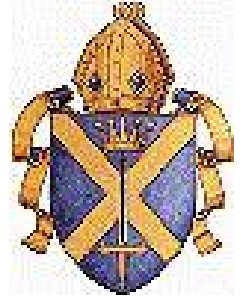


Partnership News

4 April 2010
Easter Sunday



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 – Family Communion
Preacher - Revd Dr Sam Cappleman
Leadership - Mr Michael Ovenden
Intercessions –Mrs Alison Holden

11.00am Putnoe Heights – Family Communion
Preacher – Revd Dr Sam Cappleman
Leadership — Mrs Wendy Nash
Intercessions –Dr Tim Wilkes

11th April Second Sunday of Easter

9.30am St. Mark's –Morning Worship

Preacher - Revd Charles Royden
Leadership –Mrs Laura Farthing
Intercessions – Mr Chris Izzard

11.00am Putnoe Heights– Morning Worship

Preacher – Revd Charles Royden
Leadership – Mr Lawrence Wyatt
Intercessions – Mrs Sue Allen

Readings 1. Acts 5: 27-32 .2. Rev 1: 4-8
3. John 20:19-31

Thank You

The flowers at Putnoe Heights Church this week have been given by Jenny Blakely in loving memory of her Mum, Phyl Bland, and friend Ettie Cobley.

The flowers at St. Mark's Church this week have been given in memory of John Eason.

We are grateful when people make donations towards 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 Ann Hitt 404186 (Putnoe Heights) or add your name to the rota in the foyers.

**Risen Lord,
give me strength to trust
that in your mercy,
you have gone before us
from the darkness of the tomb,
to lead all people back to God.**

He is not here;
he has risen,
just as he said.

Matthew 28:6



Regular Weekly Activities - A Guide To Our Churches

Monday

9.15 -11.45 am Mon-Fri Putnoe Heights Pre-school
Headteacher Mrs Janet Smith ☎326685

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

9.30-3.15pm Top Marks Mon-Fri St Mark's
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.

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 J Birks ☎219607

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

1.30pm U3A History Group St Mark's. David Fowler ☎ 824474

2pm U3A Drama St Mark's 1st & 2nd week. Mr Ovenden ☎ 825059

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 or 07881730747

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 Pat Nicholson ☎353518

7.30pm Cancer Care Society. St Mark's. 1st Week. Mr J Dewhurst ☎01908 377020

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

7.15pm Yoga. Putnoe Heights Denise Green ☎244970

7.30pm Whist Drive. St Mark's 3rd & 5th week . Next meeting March 29 -Royal Marsden Hospital. 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 Jo Jingles. St. Mark's. Music & movement for pre-school children. Renu Elston ☎07790296016

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

9.30am -12.30 & 4-9pm Slimming World St. Mark's. Helen Folbigg ☎351223

10am Autism Beds Adult Support Group. St Mark's. Sally Cripsley ☎350704

11.15am U3A Keep Fit Putnoe Heights Sally Banks ☎ 870357

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

1.30pm U3A Cinema Group. St Mark's 4th Week in

month . Mrs Beaumont ☎261461

2.00pm U3A Book Group. St Mark's 3rd Week Mrs Forrest ☎344043

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

2pm U3A Photography (Group 3) St Mark's 1st Week. Janet King ☎313946

2.15pm Putnoe Heights Women's Fellowship. Next meeting April 13 Mr. Richard Ledger Betty Wyatt ☎ 350188.

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.

3.45pm Stars School of Dance. Putnoe Heights. Esther Sancto ☎295862 or 07917582468.

6.30pm Creative Card making. Putnoe Heights Church. Carol Houghton ☎346718

6.30pm Yoga Putnoe Heights Veronica Lafferty ☎781466 or 07788750360

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

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

7.30pm Hearts & Beds. Cardiac Support Group 1st Tuesday in the month. Brian Ibberson ☎403497

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

7.30pm Putnoe Heights Ladies Tuesday Club - Meets fortnightly. Next meeting April 6 Easter Bunny Hunt Details from Janet King 313946

8.15pm - 10.15pm Bedford Advanced Dancers St. Mark's 1st Tuesday in month. Shirley Sadler ☎01767 651767

Wednesday

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

10am U3A Card Making, St Mark's Church. 4th week in the month.

12.30pm Luncheon Club. Putnoe Heights fortnightly. Next - 14 April 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

1.45 Scots Society Whist Putnoe monthly .All welcome Nancy Barr ☎268147

2-5pm Police Surgery. St Mark's Foyer. ☎349179

1.30-4.30pm U3A Craft St Mark's 1st & 3rd week. Pat Holland ☎262823

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 or 07910835994.

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

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

7.00pm Archaeological & Local History Society Putnoe Heights monthly. Vanessa Aykac 268098 or 07917385987

7.00pm Putnoe Guild Putnoe Heights monthly Janice Loxley ☎ 347073

7.00pm Line Dancing Putnoe Heights Mike Del-Boyer ☎348378

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

8.00pm Tudor Reeds Folk Dance Club meet at St Mark's 1st,3rd & 5th Wednesday in month. Next Meeting 7 April 2010 Guest caller Terry Elvins. Everyone welcome. All dances called, only £1 including refreshments. Ring Alan 345312. or Rosemary 405594 for more details

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. Sylvia Cohen ☎343424 .

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 group for Mums & toddlers. Emma Strangwick ☎211070

11am-12noon Citizens Advice Bureau at Putnoe Heights. **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.Next meeting 22 April Contact Jaana Swaby 01234 363283

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

2.30 - 4.30pm Bedford Art Society at St Mark's. Malcolm Smith ☎400741

4 - 7.00pm Police Surgery. St Mark's Foyer. ☎349179

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

6.15pm Brownies. Putnoe Heights Caroline Morgan ☎07786508351

7.00pm Club 2000 Putnoe Heights Nina Ovenden ☎825059

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

7.15pm Putnoe Art Group Bob Wardale ☎406094

7.30pm Bedford Embroiderers' Guild St Mark's 3rd week in month. Pauline Lynham ☎01525 714517

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 Jean Birks ☎219607

8.00pm Brickhill Ladies Group St Mark's 1st and 3rd week in month. Julie Nicholson ☎353642

Friday

9.30-12.30pm U3A Photography (Group 1) St Marks 4th week in month Val Scrivener ☎346397

9.00am Clubhouse St. Mark's for those with Learning

Disabilities. Karen Bywater ☎315460.

10am - 12 & 1.15 - 3.15pm U3A Beginners French St Mark's Joyce Fields ☎353086

12.15pm U3A Photography (Group 2). St Mark's 4th week in month. Sue Butler ☎354183

5pm Stars School of Dance Putnoe Heights Contact Esther Sancto ☎295862 or ☎07917 582468

2.00pm U3A Gardening Group Putnoe Heights Eve Whitehead ☎356875

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

7.45 - 10.45pm Bedford Astrology Club. St. Mark's. 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

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. Please see Liz ☎302349 .



Diary Dates

St Mark's Church Council – 22 June, 8 November.

St Mark's Leadership Team – 20th April.

Putnoe Heights Leadership Team – 7 June at the Manse, 18 October

Putnoe Heights Management Meeting ; 24 May

St Mark's Church Forum Meeting -

Putnoe Church Council - 21 June, 25 October.

Pastoral Group Meeting - 20th April at 4.30pm

Churchyard Committee - 26 May at 11am.

Putnoe Heights Mission Group—

Partnership Council—TBA

Brickhill Parish Council Meetings

Deanery Meeting - 5 May, 17 June.

Circuit Property/Treasurers Meeting

Circuit Meeting 8 March at Oakley

Woodland Burial Trustees – Sunday 16th May AGM

Putnoe Heights Children & Youth –

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

Easter Sunday

Opening Verse of Scripture -Psalm 118:28

You are my God, and I will give you thanks;
you are my God, and I will exalt you. Give
thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love
endures forever.



Collect Prayer for the Day - Before we read we pray:

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. Common Worship

First Reading – Acts 10: 34-43

Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favouritism but accepts men from every nation who fear him and do what is right. You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, telling the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. You know what has happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him. "We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

(Reader: This is the Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God**)

Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 15: 19-26

If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men. But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in his own turn: Christ, the first fruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For he "has put everything under his feet." Now when it says that "everything" has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put everything under Christ. When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all

.(Reader: This is the Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God**)

In fact,
Christ has been raised
from the dead,
the first fruits of those
who have died.
1 Corinthians 15:20



Gospel Reading – John 20: 1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!" So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. ⁴Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter, who was

behind him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen. Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.)

Then the disciples went back to their homes, but Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. "Woman," he said, "why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet returned to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

(This is the Word of the Lord — **All: Thanks be to God**)

Post Communion Prayer

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life: help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Hymns - (Please distribute Mission Praise and Communion Booklets)

Christ the Lord is risen today, 76;

This is the day, 691;

Low in the grave He lay, 453;

Thine be the glory, 689

Commentary

It can be very easy for us to just see the resurrection as an historical fact, one which is centrally important to our Christian faith, but the importance of which is as an event which happened in history around 2000 years ago. And the resurrection is indeed a fact. Paul often emphasises the factual reality of the resurrection in his letters, particularly to the Corinthians who wanted to deny this Easter fact but follow the Easter faith. Sometimes our discussions with non believers can centre of the point of whether the resurrection actually happened or not. And as a component of our belief, the fact of the resurrection is crucially important. The fact of the resurrection is that God has won the ultimate victory over those powers which oppose His will and seek to destroy His creation. The fact is that Easter day confirms that God's mission is accomplished, He has reclaimed creation, albeit with a bit of mopping up to do. The creation that Paul describes in Romans as, 'subject to frustration' and 'groaning' in its desire to come into its own, has been redeemed, it's a fact. A creation that includes every one of us has been made whole. Though Christ's death and resurrection Jesus broke the power of death and opened the way to heaven for each one of us. Through Jesus' life, He sanctified life; through His death, he gave life to all. It's the glorious fact of Easter. But the resurrection is more than just a fact, it has implications too. In living out the fact of the resurrection, the church is called to be a witness to the new beginning brought to the world through Jesus. To use the metaphor of John, the Old World Order has passed; the New World Order has come and we are to be living witness to that New World Order. We are called to be that New Creation and are exhorted to call others into the new life we enjoy. Robert Webber writes, 'Christ is the one in whom life and the new creation, the beginning again of our lives and of all creation is assured. Our Easter calling is to let Him live in us, to embrace by faith His new life, to let it take hold of us, to participate with Him and His resurrection for the life of the whole world. In this way we are born again (Jn 3 v 3) and we are made a new creation (2 Cor 5 v 17)'. This is our Easter spirituality, borne out of the fact of the Easter fact of the resurrection. The link between the Easter fact of the resurrection and our Easter Spirituality is made through how we understand our Easter Christian belief. A belief which calls us to be equally concerned about our participation as it is about our belief in a set of facts.

Looking back over time perhaps helps us understand the two dynamics of our Easter faith. Up until the Middle Ages and the Enlightenment the verb 'to believe' had a different meaning to that which is

understood today. Before then 'to believe' did not mean so much to believe that a statement was true or not, but more that the object of belief, which was always a person, was true and credible. Today we might see this as the difference between 'believing that' and 'believing in'. In our twenty-first century internet connected society the emphasis is much more on facts, data and information, about 'believing that' rather than 'believing in'. But it was not always the case. Moreover, to believe in a person is very different from believing that a statement or series of statements, about a person is true. Believing in somebody implies a relationship of trust and credibility, of loyalty and even love. Thus, in earliest times, to believe in Jesus did not mean so much that a person believed in a set of creedal statements, but that they believed in Jesus the person. It meant I believe (and trust) in Him, to use the phrase from our Baptism service.

Today our belief is based on both a 'belief that' and a 'belief in'. We do believe in a set of creedal statements about who Christ is and what He has done for each one of us and all of creation. This 'belief that' is important as it stops us slipping into heresy and forms part of our protestant doctrinal heritage. But its only by 'believing in', who Jesus is that our lives can be transformed by the reality of the resurrection as we actively participate in its reality day by day. Simply put, the way of living the resurrected life is through participation, not just an intellectual acknowledgement and agreement with a set of doctrinal principles.

This change between 'belief that' and 'belief in' is demonstrated in the gospels. Jesus Himself testifies to it in that He does not point outside Himself and say 'there is the resurrection', or 'let me give you some factual details about the resurrection', as if implying belief that a particular theoretical construct or philosophical system will bring us to new life, He simply points to Himself and says, 'I am the resurrection', urging us to simply believe in Him. The difference in 'believing that' and 'believing in' is also seen in today's gospel reading. A casual read through the passage shows that there is a lot of 'seeing' going on. Mary arrives at the tomb and 'sees' that the stone has been rolled away. Peter 'saw' the strips of linen. Mary then 'sees' two angels. The word that's used for 'seeing' in these cases means 'to see as an observer'. Mary observed that the stone had been rolled away. Peter observed the strips of linen, Mary observed two angels. But then Jesus reveals Himself to Mary and the words change. She runs back to the disciples and cries out, 'I have seen the Lord!' This is now no mere observation or comment from a casual spectator. Mary is no longer looking at Jesus as an observer but as an active participant in the new creation which He brings. Before she may have believed in the fact that Jesus would rise from the dead, now she believes in the risen Christ who has spoken to her personally. It's an earth-shattering difference. The fact of the resurrection had become a reality in her life. It's as if an electric shock has gone through her system. The power and energy present in the risen Christ is now present in her life and she runs back to the disciples to proclaim the Good News. Her life would never be the same again. The challenge and encouragement to each one of us this and every Easter is to so experience that same life transforming energy, power and reality in our lives, that we, and the lives of those around us, will never the same again. It's a step of faith, as inch by inch we transition from the security of 'believing that' the resurrection happened, towards the insecurity and Easter adventure that is 'believing in' the resurrected Christ, who rose from the grave as saviour of the world and the inaugurator of God's New creation and world order in, and through, each one of us.

Sam Cappleman

Meditation

No one saw it happen. The early writers are very forthcoming about that. If they had wanted, they could have sketched a real Spielberg scene: "The rocks seemed almost 'uneasy', trembling. Then they began to shimmer and quake etc. etc." But they were honest enough not to. All we have is the testimony of the people who claimed to have encountered Him alive after He had been demonstrably dead. What's more, they often went to horrifying deaths rather than deny that experience of Jesus risen. All they had to do was say, "We were fooled. We made it up to get a following." But they didn't. Something earthshaking had happened to them. That's undeniable. Good Friday, they cowered like rats behind the locked doors of the upper room. Then, in little more than a month, those same despicable turncoats were out on the streets! Preaching fearlessly of their experience. Daring imprisonment, ostracism, rejection from the Temple that had been the focus of their lives. Because they claimed to have experienced the inconceivable: a man come back from the dead. Every one of their martyrdoms was a death bed confession to that experience. I tend to believe those.

William J O'Malley in Lenten Prayers for Busy People

Prayers for Sunday and the Week Ahead

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

Risen Lord Jesus, as Mary Magdalene met you in the garden on the morning of your resurrection, so may we meet you today and every day: speak to us as you spoke to her; reveal yourself as the living Lord; renew our hope and kindle our joy; and send us to share the good news with others. Amen

Today we rejoice in the salvation of the world. Christ is risen; let us arise in him! Christ enters new life; let us live in him! Christ has come forth from the tomb; Let us shake off the fetters of evil! The gates of hell are open, the powers of evil are overcome! In Christ a new creation is coming to birth, Alleluia! Lord make us new, Alleluia! Amen

Living God, you have given us a 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 eternal life. Amen

Charity Theatre Event-Cancer Research UK and Great Ormond Street Hospital are joining forces with the help of Sharnbrook Mill Theatre Trust to offer tickets for their next musical production of "Man of La Mancha" on Friday, 14 May at 7.45pm. Tickets are £12.50 each which will include a glass of wine or soft drink and there will be a Grand Raffle. All profits will be divided equally between the two charities. The story is that of Don Quixote and the music is very catchy. You will probably know the song "The Impossible Dream" which is from the show. Please contact John Lingings (306676) or Sue & Richard Butler (354183) for tickets, and help us raise money for very deserving causes.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the christening of Emma Louse on Sunday 28 March a happy and joyous occasion. Wendy Kingstone & family.

Craft Stall would like to thank everyone for buying their Easter novelties.

Car Boot Sale –Monday 5 April is St Mark's first Car Boot of the season. We would be very grateful for bric-a-brac, tools, china, books, CD's, puzzles etc for the church stall. Tray bakes also welcome for the refreshments. Thank you

Storybox at St. Mark's on Thursdays between 12 and 1,(term time only), would appreciate some more volunteers to help with preparing the food or to tell a story based on the Bible. It will probably only be every 8 or 9 weeks. For further details please see Jaana or ring her on 363283.

Storybox at St. Mark's Will start again on April 22 at 12 noon. We look forward to seeing you then. Jaana 363283.

Footprints Ramble Easter Monday April 5

A six mile ramble along good paths and tracks (and a short road section) starting from Brook End Car Park in Potton. Meet at 10.30am. As you arrive in Potton follow 'Town Centre' then 'P' to reach the free public car park. Bring your own lunch - there does not appear to be any eating place in the town The walk can be downloaded from : <http://www.pottononline.net/walks/3>. For more info. phone Jean/Alan on 01234 317699.

Children's Work: There will be a 'gathering' to discuss the ongoing support of childrens work at Putnoe on Thursday April 8th, 10.30 am at Putnoe Heights, tea and cakes provided!

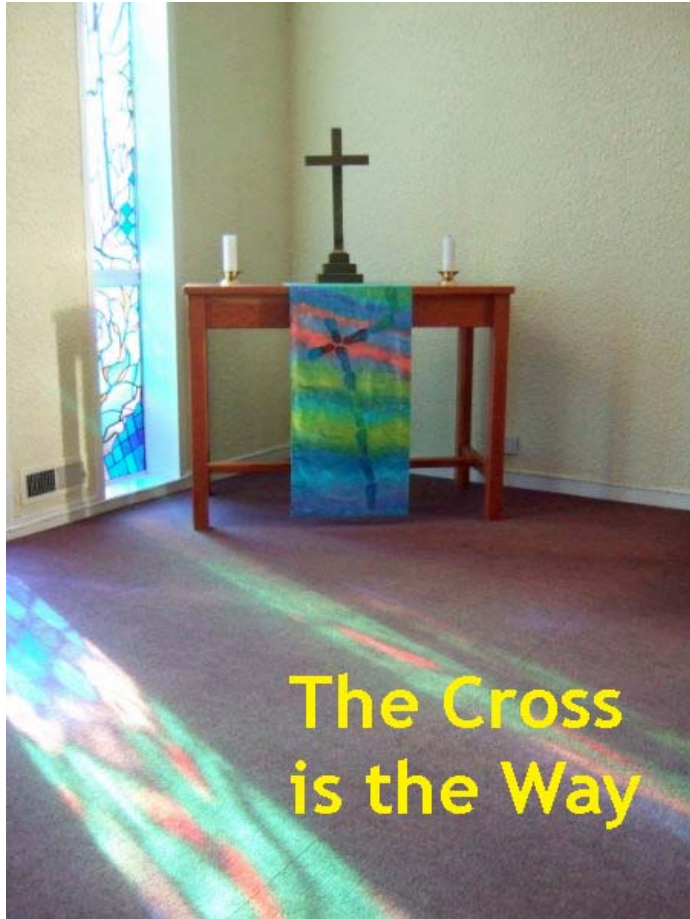
The primary aim is to ensure the work is able to continue until a new worker is appointed, all volunteers who are currently involved in any of the activities (Story Box, Story Box Plus, Junior Church, Holiday activities, TnT etc...) would be especially welcome, plus anyone with either an interest or able to offer short term support in any way.

If you are unable to attend, but wish to have input, please contact Jane, or someone else you know will be attending.

Kempston Musical Society perform The Creation, by Franz Josef Haydn, with excellent soloists, and directed by Janet Welsh. Tickets £7.50 may be purchased at the door.

Kempston East Church now has new comfortable seating, and is a very good venue.

Further details fro Alan Bayliss 268101



The Cross is the Way

On sunny Sunday mornings most of us are amazed by the colours made by the sun shining through the stained glass window at Putnoe Heights. As part of a degree in 'Embroidered Textiles' I have been working on a module called 'Liturgical Embroidery'.

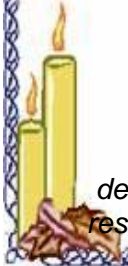
I wanted to make a cloth to sit on the small communion table which would emulate the colours and reflect the meaning of the symbols in the window. I decided to use the colours and theme of the central panel with the cross as the focal point. The cloth is the exact width of each window and hangs down to meet the reflections made by the sun.
Jean Kirk

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.

**Sue Lawrence
Julie Rose Mirto**

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



Putnoe Heights Church Part time children and youth worker

12 hours per week, £7 per hour
Would suit local person, able to work on their own and as part of a team, with some experience of work with children and young people -preferably within a Christian context - who could;

- Build up existing church based children's and youth activities
- Explore opportunities to develop new initiatives, both in the church and wider community
- Organise, plan and lead events and programmes
- Liaise with other individuals or groups working with children and youth in the locality, to enhance and increase the profile of this work

For further details and job description, please see the website www.thischurch.com or contact Deacon Jane mason on 01234 348091, email jane@thischurch.com. The closing date for applications is Friday 23rd April 2010

CAB run an advice session at the Putnoe Heights Children's Centre. It's from 11-12 on a Thursday morning and is a drop in service.

Holy Communion at Sir William Harpur House. There is a service of Holy Communion on the first Sunday of every month at 10.00am at Sir William Harpur House. All are welcome to attend this service



**Be thou comforted, little dog,
Thou too in Resurrection
shall have a little golden tail.**

Martin Luther, 16th century

Forthcoming Funerals



The funeral of Philippa Joan Westlake will take place at Bedford Crematorium on Tuesday 6 April at 11.30am



Visit our online chapel, Light a Candle of Remembrance. We have now provided the opportunity to visit our online chapel and light a prayer candle. Please visit www.thischurch.com and click on the candle.