

Partnership News

30 May 2004

Pentecost - Whit Sunday

Methodist
Church

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

Church of
England

Church Services Today

8.30am Service of Holy Communion

Held at both churches

9.30am St Mark's Church - Holy Communion

with Prayer for Christian Healing

Preacher – The Reverend Neil Bramble-Chapman

Leadership Team - Mrs Janet Day

Intercessions – Mrs Morag Stewart

11.00am Putnoe Heights - Holy Communion

with Prayer for Christian Healing

Preacher – The Revd Neil Bramble-Chapman

Leadership Team - Mrs Betty Wyatt

Intercessions - Ministers

Trinity Sunday –6 June

8.30 am Service of Holy Communion

Held at both churches

9.30am St. Mark's Church— Family Service

Preacher—The Revd Charles Royden

Leadership Team—Mr Mike Cooper

Intercessions –Mrs.Delia Shephard

11.00am Putnoe Heights—Family Service

Preacher—Revd Charles Royden

Leadership Team Mr Alan Cooper

Intercessions—Mrs Sue Allen

Thank You

The flowers at St Mark's Church this week have been given by Judith Stanton in memory of her parents.

The flowers at Putnoe Heights Church this week have been given by Joanne Cato and Andrew Kerr on the occasion of their wedding,

Also by Derek Stoneham in memory of his wife, Marjorie.

Prayer for Sunday

Blessed be the love which chose us before the foundation of the world. Blessed be the grace that saved us before the world began. Blessed be the glory prepared for us from all eternity. Blessed be God for ever and blessed be his glorious Name! Amen

Charles Haddon Spurgeon, 1834-1892

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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. Sandwich lunch, Bible Stories 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 Gill Lake 218091
- 6.15 pm Brownies** Putnoe. Alison McEwen 358583
- 7.30pm Sugarcraft Guild** meets first Monday every month at St. Mark's Mrs. Jill Williams 357020
- 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 31 May 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 - 8 June Hymns and Readings Contact Mrs Betty Wyatt 350188
- 2.15pm Putnoe Heights Men's Fellowship.** Next meeting 15 June Mr. H. Charie 'First Round the World' 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. 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 - 9.30pm Bibleway Church** at Putnoe Heights - Bible study & prayers. Contact Pastor Tarr 348438 or 07773354129
- 7. 45 pm Putnoe Heights Ladies Tuesday Club** - Meets fortnightly . Next meeting June 8th Gt Ormond St Hospital -Revd Dr Joan Crossley Contact Mrs C Davies 219130
- 8.00pm Tuesday Housegroup** Next Meeting 8June at 16 Swindale. Contact Alison 403551 or Brian 305347.
- 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. This is 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 9 June 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.

12.30 -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 Hatton 824988

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 Pastor Tarr 348438 Mob. 07773354129

News, Views and Information

Forthcoming meetings. Please check!

Partnership Council 8 June

Putnoe Centre Management

7 Jun, 26 Jul,

St Mark's Church Council

Wednesday 16 June in the Chapel

Churchyards Committee

Next meeting 7 June at 10.00am

St Mark's Centre Management Meeting

23 June

St Mark's Leadership Team

Wednesday 8 September

Putnoe Church Council Monday 14 June

Pastoral Group Wednesday 15 September at 2.30pm

Fun Run & Sponsored Walk 5KM & 3KM. on Sunday 13 June .in Mowsbury Park, 2.30pm start. Prize giving at St Mark's at 4pm. BBQ, Bouncey Castle, Balloon Race. Entry forms available from St.Mark's Church. Please note once you have completed your application form you will be given a pack of information - including the sponsorship form. If you don't feel like

walking we need helpers to steward , with catering and generally back at base.

NSPCC Coffee morning and Bring & Buy

Friday 4 June at Putnoe Height Church 10am to 12 noon. Enquiries to Mary Bull Tel: 270329

Putnoe Ramblers Weekend in Rutland 24 - 26 September. There are still 3 double rooms available - please speak to Sue Allen if you have not yet made a booking.**Summer Party** The party has been postponed from 19 June until 21 August. Details will follow nearer the time

New Youth Group . We are planning to set up a group for 9—13 year olds, from both of our churches. The group, provisionally called TEXT, will meet on Sunday evenings at 6 pm, twice a month. We are holding a meeting for everyone who wants to help out or would like to join, at 12 on Sunday 30 May at Putnoe. Before going ahead with this I want to consult with as many people as possible, so if you are interested but can't make the meeting, please contact me— Joan Crossley on 344536.



Bible Notes Easter **(Pentecost Sunday Year C, Red)**

Opening Verse of Scripture Romans 5:5
The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

A Collect Prayer for Pentecost

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit on the disciples with the wind from heaven and with tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the Gospel: send us out in the power of the same Spirit to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

First Bible Reading Acts Chapter 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. Utterly amazed, they asked: "Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs--we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?" Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine." Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: "'In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'" (This is the word of the Lord—**Thanks be to God**)

Second Reading Romans Chapter 8:14-17

because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs--heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory. (This is the word of the Lord—**Thanks be to God**)

Gospel Reading John Chapter 14:8-17

(Please stand for the reading. When the reading is announced - **Glory to Christ our Saviour**)

Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us." Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can

you say, 'Show us the Father'?

Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you are not just my own. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves. I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it. "If you love me, you will obey what I command. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counsellor to be with you forever-- the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. (This is the Gospel of Christ - Praise to Christ our Lord)

Post Communion Prayer

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hymns (Please distribute Mission Praise and Holy Communion booklets)

Come down O love divine 89

Lord the light of your love is shining 445

Breathe on me breath of God fill me with life anew 67

Broken for me, broken for you (pre- communion) 66

Head of thy church Hymns and Psalms 316 (On page 8 of Partnership News)

Commentary

As a child I had wondered why so many people had gathered in Jerusalem for the Christian Festival of Pentecost. This was of course until I discovered that the people were not there for what we understand Pentecost to be, the coming of the Holy Spirit, but for the Jewish Festival of the first fruits, when the first sheaf of wheat harvest was offered to God in Thanksgiving. This Jewish festival had also come to be associated with the giving of the law and the renewal of the covenant. So it is not surprising then that the Early Church took over this festival of thanksgiving and celebration of God's faithfulness to the People and the giving of the law, to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to the first disciples. It also became for Christians a wonderful time to celebrate the new covenant relationship made possible in Jesus Christ.

The symbolism of wind and fire would have been readily understandable to the first century audience. The breath of God is life-giving in every way and fire purifies and cleanses. The Holy Spirit is described as rushing in like a wind and settling upon the disciples like tongues of fire. They may have been disturbed initially, but then they are inspired, given breath and new life, they are set on fire in their lives and hearts. Through this outpouring of the Holy Spirit the disciples are transformed from a group of frightened individuals, who perhaps like Peter on his fishing trip, had been tempted to go back to their old ways, and they begin proclaiming the Gospel on the streets of Jerusalem.

From this point on the Church is born. This collection of individuals become one body, united in mission and ministry. The life and characteristics of the early church are described in Acts and we see a community of believers who gather for worship, prayer and sharing a common life. It is a pattern of church which has transcended the centuries. Today we stand in this tradition as inheritors of God's promises, as the church, the people of God. We too receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, who is not just for the Pentecostals, but for all Christians. We too are a community of believers, gathering for worship, prayer and the common life. We too are the people of God who are, or at least should be, united in mission and ministry.

The gift of the Holy Spirit is God's wonderful gift to each one of us. It is not something we should refuse or be afraid of, but we should embrace and welcome. The Holy Spirit not only comes to challenge and disturb us in our thinking and practice as individuals and as the Church, but also comes to guide and inspire, to encourage and transform us into the likeness of God. The Holy Spirit is like a two edged sword, cutting both ways, but at the same time working God's purposes

within us, calling us, renewing us, enabling us to become the people God wants us to be.

This Pentecost, may we embrace and welcome the gift of the Holy Spirit in to our lives, to be inspired for God's Glory and Mission.

Rev'd Neil Bramble-Chapman

Meditation

The Holy Spirit gives life to the people of God. This is challenging for us. The life to animate us as Christians and as churches is a power which is beyond our controlling. The picture of the tongues of fire, leaping around, is a good way of stressing that the Spirit is uncontrollable. The fire was not constrained within a grate, it was a fire which rendered the disciples powerless to control it. We do not like losing control, we like to manage and legislate but the Holy Spirit is not to be controlled but to fill us and take us over.

At Pentecost we remind ourselves that we must not be too busy, too tired, too poor, too spiritually apathetic —to face up to the task which God has called us to do. We must open ourselves to the Spirit of God to move us.

- What gifts do I have?
- With whom do I share them?
- What are the gifts that I don't share as freely as I could or should?
- Why am I reluctant to get involved in sharing those gifts?
- How can God help take away any fear that might hold me back? *Charles Royden*

Prayers for Pentecost

May Christ inflame the desires of all people to break through the barriers which divide them, to strengthen the bonds of mutual love, to learn to understand one another, and to pardon those who have done them wrong. Through Christ's power and inspiration may all peoples welcome each other to their hearts as brothers and sisters, and may the peace they long for ever flower and ever reign among them."

Pope John XXIII, *Pacem in Terris*, #171

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Faithful God, you fulfilled the promise of Easter by sending your Holy Spirit and opening the way of eternal life to all the human race. Keep us in the unity of your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of 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.

Almighty God, we your children pray: let your glory come down.

Let the Fire fall as on that first Day of Pentecost.

Revive our spirits, fill us with new excitement,
with joy unspeakable and faith for a dying world.

Empower us to speak your Word; to utter the words of Life;
using a variety of languages to bring the good news to the poor.

LORD, let your fire fall once again on this church, on this community,
on this country, and to the ends of the earth.

In Jesus name and in the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

News, Views and Information

Mission News Kisiizi Hospital. Please pray for Ugandan Medical Superintendent Dr. Tony Tumuvesjiye & his staff, CMS & Tearfund are scaling down support, so there is a need for funds to support Hospital. (Sylvia Cohen)

Save the Children. Would you like to volunteer? The shop in Harpur Street is trying to stay open 6 days each week, however they are finding it hard to attract staff. They aim to sell goods to raise funds to help children worldwide. Without the volunteers they need they will not be able to continue. Unlike many charity shops, all save the Children shops are run entirely by volunteers. No experience is needed as full training will be given. Rine Jane or Sylvia on 01162 752801 or 0121 558 0111

Powerpoint Training Day Thursday 22 July 22 2004. This day has been arranged in response to a number of requests from ministers and other church workers for help in understanding and getting the best out of the Powerpoint computer programme. It is open to anyone. It will be a hands-on, practical day which will help participants understand how the programme works so that they can then design effective presentations. No prior level of competence is necessary!!

Held at Methodist Church House, London. The cost of £10 includes drinks throughout the day but not lunch. If you wish to attend please contact either Chris Jones on 01245 262312 or Paul Kybird on 01906 678755. or Email paulkybird@uk.uumail.com

Christian Aid Thank you to everyone at St Mark's who assisted with collecting. With gift aid the sum of £802. 44 was collected.

Christian Aid Thank you to everyone at Putnoe Heights who assisted with collecting. A total of £1316 was collected.

Guitar Concert by a variety of young musicians, at St Mark's Church, on Friday 11 June at 7.30pm. Admission ; adults £3 & £1 for children. Light refreshments will be served. In aid of Amnesty International & Bedford Education Retirement Centre.

Margaret Redman would like to thank everybody who made a donation in memory of William (Bill) Redman. A total of £1004 has been sent to 'Sight Concern'.

Accompanied Self-Appraisal.

Each year, all Methodist Ministers and Deacons are required to engage in an exercise of self-appraisal. This involves the Minister and a volunteer 'accompanist' from outside the circuit working together confidentially to identify an area of the minister's work (e.g. preaching, pastoral work, chairing of meetings etc.) on which to focus. Together they work out a project on an annual basis to seek feedback and thus give the minister some measure of performance. The nature of the scheme is essentially gracious and affirming and is fundamentally different from appraisal in the usual workplace setting.

Our District (London North-West) is seeking to recruit some new accompanists and a residential training weekend is planned in the autumn. If you would like to learn more please speak to either of us. Sue Allen (407264) Brian Leeson (305347) Mary Stubbs 406784

Working with Disabilities. This week, Wendy Rider and I attended a meeting with Social Services to discuss the future of the projects in our churches. We were impressed by their commitment to ensuring that this work continues and their willingness to commit resources. It would be wonderful to see more volunteers from our churches offering to spend time on either a Monday, Wednesday or Friday. If this is something which you would consider, then please speak with Wendy Rider in the first instance.

Since Social Services at St Mark's are able to use the new office accommodation in the upper room, the office used by the now closed GOLD charity has become vacant. From June 1 this office will be allocated to Pre-school who have asked for office accommodation for many years. We are pleased to finally be able to give them the facilities which they deserve. *Charles Royden*

Network - Craft Taster and Coffee Morning on Saturday 19 June at Priory Methodist Church from 10am to 12.45pm. Proceeds in aid of Keech Cottage Hospice. Book with Eleanor Mackindy on 01234 360271

Hymn for Sunday

- 1 Head of thy church, whose Spirit fills
And flows through every faithful soul,
Unites in mystic love, and seals
Them one, and sanctifies the whole:
- 2 'Come, Lord!' thy glorious Spirit cries;
And souls beneath the altar groan;
'Come, Lord,' the bride on earth replies,
'And perfect all our souls in one!'
- 3 Pour out the promised gift on all,
Answer the universal 'Come!'
The fullness of the Gentiles call,
And take thine ancient people home.
- 4 To thee let all the nations flow,
Let all obey the gospel word;
Let all their suffering Saviour know,
Filled with the glory of the Lord.
- 5 O for thy truth and mercy's sake
The purchase of thy passion claim;
Thine heritage, the nations, take
And cause the world to know thy name!

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Rest In Peace. It was with great sadness that we heard this week of the death of Stella Fensome. Stella was a lovely lady who has worshipped at Putnoe Heights every week for many years. Stella was worshipping with us at Putnoe Heights only a few weeks ago, in spite

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.

Ian Harold Baker
Minnie Elizabeth Jones

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

of her very serious cancer which was diagnosed recently. Stella will be deeply missed. The funeral will take place at Putnoe Heights Church at 2.45pm on Tuesday 1 June.

Celebrating Priesthood. On 5 June The Reverend John Tibbs will be celebrating 50 years ordained ministry. You are invited to an 11.00am eucharist at All Saints followed by a buffet lunch

We publish the banns of marriage and pray for the marriages of

1. Devon George Ayton of this parish and Andrea Louise Brown of the parish of Elstow Abbey.(16, 23 & 30 May.) This is for the last time of asking

2. Robert Martin Day of this Parish and Victoria Crystal Ebbage of the Parish of St Mary's Felmesham(30 May,6,13 June) This is for the 1st time of asking.

If anybody knows of any just cause or impediment why these persons may not be joined together in holy matrimony then you are to declare it.

Register! Why not register to receive Partnership News each week by Email, then if you are away for any reason you can still keep in touch. Just visit the church website www.thischurch.com and subscribe on the opening page. A confirmation Email will be sent to you and then you can confirm your wishes. You can also unsubscribe at any time

Flowers in Church 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).

The following funerals have been arranged

The funeral of Stella Fensome will take place at Putnoe Heights Church on Tuesday 1 June at 2.45pm