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Partnership News

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Partnership Church Services Today

8.30am Holy Communion every Sunday

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

9.30am St. Mark's– Holy Communion with Prayer for Christian Healing

Preacher - Mr Richard Ledger
Leadership Team – Mrs Laura Farthing
Intercessions – Mrs Delia Shephard

11.00am Putnoe Heights– Holy Communion with Prayer for Christian Healing

Preacher - Mr Richard Ledger
Leadership Team – Mrs Jenny Emsley
Intercessions – Mrs Claire Peck

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9.30am St. Mark's– Family Service

Preacher - Mrs Wendy Waters
Leadership Team - Mrs. Delia Shephard
Intercessions - Mrs. Morag Stewart

11.00am Putnoe Heights - Family Service

Preacher - Mrs Wendy Waters
Leadership Team - Mrs. Linda Hoar
Intercessions - The Ministers

Bible Readings

1. Exodus 12: 1-14
2. Romans 13: 8-14
3. Matthew 18: 15-20

Thank You

The flowers at Putnoe Heights this week have been given by Margaret and Eddy Peck to celebrate family wedding anniversaries.

The flowers at St Mark's this week have been given by Brian Sallows in memory of his wife Carol.

We are always grateful for any donations for flowers perhaps to celebrate a special occasion such as 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) or add your name to the rota in the foyers.

Prayer for Sunday

Amid the uncertainties of continual change, Spirit of God, guide us as we face the challenges of being your people, the Church, today. Help us as we pray to accept your call. Grant us courage to step out in faith with the message of Christ, that God's love and forgiveness may be known by all. Amen.

Angela Dobbins

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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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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

11am - 12. The Right Track at St Mark's. Signpost information for people with learning difficulties. Gina Barton ☎07999859980

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

1.45pm U3A History Group St Mark's 2nd & 4th week of the month. ☎ David Fowler 824474

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. Margo Needham 843747

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 ☎07720713738.

6.15 Pilates at Putnoe Heights Jane Butcher 300859

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

7.30pm Cancer Care Society. Meets monthly at St Mark's. Contact Mr J Dewhurst ☎01908 377020

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

7.15pm Yoga. Putnoe Heights Lena Holland ☎244970

7.30pm Whist Drive. St Mark's 3rd & 5th week each month. Next meeting 18 August Judith Stanton. ☎823313

7.30pm House group 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

9.40 -12.30 Jo Jingles. St. Mark's. Music & movement for pre-school children. Jayne Philips 01582 485333

10am -Bedford 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 2nd September - AGM. 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 ☎295862 or ☎07917582468.

7.00pm Hearts in Beds Cardiac Support Group
St Mark's 1st Tuesday ☎Parsons 351150

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

7.30pm Putnoe Heights Ladies Tuesday Club - Meets fortnightly. Next meeting 9 September 'A Marathon Run' Jeanette Taylor. More details from Audrey Wilkins ☎365068 or Margaret Gentle ☎309043

Wednesday

9.15am Paint Tots St Mark's Jacqui Hanahan ☎824475

9.30am Childminding Support Group Putnoe Heights. Mrs S Longman ☎313949

9.30am Body Control Pilates. Putnoe Heights. Stephanie Smith ☎07973174430.

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 1 October 2008 Putnoe Heights Office ☎365630

12.30pm Men's Fellowship Lunch St Mark's 2nd week each month. Chris Izzard ☎212164

1.00-3pm Police Surgery at Putnoe Heights.

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

1.45 Scots Society Whist monthly. All welcome Nancy Barr 268147

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 Racheall 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 Putnoe Guild Putnoe Heights monthly Janice ☎ Loxley 347073

7.00pm U3A Sky at Night 2nd Wednesday of the month. Mr Farish ☎824984

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 September 2008. All welcome. Graham ☎406359 or Alan 345312.

8.00pm Bedford Wine and Social Club St Mark's 1st week in the month. Mrs Gansfield ☎215016
7.45 for 8pm God talk—women's group monthly meeting for worship and friendly chat at Wendy Nash's Contact Majella Atkinson ☎325293

Thursday

9.30am Thursday Prayer Group. Putnoe Heights in the quiet room.26 June will be at 14 Flint Way. Sylvia Cohen ☎343424

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

9.45am Yoga Putnoe Heights Lena Holland ☎244970

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

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

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

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 Nina Ovenden☎825059

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

7.00pm British Cardiac Patients Assoc.at Putnoe bi monthly Mrs.E. Marriot 303834

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

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 Jean Birks ☎219607

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 ☎295862 or ☎07917 582468

2.00pm U3A Gardening Group Putnoe Heights Eve Whitehead ☎356875

6.30pm –7.30pm Line Dancing. Beginners 7-8pm Improvers St Mark's Christine Rushton ☎782360

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

7.45pm Astrology Group St Mark's as from 11th January. Mr Kenworthy ☎402792

Saturday

9.00pm Stars School of Dance. Putnoe Esther Sancto ☎295862 or ☎07917 582468

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

1.30pm Young Embroiders bi monthly Terry Fletcher Tel 357198

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. Not in August.

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

4pm B.A.M.A.A. at St Mark's. Chinese soft martial arts. Mr Chris Butcher ☎07886894922

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

Diary Dates



St Mark's Church Council – , 18 November
St Mark's Leadership Team – 8 September, 24 November
Putnoe Heights Leadership Team – 1 September
Putnoe Heights Children & Youth Committee
Putnoe Heights Management

Meeting-29th September at 7.30pm.

St Mark's Church Forum Meeting - .9 September, 12 November all at 12 noon

Putnoe Church Council - 6 October.

Pastoral Group Meeting - Monday 30th September at 4.30pm

Churchyard Committee - November 12 at 11am

Putnoe Heights Mission Group –

Partnership Council -

Brickhill Parish Council Meetings - 4th September, 2nd October 2008

Deanery Meeting - 18 September, 13 November

Circuit/Deanery Meeting

Woodland Burial Trustees -

Mission Group Meeting

Putnoe Heights Children & Youth –8th September 1st December.

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**If any
want to become
my followers, let them
deny themselves and
take up their cross
and follow me.**
Matthew 16.24

Opening Verses of Scripture Psalm 105

Praise the LORD and pray in his name! Tell everyone what he has done. Sing praises to the LORD! Tell about his miracles. Celebrate and worship his holy name with all your heart.

Collect Prayer for the Day — Before we read we pray

God of all creation, you call all peoples of the earth into your kingdom. Grant that we, with young and old of all nations, may boldly confess Jesus Christ as Lord; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and praise, now and forever. **Amen** *Methodist Worship*

First Bible Reading Exodus 3: 1-15

Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the desert and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up." When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am." "Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God. The LORD said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" And God said, "I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you ^[a] will worship God on this mountain." Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am . ^[b] This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.' " God also said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, ^[c] the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, the name by which I am to be remembered from generation to generation.

Second Reading Romans 12:9-21

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honour one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervour, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take

revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay, says the Lord. On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. (Reader: This is the word of the Lord -- Thanks be to God)

Gospel Reading Matthew 16:21-28

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

From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!" Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men." Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it. What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what he has done. I tell you the truth, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom (Reader: This is the word of the Lord - Thanks be to God)

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the Apostles teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Hymns *(Please distribute Communion and Prayer for Christian Healing and Hymns and Psalms)*

- 1 Praise the Lord, his glories show 14
2. I am not skilled to understand. 221
3. Jesus invites his saints 612
4. We are called to be God's people. *(On Partnership News page 8)*

Commentary

Exodus 3: 1-15

We would be amazed to see a bush on fire, but to Moses it would not have been so unusual; it happens in dry areas where you get lightning strikes.

On this occasion Moses takes a second look at the familiar and has a decisive encounter with God.

Perhaps we should look for this too: an 'ordinary' service or conversation could change our lives!

5 points to ponder

- 1 God called Moses by name. He knows us.
- 2 God knew the situation of the Israelites. He knows ours too.
- 3 God has plans for the people. He has plans for us.
- 4 God told Moses; "So now go". He calls us to follow him.
- 5 God said "I will be with you". He promises to be with us.

There are echoes of Matthew 28: 18-20.

Jesus said "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

We know that existence is not the same as living. The difference is a bit like that between black and white and colour T.V. You see the same sort of picture - but there really is no comparison! In our gospel reading from Matthew 16 Jesus gives his recipe for life as distinct from existence.

William Barclay makes three points:

- 1 The person who 'plays for safety' loves life. Life becomes a soft thing when it might have been an adventure; a selfish thing when it might have been radiant with service.
- 2 The person who risks all - and maybe looks as if he has lost all - for Christ, finds life.

3 We cannot get life back again. In every decision we are making ourselves a certain kind of person - building up a certain kind of character. It is possible to gain all we have set our hearts on only to discover that we have missed the most important things of all.
As the hymn says "Love, so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all" *Richard Ledger*

Meditation

Jesus said "My command is this; love one another as I have loved you."

From heaven you came, helpless babe, entered our world, your glory veiled;
not to be served but to serve, and give Your life, that we might live.

*This is our God, the Servant King, he calls us now to follow Him,
to bring our lives as a daily offering of worship to the Servant King.*

There in the garden of tears, my heavy load he chose to bear;
his heart with sorrow was torn, 'Yet not My will but Yours,' he said.

Come see His hands and His feet, the scars that speak of sacrifice;
hands that flung stars into space to cruel nails surrendered.

So let us learn how to serve, and in our lives enthrone Him;
each other's needs to prefer, for it is Christ we're serving.

Prayers for Sunday and the week ahead

God the Father, eternally mysterious, we worship you. God the Son, eternally responding, we bless you. God the Holy Spirit, eternally witnessing, we adore you. Holy and glorious Trinity, three persons and one God, we magnify you, now and for ever. Amen. Nestorian Liturgy, 5th century

News

The journal of one of the original leaders of Methodism, Charles Wesley, has been transcribed by the Revd Professor Kenneth Newport, Pro-Vice-Chancellor at Liverpool Hope University. The journal sheds new light on Wesley's life, and on his relationship with his brother, John, which was at times tempestuous. Professor Newport has spent count-less hours over the past ten years deciphering Wesley's short-hand code in the journal, which was written between 1736 and 1756. He carried out the work at the John Rylands University Library in Manchester, where the Methodist archive is on permanent deposit. The journal chronicles disagreements between the brothers, about the future direction of the Methodist societies — which Charles was adamant should remain within the Church of England — and the importance of lay preaching and the sacraments, among other things. Charles wrote: "I am for Church first, and then Method-ism."

The journal also reveals a pact the brothers had that neither would marry without the other's approval; and Charles's opposition to John's proposed marriage. He wrote: "He is insensible of both his own folly and danger, and of the divine goodness in so miraculously saving him."

Charles speculated that the disputes with his brother had contributed to his wife Sally's miscarriage. John, he wrote, had "cast poison into the cup of temporal blessings".

He also writes of the allegations of sexual misconduct during a missionary trip to Georgia in the United States — allegations that he always vehemently denied.

Professor Newport said the journal helped to make Charles Wesley more real. "I think there is a sanitised hagiographical view of Charles Wesley; so it is helpful to see how even he struggled with his faith at times in the day-to-day life of the 18th century, and found solace and strength in the divine.

"He had trials and tribulations, and it's quite helpful to have this portrait of Charles Wesley rather than this saintly, halo-endowed individual."

Toby Scott, a spokesman for the Methodist Church, agreed that the journal brought out the preacher's human side. The negative allegations were "nothing new", he said.

Professor Newport's task was made easier when he found part of the Authorised Version of the Bible in Wesley's highly idiosyncratic short-hand. Professor Newport, who is also Associate Priest of St Peter's, Bolton, was aided in the editing of the 1000-page manuscript by S. T. Kimbrough Jr, an author from the United States.

Putnoe Heights will host a Circuit Service on Sunday evening 9 November at 6.30pm, for Claire Peck's Commissioning as a Local Preacher.

Putnoe Heights Tuesday Club is an open club that meets fortnightly and offers a warm welcome to ladies of any age. Each meeting we have a speaker or activity and conclude with a cup of tea or coffee for just a £1. Our next meeting is on 9th September when our speaker will talk about her marathon run. Later meetings include armchair aerobics (great fun), harvest, Christmas crafts and a singalong. We invite you to come along and join us at 7.30pm at Putnoe Heights. Further details from Audrey(365068) or Margaret (309043).

" **7 days of creation**" This presentation by the young people of the Partnership will now be part of the All Age service at Putnoe on Sunday 7th September. Watch this space for a date at St Marks.

New Term Storybox for our pre schoolers restarts at Putnoe on Monday 8th September at 12.00 Storybox plus for our 5- 9 year olds restarts at Putnoe on Monday 15th September 3.30 Junior Church and YPF restarts at Putnoe on Sunday 14th September We look forward to welcoming back old and new members, why not bring a friend as we have an exciting term planned. Liz and Sam

Footprints Walking Group All are welcome to join us on a walk on Sunday 31 August in the Leighton Buzzard area. It is a pleasant and varied walk alongside the river Ouzel and the Grand Union Canal. Distance approximately 4 miles consists of some road/pavement walking, sandy paths, a stretch in grassy fields where there may be some (mainly avoidable) mud after rain, and finishing on a stretch of gravel/surfaced canal tow path. There is only one stile to climb. Meet at 2.30pm in the car park of Tesco's in Leighton Buzzard. Enter the parking area by passing Tesco's petrol station on your right and head for the area marked by a green sign welcoming you to Homebase – we will be in this part of the car park, which is shared by Tesco's and Homebase. Do not use the part of the car park on the left as you enter the complex as this has a barrier which may be closed when we return. We have a mobile phone with us, 07710 520674. *Alison and Warwick Holden, tel 01234 403551*

Leadership Teams As meetings start up again after the summer please note that the next meetings are as follows Putnoe Heights Leadership team will take place on 1 September. St Mark's Leadership Team will take place on 8 September. If you have any matters for discussion

by the teams then please speak with church leaders prior to the meeting.

Sponsored 'Bike 'n Hike' Saturday 13 September. There are hundreds of churches open throughout the county that can be visited on your route to raise money for the Bedfordshire & Hertfordshire Historic Churches Trust. Sponsor forms can be obtained from Wendy Nash at Punoe

Putnoe Heights Harvest Lunch Sunday 5th October (note Harvest Festival Service will be held on Sunday 28th September). Tickets available for lunch from Putnoe Office, £5.00 per adult (£2.50 children under 10).

Accommodation Required Do you have a spare room that you would not mind renting out on a permanent basis? Rent will be paid on a weekly basis. Amount to be agreed upon if you can help. I am a young mature adult 25 years old not a professional. I am very willing to help with housework and any other domestic jobs which need doing. I would very much appreciate the company of other people in the house. If you can be of any help or know anyone who can please contact Graeme Bloom on 01234 262300 Or 07732 417329. (Member of Priory Methodist Church.)

From Joan When we got back from my farewell service on Sunday evening, the house looked like Chelsea Flower Show combined with Christmas! Paul and I spent a very happy time reading through the Memory Book and the cards and messages. When I opened my present from the Church, I was so touched by your generosity. I am deeply grateful for your presents, your kind wishes and unfailing support for me throughout the last six years. Thank you too for everyone who contributed to the banquet for the party (and all without a kitchen!). The service was lovely and we will all of us remember the brilliant farewell from the children and the beautiful prayers. It was a wonderful sendoff and so good to see so many dear friends there. I shall be sure to keep in touch and will be back to visit in due course. Meanwhile, much love and my prayers for everyone in the Partnership. Joan

'God Talk' 8pm Wednesday 3 September at home of Wendy Waters 13 Farnham Way Putnoe. Further details from Majella Atkinson 325293

Please remember to buy everything you need through Amazon, by clicking on the link at thischurch.com

amazon.co.uk

Offertory Envelopes Members of the Envelope Scheme at Putnoe Heights Church are invited to collect their set of envelopes for the next twelve months from the table in the welcome area. Anyone interested in joining the scheme, or in setting up a standing order, can get further details from John Hitt (404186).

We pray for the marriage of Christopher Andrew and Gemma Leanne Clark, of the parish of St Mary, Goldington and on the electoral roll of this parish. (3rd time of asking)

New Bishop There is an interesting profile for the new bishop and the Diocese of St Albans which can be accessed from our church website www.thisischurch.com

Music at St Andrew's Church, Bedford

Friday 10 October 2008 at 5.30pm
Free entry Saturday 11 October 2008 at 7.30pm
Bring and Sing - Vivaldi 'Gloria' and Vaughan Williams 'Five Mystical Songs' Rehearsal for singers at 2.30pm Conductor Ian Smith
Pre-concert talk at 7.00pm by Roger Wright, Director BBC Proms and Controller of BBC Radio 3. Tickets £7 (£5 concessions) available from: St Andrew's Church Centre Office, 01234 216881
Classic Music, 01234 357221 Central Box Office 01234 269519

Deacons Visit. This coming Wednesday we will be visited by Kristina Nedell and a team of Deacon from Sweden. If you would like to meet them please come to St Mark's. We would also appreciate any offers of help with transport from Queens Park to St Mark's at 1.45pm

A Hymn for Sunday

We are called to be God's people
showing by our lives his grace,
one in heart and one in spirit,
sign of hope for every race.
Let us show how he has changed us,
and remade us as his own;
Let us share our life together
as we shall around his throne.

We are called to be God's servants,
working in his world today;
taking his own task upon us,
all his sacred words obey.
Let us rise, then, to his summons,
dedicate to him our all,
that we may be faithful servants,
quick to answer now his call.

We are called to be God's prophets,
speaking for the truth and right;
standing firm for godly justice,
bringing evil into light.
Let us seek the courage needed,
our high calling to fulfil,
that mankind may know God's blessing
In the doing of his will.

Thomas A. Jackson (b. 1931)

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.

Henrietta Elizabeth Hulatt

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



Rest in Peace

The funeral of Mr John Harding will take place at Bedford Crematorium on Tuesday 2 September at 9.15am *Royden*

The funeral of Barbara Edith Clorley will take place at Bedford Crematorium at 1.45pm on Tuesday 2 September. *Royden*

The funeral of Mrs Thelma Ayres will take place on Thursday 4 September at Bedford Crematorium at 12.15pm *Royden*