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# Partnership News

30th September 2007

26th in Ordinary Time



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## Partnership Church Services Today

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

**9.30am St Mark's - Harvest Festival**  
Preacher – Reverend Dr Joan Crossley  
Leadership Team - Mrs Delia Shephard  
Intercessions - Mrs Delia Shephard

**11.00am Putnoe Heights - Harvest Festival**  
Preacher - Reverend Dr Joan Crossley  
Leadership Team - Mr Lawrence Wyatt  
Intercessions - Ministers

## in Ordinary - 7th October

**9.30am St Mark's - Morning Worship**  
Preacher – Minister  
Leadership Team - Mrs Avril Williams  
Intercessions - Mrs Alison Holden

**11.00am Putnoe Heights -**  
Preacher - Minister  
Leadership Team – Mrs Jenny Emsley  
Intercessions - Mrs Sue Allen

### Bible Readings

- 1: Habakkuk 1: 1-4, 2:1-4
- 2 2 Timothy 1: 1-14
- 3: Luke 17: 5 -10

## Thank You

The flowers at Putnoe Heights Church this week have been by Alan and Margaret Massey to celebrate their 5th Wedding Anniversary, and by Mrs Mulvaney in memory of Mrs Betty Munkman.

We are always grateful for any donations for flowers perhaps to celebrate a special occasion, an anniversary or in memory of a loved one. Please contact Miss Marion Prior 303254 (St Mark's) or Miss Jennie Cooper 404950 (Putnoe Heights)

## Prayer for Sunday

What does our God require of us but to do justly, love mercy and humbly walk with God. What does the Earth require of us but to share oneness, give nurture and reverence of life. What do the people seek with us but to gain justice share caring and be at one with Earth. Come let us sing the song of God as we seek justice, find stillness and treasure Earth with God. (*Magnet Autumn 2007*)

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## Partnership Pastoral Support Team Co-Ordinator & Churchyards Administrator

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

## Putnoe Heights Church Centre

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**Centre Manager** Mr Barry Snelson 365630 & 344417  
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**Treasurer** - Mr Ian Farthing 210892 treasurer@thisischurch.com  
**Gift Aid Administrator** Mr Williams 360605

# Regular Weekly Activities - A Guide To Our Churches

## Monday

**9.30-12.00pm Mon-Fri Putnoe Heights Pre-school**

Headteacher Mrs Janet Smith ☎326685

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

Headteacher Mrs. Helen Harpin ☎312634

*(See website for more details)*

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

**10.00am Bakers Barn Art Group.** St Mark's

Mr Kellie ☎721063

**10.45am U3A Playreading** St Mark's C Birks ☎219607

**12.00pm Story box** We welcome the under 5's and their carers to join them between 12noon and 1pm for a sandwich lunch followed by a Bible based story and singing. ☎Liz 302349

**2.30pm Bedford Arts Society** Putnoe Heights Malcolm Smith ☎01234 400741

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

**4.15pm Rosemary Conley Diet & Fitness.** Putnoe

Heights. Miriam Adcock ☎01908 565044

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

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

**6.15 pm Brownies** Putnoe. Sharon Tanner ☎364710

**7.30pm Sugarcraft Guild** St Mark's 1st week every month Pat Nicholson ☎353518

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

**7.15pm Yoga.** Putnoe Heights Karen Simpson ☎244970

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

**7.30pm Whist Drive.** St Mark's each month next meeting 15 October - St Mark's Judith Stanton. ☎823313

**7.30pm Housegroup** 30 The Ridgeway. The home of Eddy & Margaret Peck ☎267567.

**8.00pm 'Get Fit, Stay Fit'** Putnoe Heights. Mrs Diane Field ☎404976

## Tuesday

**9.30am Candlewicking** (Needlework). Putnoe Heights. Judi Staughton ☎341821

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

Helen Folbigg ☎351223

**10am -Bedord Arts Society** starting at St Mark's on the 11th September. ☎Mrs Brown 771676

**1.30pm Toddlers Playtime.** Putnoe Heights Majella Atkinson ☎325293.

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

**2.00pm U3A Book Group.** St Mark's 3rd Tuesday of the month Mrs Berman ☎364723

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

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

**2.15pm Putnoe Heights Women's Fellowship.** Next meeting 2 October Harvest Festival. Betty Wyatt ☎350188.

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

**2.30pm Tuesday Afternoon Housegroup.** St Mark's alternate weeks. Mary Stubbs ☎406784.

**3.45pm Stars School of Dance.** Putnoe Heights. Esther Sancto ☎272517 or ☎07917 0582468.

**6.30pm Yoga** Putnoe Heights. Rachel Leontyne ☎783129

**7.00pm Hearts in Beds Cardiac Support Group**

St Mark's 1st Tuesday ☎Parsons 351150

**7pm Creative Card Making** St Mark's 1st & 3rd Week of the month Carol Houghton ☎346718

**7pm Keep Fit.** St. Mark's Jan Gregory ☎328455

**7pm MT Karate** [all ages] Putnoe Heights. Karen King ☎07941 264885

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

**7.30pm Chartered Management Institute** St Marks 3rd week of the month. Mrs Dimmock ☎01525 862374

**7.45pm Putnoe Heights Ladies Tuesday Club** - Meets fortnightly. Next meeting 9 October T.V. Experiences— Nicki Attenborough. Audrey Wilkins ☎365068 or Margaret Gentle ☎309043

## Wednesday

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

**9.30am Childminding Support Group** Putnoe Heights.

Mrs S Longman ☎313949

**9.30am Body Control Pilates.** Putnoe Heights. Stephanie

Smith ☎357787.

**9.00am Clubhouse** at St Mark's for those with Learning

Disabilities. Karen Bywater ☎315460.

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

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

**10.30 am U3A Art Appreciation** Putnoe Heights

Fortnightly. Audrey Hancock ☎365915.

**Luncheon Club.** Putnoe Heights fortnightly. Next meeting 3 October Putnoe Heights Office ☎365630

**1.00-3pm Police Surgery** at Putnoe Heights .

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

Mr Barnes ☎261811

**2pm U3A Whist Group** St Mark's 3rd week of the month Ken Silvester ☎400584

**2.15pm - Fifty plus Keep Fit.** Putnoe Heights

Mrs Webster ☎856966

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

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

**6.15pm Yoga and Relaxation** Putnoe Heights Rachell Monton ☎01234 297138

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

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

**7pm U3A Whist Group** St Mark's 4th Wednesday of the month. Ken Silvester ☎400584

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

**7.00pm Yoga** St Mark's Dorothy Turner ☎721763

**7.00pm Putnoe Guild** Putnoe Heights monthly Janice ☎Loxley 347073

**7.45pm Badminton Club** Putnoe Heights All welcome.

Ken Marriott ☎214867

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

**8.00pm Bedford Wine and Social Club** St Mark's 1st week in the month. Mrs Gansfield ☎215016

### Thursday

**9.30am Thursday Prayer Group.** Putnoe Heights in the quiet room. Sylvia Cohen ☎343424

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

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

**9.45am Yoga** Putnoe Heights Karen Simpson ☎244970

**9.45am Chat and Play** weekly at St. Mark's. A group for Mums & toddlers. £1.75 for first child. More details from St. Marks Office ☎342613 or Emma Strangwick ☎211070

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

**12pm Storybox** weekly at 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 Emma Strangwick ☎211070

**1.30pm Toddler Playtime.** Putnoe Majella Atkinson ☎325293.

**2pm Putnoe Bridge Club.** Gerald Palmer ☎345991

**5.30pm Police Surgery.** St Mark's Foyer.

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

**6.15pm Brownies.** Putnoe Heights Helga Nash ☎218521

**6.15pm Bedford Junior Chess Club.** St. Mark's Mr C Hill ☎772922

**7.00pm Club 2000** Putnoe Heights Sheila Jakeman ☎261935

**7pm U3A Folk & Poetry Group.** St Mark's 2nd & 4th week of the month. Doug Ovenden ☎825059

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

**7.30pm Bedford Embroiderers' Guild** St Mark's 3rd Thursday of the month. Mrs C Smith ☎344544

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

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

**8.00pm Magpies Women's Group** St Mark's 2nd & 4th week Mrs Cotchin ☎402089

**8.00pm Brickhill Wives** St Mark's 1st and 3rd week Next meeting Mrs Woods ☎404702

### Friday

**9.30-12.30pm & 12.30 - 2.30pm U3A Photography Group** St Marks 4th week Joyce Fildes ☎353086

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

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

**2.00pm U3A Gardening Group** Putnoe Heights Eve Whitehead ☎356875

**6.30pm Line Dancing.** St Mark's Christine Rushton ☎782360

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

**7pm Youth Club for age 10-15.** St Mark's Church. Contact PC Dave Hawkey ☎349179

### Saturday

**9.00pm Stars School of Dance.** Putnoe

Esther Sancto ☎272517 or ☎07917 582468

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

**7.00pm 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

**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.

**1pm Tabernacle of Truth Church** Putnoe Heights Revd. Tarr ☎360188 or ☎07866775515

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

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

## Diary Dates

**St Mark's Church Council – 12 November**

**St Mark's Leadership Team – 28 November 2007**

27 February 2008, 13 May 2008

**Putnoe Heights Leadership Team –**

**St Mark's Church Forum Meeting - 15th January 2008 12 noon**

**Putnoe Heights Centre Management - 19 November**

**Putnoe Church Council - 8th October**

**Pastoral Group Meeting –**

**Churchyard Committee - 16 January 2008**

**Putnoe Heights Mission Group Meeting :**

**Partnership Council - 26 Feb**

**Brickhill Parish Council Meetings**

**Deanery Meeting - 8 November**

**Circuit Meeting -**

**Woodland Burial Trustees -**

**Putnoe Heights Children & Youth– 21st Jan 1pm**

**Calendar dates appear on our church website [www.ThisChurch.com](http://www.ThisChurch.com). Please advise St Mark's Church Office of the dates of your meetings.**



**Telecare**

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

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



## 26th in Ordinary

### Opening Verse

The land has yielded its harvest:  
God, our God has blessed us. Psalm 67:6

### Collect Prayer for the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, we offer you our grateful thanks for your fatherly goodness and care in giving us your gifts and the fruits of the earth in through the seasons. Give us grace to use them rightly, to your glory, for our own well being, and for the relief of those in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen Common Worship

### First Bible Reading - Amos 6: 1a & 4 - 7

Woe to you who are complacent. You lie on beds inlaid with ivory and lounge on your couches. You dine on choice lambs and fattened calves. You strum away on your harps like David and improvise on musical instruments. You drink wine by the bowlful and use the finest lotions, but you do not grieve over the ruin of Joseph. Therefore you will be among the first to go into exile; your feasting and lounging will end.

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

### Second Bible Reading - 1 Timothy 6 : 6 -19

But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which God will bring about in his own time--God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honour and might forever. Amen. Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

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

### Gospel Reading - Luke 16: 19 - 31

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

"There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores. "The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. In hell, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. So he called to him, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.' "But Abraham replied, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who want to

go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.' "He answered, 'Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my father's house, for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.' "Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.' "'No, father Abraham,' he said, 'but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' "He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

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

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Commentary**

Surely one of the most dramatic shifts in theological thinking over the last century has been in the area of man's relationship to the rest of the created world? Even the most nature-loving Victorian minister would have firmly believed that the natural world was created by God for humans to use and enjoy. In that kind of thinking, nature is a kind of supermarket in which humans can select and discard the bits of the planet they want to exploit or preserve. In that way of thinking, Man had superiority over animals, birds, plants and trees in the same way that he had over "inferior" people. That kind of view saw the created order as having a hierarchy with white Christian man at the very apex and everything and everybody beneath. The view was held that only humanity was made in God's own image, so that meant that humans had god-like power over on the planet. It is a brave person who would hold to such a theology in the twenty-first century. Just as our view of God has shifted away from visualising him as a stern Victorian father figure, so our sense of humans as the only species of importance has faded. We now see ourselves as a part of an interconnected creation: every part of which is precious and valuable in the eyes of our Creator. We now see the dangers in exploiting and abusing the world around us. We are beginning to observe the dangers of fouling our own nests. The warning signs of the consequences of polluting the environment have been clear from the end of the eighteenth century when Wesley published a little booklet pondering on the implications of dirty air and water for the health of the poor city dwellers. But we humans have been slow to read the signs and it has taken fear for the habitat of the rich white West to galvanise us into combating pollution and climate change.

The Gospel reading today reminds us of the social and spiritual dimension of consumption. In the story a rich man lived a heedless existence of luxury with no thought either of the poor people around him or the world to come. If he had been willing to share his resources, taken care of the poor, he might have saved his soul. In the story Jesus made it brutally clear that such careless consumption has a spiritual dimension. Every action in our lives, no matter how small, has an impact, upon ourselves, upon our neighbours, upon the planet and upon our relationship with God. This should not make us paranoid but help us remember that we are important to God and related to the world around us. Joan Crossley

### **Meditation**

Those of you who read the Blogg on our church website by The Reverend Ross Royden will already have read his comments on the Lord's Supper/Eucharist/Communion/Mass. Ross uses the quotation by Calvin shown below which is worth printing here for our thoughts—

'Now, if anyone should ask me how this takes place, I shall not be ashamed to confess that it is a secret too lofty for either my mind to comprehend or my words to declare. And, to speak more plainly, I rather experience than understand it. Therefore, I here embrace without controversy the truth of God in which I may safely rest. He declares his flesh the food of my soul, his blood its drink [John 6:53ff.]. I offer my soul to him to be fed with such food. In his Sacred Supper he bids me take, eat, and drink his body and blood under the symbols of bread and wine. I do not doubt that he himself truly presents them, and that I receive them.' (Institutes, Book IV, CH. XVII, paragraph 32)

### **Hymns Please distribute Hymns and Psalms)**

1. Praise my soul the king of heaven 13
2. Jesus is Lord! 260
3. For the fruits of all creation 342
4. We plough the fields 352
5. Now thank we all our God 566

*God of the cosmos, attune our ears to hear you today in the great symphony of creation. God of community, open our ears to see you today in the drama of nature's interconnectedness. God of our hearts touch our lives so that we sense you today in both the beauty and agony of the world.*  
*Kate Compston*

## Harvest Liturgy

### Opening Prayer

Almighty God, our loving Heavenly Father,  
You breathed life into the universe, all things come from you.  
By your power the sun gives warmth and the earth yields its harvest of resources.  
By your power all life is born and your Spirit inspires us to create beauty,  
and seek truth and justice in your world.  
As we worship today, inspire our hearts and minds,  
that we might appreciate your goodness and dedicate our lives to your service

Minister      The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it  
**All**            **Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice**

**Hymn**        Praise my soul the king of heaven 13

### Confession

Father God, creator of all that there is. We gather today and thank you at harvest time, for the world in which we live. We praise you for all the wonders of creation that we can enjoy.

**Lord hear our prayer**

We know that you have given to humanity all that is necessary for our needs. Forgive us when we think only of ourselves, when our greed and the exploitation of our economies deprives others. As we consume the world's produce and enjoy the benefits of science and technology, help us to be mindful of those who do not have food, water or medicine.

**Lord hear our prayer**

Forgive us when we think that you love us more than people who live in other parts of the world. Help us to understand that you give life to all people and love equally all you have made.

**Lord hear our prayer**

Lord Jesus you healed the sick and fed the hungry, you taught men, women and children. Help us to continue your work across the earth and to make poverty history. May we work to ensure that all are fed, cared for and come to know the truth of your love.

**Lord hear our prayer**

*The minister will speak words of forgiveness*



**Offertory** *Please stand as the offering is brought forward.*  
**Dear Lord, the gifts of the harvest are yours. May we use them wisely to your glory and for the relief of the suffering, as well as for our own needs.**

**Hymn**        Jesus is Lord! 260

### Collect Prayer

Bible Readings (Please follow the readings on page 4 of Partnership News)

**Hymn**        For the fruits of his creation 342

**Address**     The Reverend Dr Joan Crossley

**Hymn**        We plough the fields 352



## Intercessions

Lord's Prayer: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever Amen.

**Hymn** Now thank we all our God 566

## The Blessing

May God the Father bless you, who first sowed the seed of eternal life in your hearts.  
May God the Son bless you, who nurtures you with the rain and sunshine of love.  
May God the Spirit bless you, who brings us all to fruition;  
and may the blessing of God Almighty be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the lord.

**All In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*Thank you to all who have helped prepare our churches for worship today*

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**“An Evening from the Shows.” Tickets now available** Saturday 13th October at St Mark's 7.30. Tickets will be available from the church office, members of the leadership team or Ian Farthing. Cost £7 Adults, £4 Children (under 14 years).

**TNT** next meet at Putnoe on 14th October. An evening of learning about self-defence 6pm.

**Unwanted shoes to Putnoe please.** The children and young people at Putnoe are collecting shoes for the Blue Peter Malawi appeal. Please bring any shoes in reasonable condition, paired with an elastic band to the collecting box in the welcome area. The money raised will go to UNICEF to set up Children's Corners for orphaned children

**Musical “Allsorts” Evening—** Cranfield ecumenical choir, Sounds Familiar, is organising a Voices for Hospices concert to be held on October 6th at 7.30pm in Stewartby Village Hall. This is an International event biennially to raise much needed money for the hospices. The Sounds Familiar concert will be raising money for Willen, Keech Cottage, St Johns (Sue Ryder) and Bedford Day Hospice. With a variety of choirs and groups taking part, there should be ‘something for everyone.’ Ticket prices:- Adults £5, Concessions and under 16's £3.50 and family ticket £12.50. Available from Jan on 01234 751085 or on the door.

**Ouse Valley Singers** present a concert of light music on Saturday 13th October at 7.30pm in Bromham Baptist Church. Donations to Christian Family Care. Further information from Lyn Sewell 01234 781903

**Women's Network District Day** on 11 October 11am - 3.15pm. at Dunstable Methodist Church, The Square, LU6 3SN. The subject is 'Slavery Then and Now'

**A District Craft Day** will be held at Priory Methodist Church on Saturday 3 November. For further details contact Pam Seymour 305695. Closing date for bookings 10 October

**Saturday 6 October - Coffee Morning** from 10 until 12.30 at St Mark's Church. In aid of SSAFA/ FH ( Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association ) Please bring your friends and come along and support this cause which provides much needed help for men/women who are serving in a war theatre and their families left behind. We will have various stalls. All are welcome.

**Scouts** Many of you will have seen much media coverage of Scouting's Centenary in 2007, but Putnoe Scout Group also celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year. As part of the celebrations the Group are planning a Reunion Party on 17<sup>th</sup> November at the Scout HQ. There is an open invitation to anyone who has ever been involved, or is still involved, and their families. If this is you, or someone you know, then please get in contact with us so that we can forward a formal invitation. If you can't attend on the 17<sup>th</sup> and would like more information on what the Scouts are up to now, or if you can offer help in any way, I would be delighted to hear from you. Bob Calver

**Coffee Morning** Saturday 6 Oct. from 10 till 12  
At the home of Eddie & Irene McKenzie's 16  
Chillingham Green. Proceeds for Mission funds.  
Requests for transport 311569

**Volunteers required** for disability shop  
(Shopmobility Howard centre) Mornings 9am - 1pm  
Afternoons 1pm - 4.30pm. Contact Sheila  
Whittemore Tel 01234 404962.

**'Pearls of Wisdom' quiz** coming on Sunday 14  
October. £1 per entry all proceeds for Mission  
Funds. Closing date 18 November. Draw on Sunday  
25 - First two correct solutions drawn from hat win  
£10 & £5 respectively. Sylvia Cohen 343424

**Tesco Sports Vouchers** are being collected by St  
Mark's Preschool. Vouchers may be handed in at the  
Church Office and will be gratefully received. Very  
many thanks. Helen Harpin.

**Footprints** Sunday 7th October Navigators' Way—  
meet at North Bridge in the centre of Shefford  
2.30pm for a 4 mile circular walk based on the River  
Ivel navigation. John & Sally Gunning 305925.

**"At Your Service"** Too much to do and not enough  
time to do it? Two wonderful "Girl Fridays" can help  
you with housework, shopping, gardening, walking  
the dog, chauffeuring—in fact anything to make life  
easier (at very reasonable cost) Phone 07732191114  
or 07879486286

**Joseph** We have put together a photo board of the  
Joseph Workshop. It can be viewed in the large hall  
at Putnoe from today. Please let Liz know if you  
would like copies.

**Bedfordshire Festival** of Music, Speech and  
Drama. Please let Liz know if you would like to enter  
the Bible Reading class. We hope to continue the  
success of last year with first and second places from  
Chloe at St Mark's and Sarah at Putnoe. Entries  
need to be in by 1 December.

### 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.

**Hazel Elizabeth Williams**  
**Roger 'Bill' William Smith**

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



### St Mark's Coffee Shop

Every Sunday  
2.30pm— 5.00pm  
Don't forget to come along  
and enjoy great teas

**Fun Barn Dance** Putnoe 17 November 6.00pm -  
9.00pm details to follow.  
Putnoe Harvest Bring and Buy. The youth team are  
having a bring and buy cake stall. Half the proceeds  
will go to Malawi Children's Corner Project, which will  
launch next week. All donations greatly received.

**Storybox Team Volunteers wanted.** Could you join  
the storytellers, caterers and room setters. Small  
commitment on Mondays once every 4 weeks.  
Please see Liz for more details on how to support our  
very successful under 5's group.

**Thank you** to Judith Stanton and her supporters at  
her Whist Group for their recent donation to the  
church of £120.

**Many thanks** for saving and sending your plastic  
sleeving. All card kits have now been completed, so  
I do not need the supply to continue. Thanks again.  
Marion

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**Service of Holy Communion** at Sir William Harpur  
House on the first Monday of every month at  
10.00am, led by Charles Royden. Everybody is  
invited to attend, not just residents. Next Service  
this coming Monday.

### Banns



We publish the banns and pray for  
the marriage of Danielle Monique  
Martin and Paul Barrett to take place  
on Friday 12th October at 4pm at St  
Mark's.

### Rest in Peace



**The funeral of Mrs Audrey Anstee**  
will take place at St Mark's Chapel on  
Tuesday 9 October 2007  
Royden