



Methodist  
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# Partnership News

3 October 2004

## 27 in Ordinary - Harvest Festival

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



Church of  
England

### Church Services Today Harvest Festival

#### 8.30am Service of Holy Communion

Held at both churches

#### 9.30am St Mark's Church Family Worship

Preacher - Revd Charles Royden

Leadership Team - Mr Ian Farthing

Intercessions - Mr Ian Farthing

#### 11.00am Putnoe Heights - Family Worship

Preacher - Revd Charles Royden

Leadership Team - Mr Alan Cooper

Intercessions - Ministers

### 10 October

#### 8.30 am Service of Holy Communion

Held at both churches

#### 9.30am St. Mark's Church - Morning Worship

Preacher - Mr John Stubbs

Leadership Team - Mrs Delia Shephard

Intercessions Mrs Alison Holden

#### 11.00am Putnoe Heights - Morning Worship

Preacher - Mr John Stubbs

Leadership Team - Mr Peter Bailey

Intercessions - Mr Eddy Peck

**Thank you to those who have helped  
decorate our churches for harvest**

### Thank You

The flowers at Putnoe Heights Church this week have been given by Brian Hammond in memory of his wife Joy.

We are extremely grateful when donations are made for the flowers. This may be as a celebration of a happy occasion such as an anniversary or in memory of someone who has died. Contact Miss Marion Prior 303254 (St. Mark's) or Miss Jennie Cooper 404950 (Putnoe Heights).

### Prayer for Sunday

Grant to us, O Lord,  
purity of heart and strength of purpose,  
that no passion may hinder us  
from knowing your will,  
and no weakness from doing it;  
that in your light we may see light clearly,  
and in your service find perfect freedom;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen

*St Augustine of Hippo, 354-430*

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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

Open 9am - 1.00pm Monday & Friday

9am - 4pm Tuesday/Wednesday & Thursday

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# Regular Weekly Activities - A Guide To Our Churches

## Monday

**9.30 - 12.00 pm Pre-school** (See website for more details) Mrs Janet Smith 326685 (Putnoe Heights) or Mrs. Helen Harpin **312634** (St. Mark's).  
**10.00 am Day Care Centre** at St. Mark's Church for those with Learning Difficulties. Contact K Stenton 07748 760082  
**12.00pm - 1.00pm Storybox** at Putnoe Heights Church. Service for parents/carers & children under 5. Children's activities songs and prayers, all in one hour from 12-1pm!  
**4.15 - 5.45pm Kumon Maths** at Putnoe Heights. Contact Ms R.Mistry 01908 217555  
**6.00pm Brownies** St Mark's. Mrs Gill Lake 218091  
**6.15 pm Brownies** Putnoe. Alison McEwen 358583  
**7.30pm Sugarcraft Guild** meets first Monday every month at St. Mark's Mrs. Jill Williams 357020  
**7.15 m Guides** -St. Mark's. Mrs Gill Lake 218091  
**7.30- 9.30pm Creative Needles** at Putnoe Heights. Mrs Hayward 307648  
**7.30pm Whist Drive** - At St Mark's each month. Next 18 October St. Mark's Contact Mrs. Judith Stanton. 823313  
**7.30pm Housegroup** 30 The Ridgeway. The home of Eddy & Margaret Peck 267567.  
**8.00 - 9.00 pm 'Get Fit, Stay Fit'** at Putnoe Heights. Mrs Diane Field 404976

## Tuesday

**9.30am - 12.30pm Candlewicking** (Needlework) at Putnoe Heights - Mrs Olive Shotbolt 267203  
**9.30am - 11.30pm Jo Jingles** at St. Mark's. Music & movement for pre-school children. Contact Renu Elston 01908 282866  
**10.00am - 11.00am - Keep Fit** at Putnoe Heights. Contact Mrs Stileman 822230  
**1.30 -3.00pm Putnoe Heights Church Toddlers Playtime** Contact Geraldine Skeel 406828  
**12 noon - 10.00 pm Slimming World** at St. Mark's. Sessions start at 12, 1.30pm, 4pm, 5.30pm & 7.15pm Contact Val Careless 345213.  
**2.15pm Putnoe Heights Women's Fellowship** - Next meeting - 5 October Revd.C.Royden Contact Mrs Betty Wyatt 350188  
**2.15pm Putnoe Heights Men's Fellowship.** Next meeting 5 October Contact Lawrence Wyatt 350188.  
**2.30pm Mother Teresa Support Group.** Meets fortnightly at St. Mark's. Wool and knitting needles provided. Contact Mrs Joan Gravett 356911 and Mrs Marjorie Taylor 305709  
**2.30pm Tuesday Afternoon Housegroup.** Meets fortnightly at St. Mark's Church. Contact Mary Stubbs 406784.  
**3.30 - 4.30pm Putnoe Heights Church** Essential Stretch Contact Caroline 07778 898135 or 326096  
**6.30 - 7.30pm Yoga** at Putnoe Heights. Contact Rachel Leontyne 01234 783129

**6.45pm Guides** at Putnoe Heights - Liz Rix 363607  
**7.00 - 8.00 pm Keep Fit at St. Mark's Church.** Contact Mrs Jan Gregory 214107.  
**7.30- 9.00pm Bibleway Church** at Putnoe Heights - Bible study & prayers. Contact Revd.Tarr 309881 or 07891095746  
**7. 45 pm Putnoe Heights Ladies Tuesday Club** - Next meeting 5 October—Harvest Meets fortnightly . Contact Mrs C Davies 219130.  
**8.30-9.30pm St. Mark's - Qi Gong** (Self help healing) group) - Contact Mr F Steele 355937

## Wednesday

**10.00 am Childminding Support Group** at Putnoe Heights. Mrs S Longman 313949  
**10.00 am Day Care Centre** Putnoe Height Church for those with Learning Difficulties. Contact K Stenton 07748 760082  
**10.00 am Holy Communion** at St. Mark's Chapel. A half hour service followed by coffee. All welcome.  
**10am Sewing & Chat** Putnoe Heights Contact Valerie Russell 01462 815966  
**12 - 1pm Putnoe Height Church** Total Body Toning Contact Caroline 07778 898135 or 326096  
**Luncheon Club** at St. Mark's meets fortnightly. Next one 6 October Contact St. Mark's 342613  
**1.30 - 4.00pm. Bridge Club for the Retired** - Meets weekly at St. Mark's. Mrs Truss Boyce 781133  
**4.15 - 5.45pm Kumon Maths** at Putnoe Heights Contact Ms R Mistry 01908 217555  
**6. - 7.00pm Self Defence at Putnoe** Contact Mr James 07711 687449  
**6.00 -7.30 pm Brownies** at St Mark's Contact Mrs Carol Warden 219731  
**7.00pm St. Mark's Church** Bunyan Bridge. Contact Brian Sallows 407725  
**7-10pm Putnoe Guild** - Putnoe Heights 3rd Wednesday each month. Contact Mrs Dallas 212609  
**7.45 - 8.45pm Kick Boxing** Junior classes St. Mark's. Mr James 07711687449 or 07810234890  
**7.45pm Badminton Club** at Putnoe Heights - all welcome. Contact Ken Marriott 214867

## Thursday

**9.30am Thursday Prayer Group** at Putnoe Heights in the side chapel. Sylvia Cohen 343424 *Request for prayer can be written in the prayer diary on the information table.*  
**10.30am - 12.00am Brickhill Clinic** at St Mark's with **Fledglings 2.00pm—3.00pm** Contact 267444  
**10.00am - 11.30am Yoga** at Putnoe Heights Contact 244970  
**12 - 1.00 pm Storybox** at St Mark's Church. Service for parents, carers & children under 5. Sandwich lunch, Bible Stories, Children's activities, songs & prayers, all in one hour from 12-1pm.  
**1.30 - 3.00 pm St. Mark's Church Toddler Group.**

Contact Debbie Coppenhall 356828.

**1.30 -3.00pm Putnoe Heights Church Toddlers**

**Playtime** Contact Geraldine Skeel 406828

**2.30 Bedford Arts Society** at St. Mark's. Contact Celia Maddison 782901

**6.15 pm Weightwatchers at St. Mark's.**

Contact Mrs Margaret Ralph 01767 224978.

**6.15pm Brownies at Putnoe** Mrs S Lewis 300198

**7.30 - 9.30pm Club 2000** Putnoe 2nd Thursday of the month. Contact Mrs Moreton 771261

**6.15 - 7.30pm Bedford Junior Chess Club.** St. Mark's Contact Mr & Mrs Pike 823795

**7.30pm - 11.00pm Bedford Senior Chess Club** at St Mark's Contact Mr Hatton 824988

**7.30 - 9.30pm Embroiderer's Guild** St Mark's- 3rd Thursday month. Contact Mrs K Sage 771525

**7.45pm. Housegroup**-Meets fortnightly at 3 Little Headlands. Newcomers always welcome. Contact Betty Wyatt 350188

**8.00 - 10pm Bedford Writers Circle** meets at St Mark's Church 3rd Thursday each month. Contact Mr John Broadhouse 740271

## Friday

**10.00 am Day Care Centre** at St. Mark's Church Contact K Stenton 07748 760082

**6 -7.00 pm Self Defence at Putnoe** Contact Mr James 0771 687449 or 07810 234890

**7. 30 - 9.30pm** Young Peoples meeting Contact Pastor Tarr 376841

**7.30pm Music Group** St. Mark's Church/monthly

**6.30pm -8.30 pm Dog Training Classes** at St. Mark's Contact Mrs L. Laton 365601

## Saturday

**10.00am - 1.00pm & 2 - 5pm Theatre Train at St Mark's** -dancing acting, singing,- Kate Randle 304865

**7.15pm - 10.30pm Duplicate Bridge** at St Mark's Contact Ann or Peter 212066

**Peace Project Saturday School** at Putnoe Heights. For details contact Mrs.E.Tarr 309881

## Sunday

**1- 3pm & 7-9pm Bibleway Church** at Putnoe Heights - Worship. Contact Revd. Tarr 309881 Mob. 07891095746

# News, Views and Information

## The Calendar

**Putnoe Centre Management** -15 Nov

**St Mark's Church Council**

October 13 2004, Feb 1 2005

**Churchyards Committee**

Next meeting on Monday 17 Jan at 10am

**St Mark's Centre Management Meeting**

Wednesday 10 Nov

**St Mark's Leadership Team**

Next meeting on 17 Nov, 12 Jan

**Deanery Synod**

18 Nov,, 10 Feb

**Partnership Council** 18 Jan

**Putnoe Heights Leadership Team**

22 Nov

**Putnoe Church Council**

11 Oct 2004, 7 Feb 2005

13 June 2005, 10 Oct 2005

**Pastoral Group Meeting**

January 24 at 2.00pm

Calendar dates now appear on our church website [www.ThisChurch.com](http://www.ThisChurch.com). Please advise us if you have a date to be added to the church calendar

**Network -District Autumn Craft Day** on Saturday 6th November at Priory Methodist Church. £3 per half day workshop. Please book by 16th October. For more information and booking forms contact Pam Seymour, Tel: 305695

**Women's World Day of Prayer** Bedford Day Conference will be held on Monday 25 October, 10.00am to 3.00pm at Priory Methodist Church. Cost £4.00. Bring your own lunch. Names and money required by Friday 8 October. Please contact Kathie Longden, Tel: 345760 for further details.

**One to Watch out for !** The Church of St Mary Magdalene, Barnsley is to be the focus of a Channel 4 series in which a cleric takes up the challenge of turning around a parish in serious decline. Filming will take place over one year, and the programme will be screened towards the end of 2005. Its working title is *Priest Idol*. The parish has around 8000 residents, which a spokesman for the diocese of Wakefield described last week as "small for Barnsley". The congregation is down to single figures, and is currently being looked after by the priest-in-charge of a neighbouring parish. The Bishop of Wakefield, the Rt Revd Stephen Platten, has welcomed the opportunity as "a gift". The selection of the priest will be supervised by the church themselves, though they won't be expected to do a Simon Cowell. It's early days, but I think it will be good fun." Anthony Howe, a diocesan spokesman, described Lundwood as a "difficult area" ; but the parish of St Mary Magdalene had a lot of potential, he said. "I think that, for whoever serves there, it will be an honour. They're good people in Barnsley. There may be few of them, but they say their prayers, and much can be done."

# Bible Notes

## 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time



### Verse of Scripture

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

### A Collect Prayer - Before we read we pray

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 through the seasons. Give us grace 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.



### First Reading – Habakkuk 1: 1-4, 2: 1-4

The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet received. How long, O LORD, must I call for help, but you do not listen? Or cry out to you, "Violence!" but you do not save? Why do you make me look at injustice? Why do you tolerate wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; There is strife, and conflict abounds. Therefore the law is paralyzed, and justice never prevails. The wicked hem in the righteous, so that justice is perverted.

I will stand at my watch and station myself on the ramparts; I will look to see what he will say to me, and what answer I am to give to this complaint. Then the LORD replied: "Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it. For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it peaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay. "See, he is puffed up; his desires are not upright- but the righteous will live by his faith. (Reader : This is the word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God**)

### Second Reading– 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, according to the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my dear son: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I thank God, whom I serve, as my forefathers did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also. For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline. So do not be ashamed to testify about our Lord, or ashamed of me his prisoner. But join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God, who has saved us and called us to a holy life--not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher. That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet I am not ashamed, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him for that day. What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you--guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us

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

**Gospel Reading – Luke 17: 5-10** The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" He replied, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you. "Suppose one of you had a servant ploughing or looking after the sheep. Would he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, 'Come along now

and sit down to eat'? Would he not rather say, 'Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink'? Would he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.' "

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

**Post Communion Prayer** Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Hymns (Please distribute Harvest Festival Service Sheets)**

1. Come ye thankful people come. 2. Who put the colours in the rainbow? 3. We eat the plants that grow from seed 4. For the beauty of the earth. 5 We plough the fields and scatter 6. For the fruits of all creation. 7. Praise the Lord, ye heavens adore him.

### **Commentary**

**"If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you. Jesus**

Do you fancy giving it a go? I am going to guess that nobody has ever done this. If you have ever tried to move a tree in the garden you will know that it is not easy. The roots of a tree are bigger under the ground than above it. Furthermore, even if we were able to move a tree, planting a tree in the sea is a sure way to kill it. Which must lead us to the conclusion that Jesus sometimes said things using exaggeration (hyperbole) to make a point. We can see him doing the same thing when he tells his disciples to chop off bits of their body which cause them to sin. If we took statements like that to their logical conclusion there would not be many 'bits' of us left.

Jesus is not being serious, but he is making a very serious point. Professor George Caird wrote that faith in God "is a power that takes impossibilities in its stride."

Christian faith is something for which we have no proof and yet from the humble acknowledgement of who Jesus is, faith can grow in an amazing and remarkable way, almost imperceptibly. What Jesus is saying is that there is no excuse for anybody not to believe. We don't need to swallow a theological textbook and sign up to thousands of beliefs and practices—we are called to simple trust in Jesus and who he is.

From those humble beginnings the truth can grow and take root in our lives. Your faith might have humble beginnings and yet it cannot be dismissed, it has a destiny. Our faith might be small and insignificant and yet God can transform our meagre faith into something beyond our expectations.

It is not the size of our faith which matters but the quality of the person in whom we place our faith—Jesus. There are things which we might get wrong along the way, ideas which might creep in and which we have to clear out now and then. This is because we are a people on the way, not a people who have arrived. Faith is learning to live with the questions which we cannot answer, in the light of the answers which we have. This parable of the tree is not about triumphalism, it is about those who journey. The kingdom has started but it has not yet arrived. There is much for us all to learn and yet we know that we can trust the one who holds our grain of faith securely in his hand. *Charles Royden*

### **Meditation 'To err is human, to forgive divine'**

The reason which why Jesus taught about faith in our lesson today was because the disciples were challenged by his teaching on forgiveness. Jesus told them that they must forgive endlessly, (seventy times seven means on and on and on - not literally 490 times!)

Forgiveness is something which many people are troubled by, for all sorts of reasons. A careful look at the words of Jesus makes it easier for us to understand the meaning of the forgiveness which he encourages.

Jesus teaches

"If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him. If he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times comes back to you and says, 'I repent,' forgive him."

Jesus seems to be asking for something difficult, but not the impossible. If we are honest most of us do find it in our hearts to forgive people when they are really sorry and repent. If somebody admits their offence and is really sorry, owns up to their crime and apologises, then takes their punishment, most of us will be pleased forgive in these circumstances.

This is very different from having to forgive people who don't show any remorse. It is hard to forgive those horrible little thugs who keep smashing up bus shelters, spraying graffiti on the walls and stealing handbags. So how do we forgive people who show no remorse but kill mercilessly or show no concern for others? We know how we all feel towards those who killed those people and little children in Beslan, or those who beheaded the American hostages and are still keeping Ken Bigley a prisoner in a cage. What I find quite remarkable is that divine forgiveness goes far beyond our human capacity to forgive. Jesus forgives those who show no remorse, even when they are nailing him to the cross. It seems that divine grace in God, overwhelms any human sin in us. To really forgive really is divine. *Charles Royden*

**Prayer for Sunday and the week ahead.**

Dear Lord help us so to order our common life that we may use your gifts to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Holy God, creator, sustainer and renewer of life, grant that, secure in your goodness in the past, and rejoicing that you meet our needs in the present, we may work and pray for the coming of your future Kingdom, which is peace and prosperity, justice and joy; through Jesus Christ, who lived and died and was raised to life that all may share. Amen

Sioux Prayer: At Harvest Time You, O God, are the Lord of the mountains and valleys. You are my mother and my father. You have given rain to make the corn grow, and sunshine to ripen it. Now in your strength the harvest begins. I offer you the first morsels of the harvest. I know it is almost nothing compared with the abundance of the crop. But since you have provided the harvest, my gift to you is only a sign of what you have given to me. You alone know how many suns and moons it will take to finish reaping. You alone know how heavy the crop will be. If I work too hard and too fast I forget about you, who gave me the harvest. So I will work steadily and slowly, remembering that each ear of corn is a priceless gift from you.

**Wells for**



**Malawi**



**Thank you**



To all those who have donated towards the 'Wells for Malawi' appeal. An interim payment has been sent in order that they may get started before the rainy season starts.

**Putnoe Ramblers** raised £51.25 for Wells In Malawi during their weekend away last week in Rutland. A fee of 5p was charged for every stile climbed (10p if you cheated & opened the gate). A truly 'Stilish fund raiser'.

**Wednesday Drop In  
( Bereavement Support Group)**

From next month we will have an entertainment on the first Wednesday in the month.

**This Wednesday  
6 October**

well known local singer Linda Bowen will perform for us 2.30—3.15.

**Wednesday 3 November**

Jo Moore from Bedford Tourist Information will speak on Historic Bedford & her fascinating 'Bedford at War Project @ 2.30—3pm.

All drop in sessions are open to everyone.

**For Sale** - Antique Mahogany Display Cabinet. Width 1ft. 9 ins, height 3ft 9ins, depth 1ft. 3 glass shelves. Phone 01234 212182 after 6p.m. please. Price negotiable and donation to church funds.

**Storybox Plus** is an After School Club for 4—9 year olds which will be starting in January from 4.00 to 5.00pm on Thursdays. The group will rehearse a short drama and make the props and costumes for a performance at the Family Service at Putnoe. Volunteers will be needed to make refreshments, help with the crèche and support the group. Please ring Joan on 344536.

**Part-time Centre Bookings/Admin Assistant  
St Andrew's Church Bedford**

20 hours per week spread over 5 days Mon-Fri £6396 per annum, flexibility for extra hours. Responsibility for managing the centre bookings associated administrative tasks plus assistance in running a busy church office. Flexible approach to work, confident and a high standard of computer literacy. For information pack please contact Mrs Liz Fossey – tel: 01234 216881 standrew.bedford@btopenworld.com Closing date for applications Friday 15 October 2004. Interviews Thursday 4 November. Subject to CRB enhanced clearance.

**Still time to vote?** The Daily Telegraph is compiling 100 favourite churches for Sunday worship. Please take time to complete a nomination form for St Mark's or Putnoe Heights by visiting the Telegraph website at [www.telegraph.co.uk/churches](http://www.telegraph.co.uk/churches). Please also encourage others. Computer access is available at St Mark's for those who wish to use it to register a vote. Please vote today! Please also consider voting for Partnership News as the best church newsletter

**Riding Lights on Saturday 9 October 7.30pm At Putnoe Heights Church, Bedford.**

Riding Lights Theatre Company presents the Prison & Church Tour 2004 of 'Hope Opera' The Stuff of Life. Imagine a kitchen in a house down the road from you. A mismatched group of people trading tales of their great scrapes and escapes. Pushing bags of the white stuff around a table with scarred and tattooed fists. It's flour, of course. They're making bread. This is a place where people live their own stories; where sharing your story could open a window on eternity. Hope Opera's a place at that table, with the mix of heroes and hopeless cases: a boy with nothing but tattoos to his name, a girl whose curiosity got the better of her, a man made of anger. Extraordinary stories told in extraordinary ways... colourful, moving, unforgettable, Hope Opera stops you in your tracks, turns things round, and starts you off in new directions. A remarkable blend of grit and grandeur, masks and music, getting a grip on the stuff of real life.

**T.N.T.** 3rd October -TNT members who are coming to this evening's pizza night would you please bring a baking tray and an apron.

**A Hymn for Sunday**

- 1 For the beauty of the earth,  
for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies:

*Gracious God, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.*

- 2 For the beauty of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
sun and moon and stars of light:
- 3 For the joy of ear and eye,  
for the heart and brain's delight,  
for the mystic harmony  
linking sense to sound and sight:
- 4 For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above,  
pleasures pure and undefiled:
- 5 For each perfect gift of thine  
to our race so freely given,  
graces human and divine,  
flowers of earth and buds of heaven:

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**Call Dave Allen now at Nova 01234 217702**

## 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.

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

## Flowers

We are extremely grateful when donations are made for the flowers. This may be as a celebration of a happy occasion such as an anniversary or in memory of someone who has died.

### Contact

Miss Marion Prior 303254  
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