



Partnership News

Putnoe Heights & St Mark's Church



30 June 2013 - Ordinary 13

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

Today 30 June — Ordinary 13

9.30 St Marks – Holy Communion with PCH

Preacher – Revd Dr Sam Cappleman
Leadership – Mr Michael Ovenden
Intercessions – Mrs Morag Stewart

11.00 am Putnoe – Holy Communion with PCH

Preacher – Revd Dr Sam Cappleman
Leadership – Mrs Sam Ware
Intercessions – Dr Tim Wilkes

7 July — Ordinary 14

9.30 St Marks – Family Worship

Preacher – Revd Canon Charles Royden
Leadership – Mr Edward Parry
Intercessions – Mr Warwick Holden

11.00 am Putnoe – Family Worship

Preacher – Revd Canon Charles Royden
Leadership – Mr Barry Southam
Intercessions YPG

Readings 1.2 Kings 5: 1-14
2.Galatians 6: 7-16 3. Luke 10: 1-11,16-20

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

Thank You

The flowers at Putnoe Heights Church this week have been given by Doreen Denny in loving memory of her husband Leonard on his birthday.

Banns

We publish the banns and pray for the marriages

Amy Thompson, & Matthew James Plastows,
both single of this parish, to be married at Elstow
Abbey (*second time of asking*)
Liana D'altilia & Marc Lagatta both single of this
parish, to be married at Elstow Abbey
(*second time of asking*)

Prayer for Sunday

O Christ, the bright and morning star, when the
night of this world is past bring us with your
saints to your promised light and to that
life which opens into everlasting day. Amen.

The Venerable Bede (c.673-735)

The Reverend Dr. Sam Cappleman

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(Sam also works full time as a Vice
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Partnership Pastoral Support Team Co-Ordinator

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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.*

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Mrs Avril Williams 01234 342613

Putnoe Heights Church Centre

Open Monday to Thursday 9am - 5pm, Friday 9am - 1pm
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Open Monday - Friday 9am - 5.00pm
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Regular Weekly Activities - A Guide To Our Churches

Monday

9.15 –3.45 pm Mon and Wed/ 9.15-12.15pm Tues/ Thurs/Fri. Hazeldene Heights Pre-school. See website for more details www.ThisChurch.com
Head teacher Mrs Laura Leggett 326685
8.30-5.30pm Pre-school Mon-Fri St Mark's
9.-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 Berry 211955
10.30am U3A Play reading St Mark's (see contact details below)
2.00pm U3A Calligraphy at St Mark's 2nd week (see contact details below)
12.15pm Story box Putnoe Heights We welcome the under 5's and their carers to join them between 12.15 and 1.15 for a sandwich lunch followed by a Bible based story and singing. Contact Carolyn Morris youth@thisischurch.com 365630
1.30-2.45pm Chat & Make For babies and toddlers 0-5. Crafts, toys, songs, story and refreshments £1. More details email– chatandplay@hotmail.co.uk .
2pm U3A Music Appreciation (see contact details below)
4.15pm Kumon Maths Putnoe Heights. Mrs Raksha Mistry 01908 392698
6.00pm Brownies St Mark's. Mrs C Mathew 826190
6.15 pm Brownies Putnoe. Sharon Tanner 01767699399 or 07720713738.
6.15 Pilates at Putnoe Heights Jane Butcher 300859
6.15pm-8.15pm Fit for Life Yoga - Putnoe Heights Contact Jane Butcher 07891879571
6.30pm Boot Camp Putnoe Heights – Laura Amor 341152 / 07976259081
7.00pm Sugarcraft Guild St Mark's 1st week Pat Nicholson 353518
7.00pm Cancer Care Society. St Mark's. 1st Week. Mr J Dewhurst 01908 377020
7.15pm Guides. St Mark's. Mrs Gill Lake 218091
7.30pm Whist Drive. St Mark's 3rd & 5th week . Next meeting– 15 July Judith Stanton. 823313
7.30pm House group 30 The Ridgeway. The home of Eddy & Margaret Peck 267567
Putnoe Heights Children and Youth meeting - Monday 23rd September

Tuesday

9.30am Jo Jingles. St. Mark's. Music & movement for pre-school children. Renu Elston 07790206016
9.30am Candlewicking (Needlework). Putnoe Heights. Pat McCart 365507
9.30am -12.30 & 4-9pm Slimming World St. Mark's. Helen Skinner 07989080389
10am Autism Beds Adult Support Group. St Mark's. Sally Cripsley 350704
11.15am U3A Keep Fit Putnoe Heights (see contact details below)
1pm –2.30pm Drop in Wiggles and Jiggles 0-5 years, Putnoe Children's Centre. Please call Trudy Hamilton (centre assistant) for more information 340552
1.15pm U3A Cinema Grp. St Mark's (contacts details below)

1—3pm U3A Choir. St Mark's (contacts details below)
2.00pm U3A Book Group 1 St Mark's (3rd Wk) (see contact details below)
2.00pm U3A Book Group 2 St Mark's (2nd Wk) (see contact details below)
2.00pm Library Walk W.I. Putnoe Heights, meets monthly. Morag Tomkins 356895
2pm U3A Photography Group 3 St. Mark's (1st Wk) (contact details below).
2.30pm Mother Teresa Support Group. St Mark's Fortnightly . Wool and knitting needles provided. Mrs Maureen Watling 262225
2.15pm Tuesday Afternoon Housegroup. St Mark's Fortnightly. Mary Stubbs 406784.
4.00pm-6.15pm Stars School of Dance at Putnoe Heights.. Esther Richardson 295862 or 07917582468
6.15pm Pilates St Mark's Church Jane Butcher 0789187957
7pm - 8.30pm Daisy Birthing Putnoe Heights Susie 07980447390
6.00-7.00pm Zumba at St Mark's. Contact Denise Worker 07900 232648
6.30pm MT Karate (all ages) Karen King 07941264885
7pm Keep Fit. St. Mark's Jan Gregory 328455
7.30pm Putnoe Heights Ladies Tuesday Club (Meets fortnightly). Next meeting June 25 Work on the Mission Field : Sue and Martin Fannon. Details Janet King 313946

Wednesday

9am -1pm Machine Knitting group at Putnoe Heights, fortnightly Changing to Fridays from 5 April (Same time an place.. Contact Marion Sutton 217647
9.30am Body Control Pilates. Putnoe Heights. Stephanie Smith 357787 or 07973174430.
9.30am Discover & Do (Childminders) St. Mark's. Clare Simmons 328380 or 07788824666
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 below)
10.00am Holy Communion. St. Mark's Chapel. A half hour service followed by coffee. All welcome.
10am U3A Card Making, St Marks (see contact details below)
10am U3A Diet and Nutrition- Putnoe (contact below)
11.15am U3A Keep Fit
12.30pm Luncheon Club. Putnoe fortnightly. Next meeting 3 July Putnoe Heights Office 365630
1.00-3pm Police Surgery at Putnoe Heights (Fortnightly)
1.15pm Bridge Club for the Retired. St. Mark's. Mr Barnes 261811
2.00-4.00pm U3A Craft St Marks.(see contact details below)
2pm U3A Gilbert and Sullivan Putnoe Heights
2.15pm - Fifty plus Keep Fit. Putnoe Heights Mrs Webster 856966
3.45.- 5.30pm Messy Church. St Mark's (3rd Wk). for children of lower school age and their carers. Bible-based story, crafts, singing and a meal. Next meeting 18 September. Wendy Waters 401834
4.15pm Kumon Maths. Putnoe Heights Mrs Raksha Mistry 01908 392698
6.00 pm Brownies. St Mark's. Mrs C Warden 219731
6.15pm Yoga and Relaxation Putnoe Heights Racheall

Monton 01234 297138 or 07910835994.

6-8pm Karate. St Mark's Karen King 079412 64885

7.00pm Bunyan Bridge. St. Mark's Yvonne Blain 350241 or Brian Sallows 407725

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

7.00pm Putnoe Guild Putnoe monthly Mrs O Holt 266004

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 3 July 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 1st week in the month. Jean Ross 771870

Thursday

9.30am Thursday Prayer Group. Putnoe Heights. Valerie Capon 356306

Request for prayer can be written in the prayer diary on the information table.

9.45am Yoga Putnoe Heights Denise Green 244970

9.45am Chat and Play St.Mark's. A term time group for Mums & toddlers.0-5 Jo Garner 400071 or 07932616468

10.00-11.30am Gentle Yoga For more details contact Helen Nicholson Tel.03003004305

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 363283

1.30 - 3.00pm NHS Baby Clinic 1st and 3rd Thursdays St. Mark's 267444

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

2-4pm U3A Indoor Games. St.Mark's (contact below)

2.30 - 4.30pm Bedford Art Society St Mark's Mary Rich 272470

5.00pm Weightwatchers. St. Mark's. Clare Martin 07805408811.

6.15pm Brownies. Putnoe Heights Lou Watkins .

7.00pm Club 2000 Putnoe Nina Ovenden 825059

7pm U3A Folk & Poetry St Marks (2nd and 4th week) (see contact details below)

7.15pm Putnoe Art Group Bob Wardale 406094

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

7.30pm Gentle Birthing St Mark's. Pat Wood 07946 847231

8 -10pm Bedford Folk dancers (formerly Barn dancers) Meet weekly at Putnoe Heights Different guest callers each week. All welcome, cost £2 Including refreshments. More details Ron 825574 or Shirley 01767 651767

8.00pm Bedford Writers Circle. St Mark's 1st week in month. Mr Newton 01525 378193

8.00pm Magpies Women's Group St Mark's 2nd & 4th week Pat Cass 294220

8.00pm Brickhill Ladies Group St Mark's 1st and 3rd week in month Kay Logan 01234 309105.

Friday

10am -12.00 U3A Photography St Marks.(4th week) (see contact details below)

10am - 12 & 1.15 - 3.15pm U3A Beginners French St. Marks (see contact details below)

2.00-4.00 pm U3A Whist St Marks. (contact details below)

2pm U3A Italian-Putnoe Heights (contact details below)

2pm U3A Gardening - Putnoe Heights

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

6.00-7.00pm Zumba at St Mark's. Contact Denise Worker (07900 232648

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

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

Saturday

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

6.45pm Duplicate Bridge. St Mark's Mrs Pillinger 212066

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.

7-9pm Tae Kwon Do St Mark's Adrian Felice www.bedfordtkd.com 07964356355

Messy Church Dates

Weds 18 Sept; Weds 16 Oct; Weds 20 Nov,



U3A For information on the U3A groups meeting at St Mark's and Putnoe Heights Church please contact Yvonne Francis ☎405119

Diary Dates

St Mark's Church Council – 8 October
St Mark's Leadership Team - 10 September
Annual Congregational Meetings
Putnoe Heights Leadership Team - 10 October
Putnoe Heights Management Meeting
Putnoe Church Council - 14 Oct
Pastoral Group Meeting -
Churchyard Committee -
Brickhill Parish Council Meetings -
Commemoration Service Sunday 3 November 3 pm
Circuit meeting -
Deanery Meeting - 14 November
Woodland Burial Trustees– Open Day 20 July
Putnoe Heights Children & Youth Meeting –
New Year Lunch 19 January at Putnoe

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

Ordinary 13

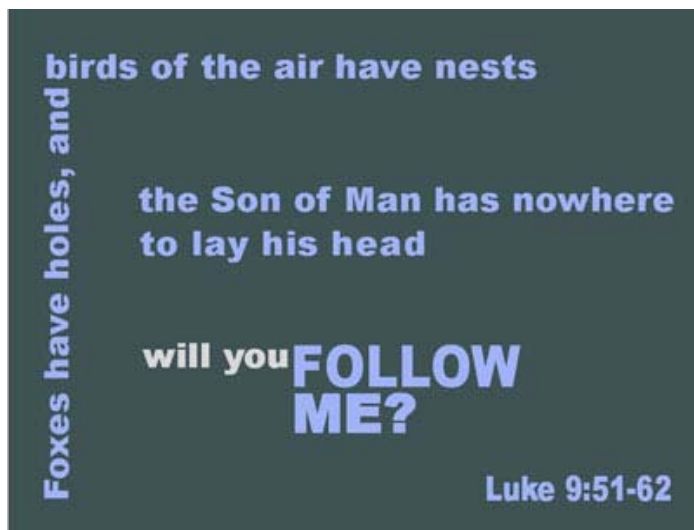
Sentence of Scripture

Keep me safe, O God, for in you I take refuge.
Psalm 16 v 1

Collect Prayer for the Day

Before we read we pray

Lord of heaven and earth, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and power of your Church. Sow in our hearts the seeds of your grace that we may bear the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Methodist Worship



First Reading- 1 Kings 19 v 15 – 16, 19 - 21

The LORD said to him, Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet. So Elijah went from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat. He was ploughing with twelve yoke of oxen, and he himself was driving the twelfth pair. Elijah went up to him and threw his cloak around him. Elisha then left his oxen and ran after Elijah. Let me kiss my father and mother good-bye, he said, and then I will come with you. Go back, Elijah replied. What have I done to you? So Elisha left him and went back. He took his yoke of oxen and slaughtered them. He burned the ploughing equipment to cook the meat and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out to follow Elijah and became his attendant.

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

Second Reading — Galatians 5:v1, 13-25

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

As for those agitators, I wish they would go the whole way and emasculate themselves! You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature ; rather, serve one another in love. The entire law is summed up in a single command: "Love your neighbour as yourself." 15 If you keep on biting and devouring each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other. So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law. The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit

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

Gospel Reading – Luke 9:v 51 -62 (When announced –**Glory to Christ our Saviour**)

As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem. When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, "Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?" But Jesus turned and rebuked them, and they went to



call fire down from heaven to destroy them?" But Jesus turned and rebuked them, and they went to

another village. As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." Jesus replied, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head." He said to another man, "Follow me." But the man replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Still another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say good-bye to my family." Jesus replied, "No one who puts his hand to the plough and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."
(This is the Gospel of Christ—**Praise to Christ our Lord**)

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope; teach us ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Hymns (*Please distribute Holy Communion With Healing Booklets and Mission Praise*)

1. Hail to the Lord's anointed, 204
2. As the deer pants for the water, 37
3. Take my life and let it be, 624
4. Thou didst leave thy throne, 697

Commentary On a Mission

It's clear from the Gospel reading today that Jesus is on a mission. His determination to achieve what He sets out to visible to all;

- He rebukes the disciples in one place,
- in another suggests to a potential follower that he let '...the dead bury their own dead...'
- and in another He says that no-one who looks back is fit for service in the Kingdom of God.

Harsh words, but He is determined that He will not be swayed, deflected, delayed or distracted from His intense desire to get to Jerusalem. He sets out for Jerusalem where His crucifixion will show the world His openness to be weak and His resurrection will show His supreme strength.

Up until now Luke has been describing the ministry of Jesus in Galilee but from now on the pace increases as for the next 10 chapters Luke describes Jesus' journey up to Jerusalem and His final days.

The story today also gives us a sense of the importance and urgency of His mission. As He is walking along Jesus invites a man to follow Him. The man replies saying that he first wants to go and bury His father, a reasonable enough request we would think. Jesus responds back that there isn't time for that and the dead can bury their own dead. In Jewish tradition there is nothing that has a higher priority than burying your father. It's a sacred obligation. Attend to the burial of your father above all other duties, even saying daily prayers. The first and only priority is to make the funeral arrangements. And, once dead, the body is never left alone until the burial and the seven and thirty days of mourning commence. Jesus is saying that following Him is more important than the most important thing in observing the Jewish law and practice. The message is clear. The way of Christ passes beyond the rule of the Jewish law into freedom in Him.

Paul too invites the believers to experience this freedom in Christ as we demonstrate the behaviours of a people led by the Spirit. As people who are focused on following Christ, so we are called to live by the Spirit and be free of the things in our lives, our 'sinful desires', the things that hold us back from following Christ and be single minded in our mission to follow Him and be His disciples.

We see a similar single mindedness in the readings from 1 Kings. In the Old Testament reading we see Elisha 'assuming the mantle' or cloak of Elijah. Not only does he leave his plough and oxen, he slaughters the oxen and burns the plough so that he can cook the meat and offer it to the people there. For Elisa there could be no going back now! In Paul's letter to the Galatians

we see a single mindedness of Paul which characterises not just this passage but much of his writings. Paul stresses that the only focus that the early believers should have is on the love of Christ and what that meant for themselves and for their community. To lead lives that were focused on serving God and each other, summing up the law in the single command of 'Love your neighbour as yourself'. Paul also warns the early believers that they should not misunderstand this new found freedom in Christ. For some there must have been a temptation to swing the pendulum the other way after being limited under the strictures of Jewish law and cast off all restraint, and to be tempted to lead the debauched ways of the Roman's they lived side by side with in Galatia, whose lax and immoral lifestyle was visible for all to see. The way of life that Paul exhorts the early believers to is the way of the cross, the way of Christ, the way of the Spirit, the way of love.

As we walk in the way of the Spirit it requires that same determination and focus that Christ demonstrates as He heads towards Jerusalem. But it's easy to get deflected from the path of walking with the Spirit as the old habits and behaviours crowd in on us. Each time they do, we need to acknowledge our position and simply step back on the path and in that same determined way as Christ, who is the author and perfecter of our faith. *Sam Cappelman*

Meditation

Joy is love exalting and peace is love at rest.

Patience, love enduring in every trial and test.

Gentleness, love yielding to all that is not sin.

Goodness, love in actions that flow from Christ within.

Faith is love's eyes opened, the loving Christ to see.

Meekness, love not fighting but bowed at Calvary.

Temperance, love in harness and under Christ's control.

The Christ is love in person, and love, Christ in the soul.

Missionary Dr. Kenneth Moyner, quoted by John Stott, "A Vision for Holiness,"

Prayers for Sunday and the Week Ahead

God of glory, as you made yourself present in the person of Your Son, grant that we, through the presence of the Holy Spirit, may be your presence and glory in the world, that through you and obedience to your precepts all nations would know your lasting peace and hope. Amen

Father God, help us to keep you as the central focus in our lives when worldly distractions are all around us. Be with us each step of the way on our daily missionary journey as we walk ever more closely to you. Amen

As you call us, so enable us, that we may do your will and draw others to your compassionate and strong love. Help us not to be confined by the strictures we place on our faith but be open to the treasures you have in store for us, leaving the past behind us and pressing on towards the goal of making your Kingdom real in our world and living our lives the way you desire. Amen

Living God, you have given us an eternal and living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead: grant that we, being risen with Him, may fix our hearts on heavenly things and share in your eternal life, worshipping you for ever at your throne in heaven. Amen

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight; and may the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following Your will does not mean that I am actually doing so.

But I believe that the desire to please You does in fact please You. And I hope I have that desire for all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this You will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it.

Therefore I will trust You always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for You are ever with me, and You will never leave me to face my perils alone.

Thomas Merton 1915-1968 Thoughts in Solitude

Kitten for sale, ready 1 August. 1 cute black kitten with white socks £25 . Adults only to ring Delia 328721

Encircled in Care A training day for pastoral visitors and carers in the Church and Community. Wootton Methodist Church, Saturday 13 July 10am - 1.15pm Contact glayne.worgan@methodist.org.uk

Methodist Homes for the Aged

During June we shall be holding the annual Envelope donation in aid of MHA; these envelopes will be available for your contribution to this very worthwhile cause and your support will be gratefully accepted. Thank you for your help *Pam Kinselley*

Putnoe Heights Book Stall

I am setting up a book stall for the loan of books at a charge of 25p. At the moment this is in the Small Hall but it is hoped to have it in a more prominent position before long. If you care to donate any books, these will be welcomed. Any suggestions on the running of this project would be appreciated. Pam Kinselley

The Great Gappo will be at Putnoe Heights Church on Monday 29 July 2013 at 12 noon to 2p.m. "The Great Gappo" 12 noon to 1pm, Sandwich lunch provided 1pm to 2pm. Raffle. Tickets: £2.00 in advance for children over 1 yrs old, £3.00 on the door, FREE to children under 1 yrs old and £1.00 Adults. Available from the church office. For further details contact: Carolyn Morris Tel: 07751348925 Email: youth@thisischurch.com or Putnoe Heights Church office on Tel: 01234 365630



Circuit Farewell Service for Revd. Jacqueline Owen and Revd. Joanne Sherwood. Putnoe Heights Church Sunday 21 July at 6.00pm. Please come to offer a warm Putnoe Heights welcome to visitors from the Circuit as Jacqueline leaves Southend, Clapham, Oakley and Sharnbrook for Leeds and

Joanne leaves Clophill, Flitwick, Haynes and Wilstead for Ely. Refreshments will be served after the service - donations of cake, teabread etc. very welcome.

St Albans Woodland Burial Trust. Welcome you to our next Open Day which will take place at the Woodland on Saturday 20 July from 2.00pm - 5.00pm

Freedom from Torture talk by Keith Best 7.30 - 9.30pm Thursday 4th July at Bedford Quaker Meeting House, 5 Lansdowne Road, Bedford. See notice board at St. Mark's for more details..

Buddy-Trips The Circuit has a new programme called Buddy-trips designed to link you with other people who may be interested in going to the same event, play, trip as you. Contact

buddytrips@yahoo.com
using the password NewLife



Defibrillator Training to be held on Sunday 21 July 2013 at 2.00pm at St Mark's. Can you please give your names to Charlie.

Job Vacancy– Hazeldene Heights Pre School Practitioner/Deputy Manager required to support the Manager and work alongside our existing Deputy. Variable hours approx 20+per week, must be flexible and available 8.00am—5.30pm. Minimum Level 3 Early Years qualification or equivalent. For more information please contact Laura Leggett 01234 326685 or email Putnoe@gmail.com closing 03.07.13

Action for Children Will you join other box holders in the League of Light and shine hope into the lives of vulnerable children? The scheme began in 1932 and this year the lantern shaped home collecting box has been re-launched. We are grateful for all donations, large or small, I can supply you with a box if you add your name to the list in the Church foyer. You can make a difference to the children and young people we support. Nationwide box holders raise £500,000 annually. Thank you. M. Standley

Bowlers Beware! The annual cricket match between churches has slipped into history, but there is now an interest in a Bowls afternoon for teams representing local churches. Initial thoughts are for a Sunday afternoon before the end of September with teams from St Peters, Putnoe Heights, St Marks and St Andrews. Priory Bowls Club have offered to make their facilities available. Anyone interested in this suggestion, please contact John Handley on 342127 or Valerie Edwards on 409508.

Bishop's Cup Cricket Tournament Multi faith teams from Watford, St. Albans, Luton and Bedford. A day of friendly cricket, family fun and inter faith fellowship plus informal games of rounders and cricket for ladies, children and other spectators. Sunday 7th July from 1.30pm Bedford Park. Rain venue Pilgrim Sports Hall, Brickhill Drive. For more information contact Hafiz Rahman of Bedford Council of Faiths (hafiz94@live.co.uk) or the Revd. Jay MacLeod, Inter Faith Adviser to the Bishop and Diocese of St. Albans (jaymacleod@mac.com).

Arthritis Research Annual Appeal. Owing to the shortage of house to house collectors this year you may not have had the opportunity to give. If you would like to, there is a basket of envelopes for donations in the foyer. Please place your envelope in the basket or hand into the church office. Thank you for your support. Marian Goddard Hon Secretary.

Footprints Walk: - There will be a walk around Shefford at 2.30pm on Sunday 14th July 2013. Location of start, off the A507 (WasA600) at Bedford Road, bear right into Northbridge Street, Right again at traffic lights into The High Street, next right into Old Station Road. Meet in the Free Car Park at the end of Old Station Road. The walk splits into two the first half, 2 1/2 miles flat, good paths and can be finished at this point. The second half takes the walk up to 5miles and includes the ascent of Cockshot Hill. Which is a fairly steep long hill. Further info from Margaret or Alan Massey.

Circuit Walk 2013 Saturday July 6th
 9.15.Meet at Sharnbrook Methodist Church.
 9.30.Leave Sharnbrook and walk to Pavenham Golf Club. 11.00 Pause at Pavenham Golf Club for drinks and to allow people to leave or join the walk.
 11.30.Leave Pavenham Golf Club and walk to Oakley Methodist Church. 1.00pm Arrive at Oakley Methodist Church. The whole walk is about 6 miles or if you just do the first or second part it is about 3miles each. With a judicious use of cars you can walk either the whole walk or just the 1st or 2nd half of it.
 Please note the Circuit is not insured for this (though your Church maybe) so you walk at your own risk!! Further details from Geoff Talbot 07850605719.

Celebration Event There will be a celebration event on Bank Holiday Monday 25 August 2014 to recognise 100 years that Bedford has been in the St Albans Diocese. This will include a day of activities at the College Equestrian Centre at Keysoe, concluding with a service of worship in the afternoon. It is early days yet but a great idea to put it in the diary now. Nearer the time we will be looking for volunteers to help with various aspects of the day.

Telecare
 We would like to sign up as many people as possible to Telecare, it is one of our ways of keeping in touch with church members. we are especially keen to sign up people who are elderly



and who may from time to time be unable to come to church. Telecare is a non intrusive way of us being able to see if everything is alright or if you would like a visit.
 Please sign up by giving your name to one of the ministers, or tell us of anybody that you think might like to be included and we will get in touch.

Please take copies of See Round this week.
 At St Mark's please amend the rota which is on display, it will be printed for next week

My yoke is easy

Costly grace is the sanctuary of God; it has to be protected from the world, and not thrown to the dogs. It is therefore the living word, the Word of God, which he speaks as it pleases him. Costly grace confronts us as a gracious call to follow Jesus. It comes as a word of forgiveness to the broken spirit and the contrite heart. Grace is costly because it compels a man to submit to the yoke of Christ and follow him; it is grace because Jesus says: "My yoke is easy and my burden is light."
 -Dietrich Bonhoeffer 1906-1945
The Cost of Discipleship



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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.

Ernest Frederick Hopkins

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

Forthcoming Funerals



The funeral of Dr Tim Nicol will take place at Bedford Crematorium on Monday 15 July at 11.30am

The funeral of Mr Howes will take place at Bedford Crematorium on Tuesday 16 July at 2.30pm