Midwife', a series based on her life as a midwife in the East End of London in the 1950's, where she was based at a convent. Her connection to this Diocese is that when she married in 1963 she moved to Hemel Hempstead. In her book 'Farewell to the East End' she writes 'Nuns were not my style I couldn't be doing with that sort of thing, I thought I wanted adventure not religion. I did not know it at the time, but my soul was yearning for both'. She became a very devout Christian but kept quiet about her faith.

Last week in Junior Church, when we talked about 'saints' I was most humbled when, after some thought, one of our young children asked "Was Martin Luther King a saint?". Such insight and understanding in one so young emphasised to me the importance of providing opportunities for our younger saints to explore and learn about our Christian faith.

Basil Carr, Jennifer Worth and Martin Luther King are three examples of people who knew their need of God, who followed in the footsteps of Jesus and were empowered to do so by the Holy Spirit, holy people who wore their halos round their heart not their head. *Wendy Waters*

### **Meditation**

We may visualise this great cloud of witnesses as round-the world sailors, who cheer us on our voyage:

'Sail on, flowing freely, with the wind blowing your opened sails, God leading you. Sail on, your heart aflame, accompanied by the songs of creation. Sail on, your body and mind engaged in ceaseless struggle to overcome every obstacle, to be the person for others. Sail on, until the endless horizon comes into view'. *'Waymarks for the Journey' Ray Simpson*

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

We praise and thank you, Heavenly Father, for the men and women you have called to be your saints. From your first fallible, frightened friends who followed you to Jerusalem, through the centuries of discovery and growth, people of all types and temperaments down to the present day.

We pray for the saints on earth, all those walking as friends of your son Jesus through the light and shadows of life. In particular we pray for the many thousands of saints suffering now for their faith in you. Those in numerous countries who live in fear of their lives and the lives of their loved ones. By your Grace bring comfort and courage to those who have lost churches, homes, employment, liberty, limbs and loved ones.

We pray for all nations of the earth, for their leaders, their people, their policies and needs that, under God's overarching love, they may learn his way and his will.

Heavenly Lord we give thanks for all those we have loved and lost, when we feel lost without them may the special memories of them bring us comfort; may all that we shared with them turn our sadness into smiles; may all that we suffered with them be brought to wholeness in you. **Amen**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving Sunday 2 November at 3.00pm at St Mark's** You are invited to remember and give thanks for those we have entrusted to God's safe keeping. Release of doves in church grounds immediately before service. Children may come from 2.30pm to see the doves. Preacher: The Reverend Nicola McIntosh Chaplain of Bedford Hospital

**Computer Training** - we use Microsoft Publisher for a lot of what we do in church. I will be offering a training session on Sunday 30 November at St Mark's for anybody who would like to learn more about how to use it - Please let Wendy Rider know if you would like to come - *Charlie*

## St Mark's Christmas Craft Fayre 22 November 2014

Three weeks to go - Just a quick reminder of items need for our stalls etc.:-

**Raffle Tickets** – Will be on table in Foyer after service. Please take a few books home to family and friends returning anytime during week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> November fore the Fayre on the Saturday.

**Tombola** – Any **NEW** unwanted gifts\Christmas presents etc. for our Tombola stall.

**Cake Stall**- homemade cakes required see Millie  
**Refreshments** – homemade traybakes to sell at our Refreshment Counter.

**Secondhand Book & Jigsaw Stall** – Any books or paperbacks in good condition

**Indoor/Outdoor Plant Stall** – Any plants accepted please see Marion Prior or Jean Bank

There again donated items for the above stalls can be bought up to Church anytime week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> November.

Many thanks to those who have offered their help either in goods or on the day etc. It is very much appreciated on all fronts. Avril Williams

**Can you help?** One of our church members occasionally needs to have some shopping done for her & is willing to pay someone who can help her in this way. Please contact Jean Bank for more details on 355698

**Bowls at St Mark's** Todays session has been cancelled and rescheduled for Sunday 9 November The following session will be on 23 November. Sessions will revert back to the first and third Sundays in December. Ray Seymour

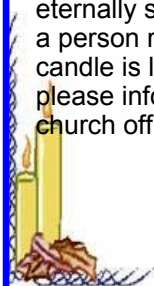
**Free For a Deserving Person.** A Go-Go Elite 3 wheel electric mobility scooter.

Highly manoeuvrable and ideal for shopping shopping malls and pedestrian areas. In good working order and good condition. Comes with battery charger. Contact 01234 261300

**Coffee Morning** at Anjulita Court on Thursday November 6 from 10.30 to 12 noon. There will be Christmas cards, calendars, paper, diaries, gifts etc in aid of Arthritis Research UK. All welcome to come and keep the residents company and bring your friends . Thank you Marian Goddard (Tel.01234 344617)

## 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.'*

**Putnoe and Holy Cross Scouts** (based at Putnoe Heights) have the following voluntary vacancies.

Further details from Tom Oldershaw phxg@bedfordscouts.org.uk Treasurer: To handle monies in and out, produce annual accounts, and work with GSL and Executive Committee to manage the Group's finances. Must be able to work with other adults with a flexible approach. No finance experience or qualifications are required. Approx 4 hours/month. Chairman: To work with GSL in managing the Scout Group. In particular, to lead the Executive Committee to manage property, equipment and finances. Needs to work with other adults in a constructive manner. No Scouting experience is required. Time flexible, approx 5 hours/month.

## Christmas Craft Fayre – 22 November 2014

The leaflets for the Christmas Craft Fayre are on the table this morning for delivery around Brickhill etc. We would be very grateful if you would take your street or any other street to help advertise the Christmas Craft Fayre. Many thanks for your help in this matter. Avril Williams

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

## Christmas Shopping Starts Soon



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and you're done.

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

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## Forthcoming Funerals

There are no funerals  
this week