



Partnership News

Putnoe Heights & St Mark's Church

4 August 2013 - Ordinary 18



8.30am Holy Communion every Sunday

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

Today 4 August — Ordinary 18

9.30 St Marks – Family Worship with Baptism

Preacher – Deacon Jane Mills
Leadership – Mr Edward Parry
Intercessions – Mrs Wendy Waters

11.00 am Putnoe – Family Worship

Preacher – Deacon Jane Mills
Leadership – Mr Gordon Evans
Intercessions – YPG

11 August — Ordinary 19

9.30 St Marks – Morning Worship with Baptism

Preacher – Revd Jeremy Arthern
Leadership – Mr Edward Parry
Intercessions – Mr Richard Ledger

11.00 am Putnoe – Morning Worship

Preacher – Revd Jeremy Arthern
Leadership – Mrs Sue Allen
Intercessions – Mrs Sylvia Cohen

Readings 1. Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 2. Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
3. Luke 12:32-40

Midweek Holy Communion at St Mark's Chapel every
Wednesday at 10.00am and at Sir William Harpur House
on first Monday of every month at 10.00am

Thank You

The flowers at Putnoe Heights Church this week have been given by Peter and Eileen Brown, to give thanks for their 64th wedding anniversary on 13 August.

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

Prayer for Today

Remember those who cannot come to church today. Those who are ill, those who are aged, those who are too sad to come, those who have the care of children and of family concerns; those who are disabled, those who must work today. And grant that in their own home, in hospital and nursing homes, they may know the unseen fellowship of the worshipping community of those who love you. *William Barclay*

The Reverend Dr. Sam Cappleman

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Partnership Pastoral Support Team Co-Ordinator

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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.

Churchyards Administrator

Mrs Avril Williams 01234 342613

Putnoe Heights Church Centre

Open Monday to Thursday 9am - 5pm, Friday 9am - 1pm
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Open Monday - Friday 9am - 5.00pm
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www.ThisChurch.com

Regular Weekly Activities - A Guide To Our Churches

Monday

9.15 –3.45 pm Mon and Wed/ 9.15-12.15pm Tues/ Thurs/Fri. Hazeldene Heights Pre-school. See website for more details www.ThisChurch.com
Head teacher Mrs Laura Leggett 326685
8.30-5.30pm Pre-school Mon-Fri St Mark's
9.-3.45pm Top Marks Mon-Fri St Mark's
Headteacher Mrs. Helen Harpin **312634**
(See website for more details)
.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 (see contact details below)
2.00pm U3A Calligraphy at St Mark's 2nd week (see contact details below)
12.15pm Story box Putnoe Heights We welcome the under 5's and their carers to join them between 12.15 and 1.15 for a sandwich lunch followed by a Bible based story and singing. Contact Carolyn Morris
youth@thisischurch.com 365630
1.30-2.45pm Chat & Make For babies and toddlers 0-5. Crafts, toys, songs, story and refreshments £1. More details email– chatandplay@hotmail.co.uk .
2pm U3A Music Appreciation (see contact details below)
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 01767699399 or 07720713738.
6.15 Pilates at Putnoe Heights Jane Butcher 300859
6.15pm-8.15pm Fit for Life Yoga - Putnoe Heights Contact Jane Butcher 07891879571
6.30pm Boot Camp Putnoe Heights – Laura Amor 341152 / 07976259081
7.00pm Sugarcraft Guild St Mark's 1st week Pat Nicholson 353518
7.00pm Cancer Care Society. St Mark's. 1st Week. Mr J Dewhurst 01908 377020
7.15pm Guides. St Mark's. Mrs Gill Lake 218091
7.30pm Whist Drive. St Mark's 3rd & 5th week . Next meeting– 19 August Judith Stanton. 823313
7.30pm House group 30 The Ridgeway. The home of Eddy & Margaret Peck 267567
Putnoe Heights Children and Youth meeting - Monday 23rd September

Tuesday

9.30am Jo Jingles. St. Mark's. Music & movement for pre-school children. Renu Elston 07790206016
9.30am Candlewicking (Needlework). Putnoe Heights. Pat McCart 365507
9.30am -12.30 & 4-9pm Slimming World St. Mark's. Helen Skinner 07989080389
10am Autism Beds Adult Support Group. St Mark's. Sally Cripsley 350704
11.15am U3A Keep Fit Putnoe Heights (see contact details below)
1pm –2.30pm Drop in Wiggles and Jiggles 0-5 years, Putnoe Children's Centre. Please call Trudy Hamilton (centre assistant) for more information 340552
1.15pm U3A Cinema Grp. St Mark's (contacts details below)
1.3pm U3A Choir. St Mark's (contacts details below)
2.00pm U3A Book Group 1 St Mark's (3rd Wk) (see contact details below)

2.00pm U3A Book Group 2 St Mark's (2nd Wk) (see contact details)
2.00pm Library Walk W.I. Putnoe Heights, meets monthly. Morag Tomkins 356895
2pm U3A Photography Group 3 St. Mark's (1st Wk) (contact details below).
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.
4.00pm-6.15pm Stars School of Dance at Putnoe Heights.. Esther Richardson 295862 or 07917582468
7.30-8.30pm Pilates St Mark's Church Jane Butcher 0789187957
7pm - 8.30pm Daisy Birthing Putnoe Heights Susie 07980447390
6.00-7.00pm Zumba at St Mark's. Contact Denise Worker 07900 232648
6.30pm MT Karate (all ages) Karen King 07941264885
7pm Keep Fit. St. Mark's Jan Gregory 328455
7.30pm Putnoe Heights Ladies Tuesday Club (Meets fortnightly). Strawberry Tea 20 August at St.Mark's at 2.30pm Details Janet King 313946

Wednesday

9.30am Body Control Pilates. Putnoe Heights. Stephanie Smith 357787 or 07973174430.
9.30am Discover & Do (Childminders) St. Mark's. Clare Simmons 328380 or 07788824666
10am-2pm Open House at St Mark's for those with learning disabilities., their friends, family , carers and supporters 342613.
10am U3A Gardening Group 3 St Marks. (contact below)
10.00am Holy Communion. St. Mark's Chapel. A half hour service followed by coffee. All welcome.
10am U3A Card Making, St Marks (see contact details below)
10am U3A Diet and Nutrition- Putnoe (contact below)
11.15am U3A Keep Fit
12.30pm Luncheon Club. Putnoe fortnightly. Next meeting 11 September Putnoe Heights Office 365630
1.00-3pm Police Surgery at Putnoe Heights (Fortnightly)
1.15pm Bridge Club for the Retired. St. Mark's. Mr Barnes 261811
2.00-4.00pm U3A Craft St Marks.(see contact details below)
2pm U3A Gilbert and Sullivan Putnoe Heights
2.15pm - Fifty plus Keep Fit. Putnoe Heights Mrs Webster 856966
3.45.- 5.30pm Messy Church. St Mark's (3rd Wk). for children of lower school age and their carers. Bible-based story, crafts, singing and a meal. Next meeting 18 September. Wendy Waters 401834
4.15pm Kumon Maths. Putnoe Heights Mrs Raksha Mistry 01908 392698
6.00 pm Brownies. St Mark's. Mrs C 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 Yvonne Blain 350241 or Brian Sallows 407725
7.00pm Archaeological & Local History Society Putnoe Heights monthly. Sylvia Woods 365095
7.00pm Putnoe Guild Putnoe monthly Mrs O Holt 266004
7.00pm Line Dancing Putnoe Mike Del-Boyer

348378

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

8.00pm Tudor Reeds Folk Dance Club at St Mark's
1st,3rd & 5th Wednesday in month. Next meeting will be
4 September. Everyone welcome. All dances called, only
£1 including refreshments. Rosemary 405594 or Graham
406359 for more details.

8.00pm Bedford Wine and Social Club St Mark's 1st
week in the month. Jean Ross 771870

Thursday

9.30am Thursday Prayer Group. Putnoe Heights.

Valerie Capon 356306

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 term time group for
Mums & toddlers.0-5 Jo Garner 400071 or 07932616468

10.00-11.30am Gentle Yoga For more details contact
Helen Nicholson Tel.03003004305

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. Contact Jaana Swaby 363283

1.30 - 3.00pm NHS Baby Clinic 1st and 3rd Thursdays
St. Mark's 267444

1pm-2.30pm Drop in (small hall) Next Steps 9-
24months Putnoe Children's Centre.Please call Trudy
Hamilton (centre assistant) for more information 340552.
2pm -Friendly Chicago Bridge at Putnoe Heights £2 per
session inc. refreshments. New members welcome.
Contact Pat 01234 294220.

2pm U3A Current Affairs - Putnoe Heights

2-4pm U3A Indoor Games. St.Mark's (contact below)

2.30 - 4.30pm Bedford Art Society St Mark's Mary Rich
272470

5.45pm Weightwatchers. St. Mark's. Clare Martin
07805408811.

6.15pm Brownies. Putnoe Heights Lou Watkins .

7.00pm Club 2000 Putnoe Nina Ovenden 825059

7pm U3A Folk & Poetry St Marks (2nd and 4th week)
(see contact details below)

7.15pm Putnoe Art Group Bob Wardale 406094

7.00pm Bedford Embroiderers' Guild St Mark's
3rd week in month. Carol Plant 01832710504

7.30pm Gentle Birthing St Mark's. Pat Wood 07946
847231

8 -10pm Bedford Folk Dancers (formerly Barn
dancers)

Meet weekly at Putnoe Heights Different guest callers
each week.Except August. Next meeting 5 September. All
welcome, cost £2 Including refreshments. More details
Ron 825574 or Shirley 01767 651767

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 Pat Cass 294220

8.00pm Brickhill Ladies Group St Mark's 1st and 3rd
week in month Kay Logan 01234 309105.

Friday

9am -1pm Machine Knitting group at Putnoe Heights,
fortnightly . Contact Marion Sutton 217647

10am -12.00 U3A Photography St Marks.(4th week)
(see contact details below)

10am - 12 & 1.15 - 3.15pm U3A Beginners French St.
Marks (see contact details below)

2.00-4.00 pm U3A Whist St Marks. (contact details
below)

2pm U3A Italian-Putnoe Heights (contact details
below)

2pm U3A Gardening - Putnoe Heights

4.50pm-8.15pm Stars School of Dance Esther
Richardson 295862 or 07917582468

6.00-7.00pm Zumba at St Mark's. Contact Denise
Worker (07900 232648

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

7.45 - 10.45pm Bedford Astrology Club. St Marks(2nd
week) 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

6.45pm 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

10 - 5.30pm Bedford Stamp Fayre. 1st Sunday Feb/
Apr/Jun/Aug /Oct/Dec. Contact P Harris 01623 621143

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.

7-9pm Tae Kwon Do St Mark's Adrian Felice
www.bedfordtkd.com 07964356355

Messy Church Dates

Weds 18 Sept; Weds 16 Oct; Weds 20
Nov,



U3A For information on the U3A groups meeting at St Mark's and
Putnoe Heights Church please contact Yvonne Francis ☎405119



Diary Dates



St Mark's Church Council – 8 October

St Mark's Leadership Team - 10 September

Annual Congregational Meetings

Putnoe Heights Leadership Team - 10 October

Putnoe Heights Management Meeting

Putnoe Church Council - 14 Oct

Pastoral Group Meeting -

Churtyard Committee -

Brickhill Parish Council Meetings -

Commemoration Service Sunday 3 November 3 pm

Circuit meeting -

Deanery Meeting - 14 November

Woodland Burial Trustees–

Putnoe Heights Children & Youth Meeting –

New Year Lunch 19 January at Putnoe

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

Ordinary 18

Sentence of Scripture — Psalm 107:1

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Collect Prayer for the Day Before we read we pray

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Common Worship

First Reading— Hosea 11: 1-11

“When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. But the more they were called, the more they went away from me. They sacrificed to the Baals and they burned incense to images. It was I who taught Ephraim to walk, taking them by the arms; but they did not realize it was I who healed them. I led them with cords of human kindness, with ties of love. To them I was like one who lifts a little child to the cheek, and I bent down to feed them. “Will they not return to Egypt and will not Assyria rule over them

because they refuse to repent? A sword will flash in their cities; it will devour their false prophets and put an end to their plans. My people are determined to turn from me. Even though they call me God Most High, I will by no means exalt them. “How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, Israel?

How can I treat you like Admah? How can I make you like Zeboyim? My heart is changed within me; all my compassion is aroused. I will not carry out my fierce anger, nor will I devastate Ephraim again. For I am God, and not a man— the Holy One among you. I will not come against their cities. They will follow the Lord; he will roar like a lion. When he roars, his children will come trembling from the west. They will come from Egypt, trembling like sparrows, from Assyria, fluttering like doves. I will settle them in their homes,” declares the Lord

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

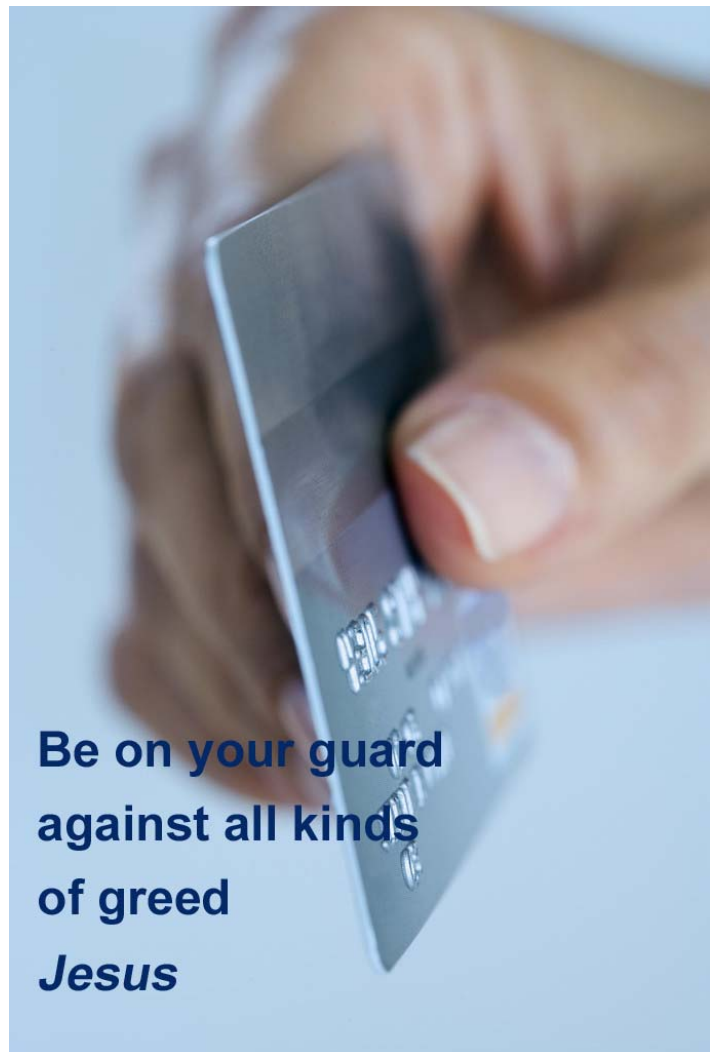
Second Reading — Colossians 3:1-11

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. Here there is no Greek or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

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

Gospel Reading – Luke 11:1-13

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?" Then he said to them,



**Be on your guard
against all kinds
of greed
Jesus**

"Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop. He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.' Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry." But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?' This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God." (This is the word of the Lord . **Thanks be to God**)

Hymns (*Please distribute Family Worship, Baptism Booklets and Mission Praise*)

1. The Churches one foundation 640 MP
2. Father God, I wonder 128 MP
3. From heaven you came (the servant King) 162 MP
4. Jesus put this song into my heart 376 MP
5. Ye servants of God 784 MP

Commentary

As I looked at the scripture readings for this week, in preparation for the service, I went straight to the familiar Parable in Luke and started thinking about the 'folly' of the man, who on harvesting a bumper crop, decided to store it all in barns, sit back and live off it. Any farmer would tell you that it is not wise to neglect the fields, and that it is much harder to prepare such neglected fields for planting when they are needed again. Just as a little work now, such as keeping the kitchen clean, can spare us from big chores in the future, like having to pay someone to deep clean the oven! I then started looking into what Jesus may have been suggesting he should do instead, but he does not talk about that, rather he comments on how it will not benefit the farmer after he dies. So, there is the nub of it, storing treasures that will last, in this world and the next. If he had shared the excess and carried on farming, then the good will he gained from his sharing would mean others would be likely to come to his aid in future, as farmers I know round here have found, especially last year as they were struggling to make the harvest between the days of heavy rain and flooding (a very different story this year!). If the message is that we should trust God, and not earthly goods, there is no coincidence that this parable is followed by Jesus' teaching about not worrying (the birds of the air have no barns)

Then I started to think how the other two readings fitted in, Hosea is a passage where God is almost despairing of his people, who seem no longer to notice the 'heavenly', focussing instead on 'earthly gain'. Colossians is also about putting aside the worldly, in favour of the 'Godly', but then I started to see another link, one of Family, and as this is a family service that is where I felt led to go!

I'll start with Hosea; In verse one God is telling how he was Father to Israel, then in verse two it says that the more God tried to help, the more the people pulled away – how many of us can relate to that very human experience of family!

In verses 3 & 4 we learn that God's help was not noticed, that the people took it for granted and didn't even realise when they had been healed – Again, this is very true to my experience, I have excellent parents who support me in all things, even if they don't think I make the right choice, they are always behind me once it is made, and there is never 'and I told you so' if it goes wrong. When we are young we may imagine that everyone has a similar experience to us, it is only as we get to know other people that we learn that this is not the case. Indeed it was not until I started working in a University chaplaincy (in my mid-twenties) that I realised just how exceptional my parents are! I met someone resitting the 4th year of medicine for the 3rd time, because his parents were determined he would be a doctor, although it was not a calling he felt. I met someone whose parents disapproved her leaving a well-paid finance job, which she hated, in order to do an MA to follow her calling to explore more ecological ways of managing our society, something that constantly challenged her faith in her job. I know people that have been pushed out when a parent re-married and even one whose parents moved while he was at university, leaving no forwarding address! Whatever our own experience of family, God is the perfect example of parenting. In verses 5-7 God displays a perhaps surprisingly human response to the fact his people have so rejected him and expresses anger, but the in 8 and 9 his heart is changed because of his love for

them. God stops short of total destruction, instead allowing them to be ruled by an occupying nation. In the last verses God expresses longing for the future, when his people will know and love him.

So back to the gospel reading, which I'd already started to 'unpick', I hadn't even realised that it starts with an argument between brothers! Our attention is not drawn to it as Jesus refuses to get involved, instead choosing to teach about possessions, and the nature of true worth. How many families fall out over inheritance? I know several who complain that their parent/s are 'spending their inheritance', which is heartless and untrue, because such earthy inheritance only becomes ours once the person dies. But others, like my own parents, hate to spend their savings on the essentials (like getting a lift fitted so a wheelchair can access the first floor) because there will be nothing to leave their children, this child would far rather her parents lived a good life now and left nothing!

As with so many accounts of Jesus' teaching, he does not seem to address the issue in hand, that of the human argument, rather teaching us how to live well. After all, Christ gave us very simple rules;

- to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul and strength,
- and to love our neighbour as our self.

If we live by those we should not get to the point of having the argument. God should not be asked to say who is in the right, or perhaps even quoted to prove our own point of view in an argument, rather we are to take his teaching into our hearts and try to evidence it in our daily lives. When, in our human frailty, we fail and it comes to a disagreement we are to try and understand where the other point of view comes from. Elsewhere Jesus tells us that we should teach people his way, and if they will not listen, we are to 'knock the dust from our feet' and move on.

Meditation

We live in a very materialistic culture, we like things ! This is a consumer society and whereas not very long ago shops were closed on Sunday and purchases could not be made online, now we can visit the shopping centres every day of the week, and if desired we can shop 24hrs a day and have the stuff delivered to our doors. Huge shopping malls have arrived in the UK where we can shop indoors and each shop encourages us to have their own plastic credit card to enable us to stock up on things we really can't afford. We are bombarded by an advertising industry which is utterly compelling in its creativity and uses the most potent images to bombard us from every angle with messages to entice us to believe that we are what we own. Deep down most people know that searching for satisfaction in man made goods or the accumulation of wealth is futile. Enough will always be just more than we already have. The pop star Jessie J sings 'It's not about the money',.... 'forget about the price tag.' .

Modern consumerism is very high tech but of course human nature has always been the same and Jesus identified it as a problem 2,000 years ago. He cautioned that ownership of things does not produce the security or happiness for which human beings strive. We are encouraged to recognise that we are not just physical beings with material needs, we are spiritual people, created to experience the love of God. If our hearts and minds are set only things which we can see and touch and buy, then we will be dissatisfied. The key to real fulfillment is to recognise that our true value is not measured in what we possess.

Prayers for Sunday and the Week Ahead

Guide and rule your church forever, Lord, that it may walk warily in times of quiet and boldly in times of trouble. Through our Lord, Jesus Christ. *Franciscan Breviary*

Lord Jesus Christ, as those who are sick we come to the physician of life; as unclean, to the fountain of mercy; as blind, to the light of eternal splendour; as needy, to the Lord of heaven and earth; and as naked, to the king of glory. Amen.

Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274)

O God, the King of Righteousness, lead us we pray, in the way of justice and of peace. Inspire us to break down all oppression and wrong, to gain for everyone their reward, and from every one their due service; that each may live for all, and all may care for each, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

“Foot Prints Walk 11 August 2013. This is a 3¼ mile walk starting at 14.30 hours from Colmworth Village through the new country park with a few surviving elm trees and is mainly on good field edge paths. No stiles and easy walking. Park carefully near St Deny’s Church (OS Map ref. 108586) or alternatively along Honeydon Road where there is a marked path back to the church. Further details contact Pam or Ray 01234 305695.”

Methodist Women in Britain Coffee

Mornings/Afternoon Teas and Open Gardens to be held on 3 dates : Wednesday 7 August and Thursday 15 August to help raise funds for the District Presidents Project - TALITHA which helps girls rescued from trafficking. Please see poster in Foyer. Everyone welcome.

Junior Church meets again 8 September.

Story Box starts again on 12 September.

Chat and Make starts again on 16 September.

Chat and Play has a meeting on 22 August and starts again weekly on 12 Sept



Highland Fling

On August 14 John and Janet Day are setting off for the Scottish Highlands in their 1929 MG to participate in an MG gathering based

at Aviemore and will attempt to cover 1400 miles in ten days. It will be a considerable challenge to complete the rally in such an ancient car and they anticipate some adventures along the way! They are seeking sponsorship for this epic journey with all proceeds being donated to St John’s at Moggerhanger. If you would like to sponsor their “Highland Fling” there is an official form in the foyer. Very many thanks.

Action for Children September House to

House Collection Action for Children has a 140 year history of working with children, young people and parents living in tough circumstances. Today it does this through its family centres located throughout the UK including North Bedfordshire. It is an independent charity working with other groups in partnership including Social Services and the Methodist Church where it has its roots.

Our annual house-to-house Collection to support this vital work will take place as usual in the first 2 weeks in September. St. Mark’s Church is responsible for covering the Brickhill area and last year our 13 collectors raised £572

(inc. Gift Aid). If you could spare a few hours during early September to distribute and then collect envelopes in the Brickhill area, perhaps near to where you live, or you would like some more information then please contact me. Mike Elliott (Tel. 342507)

The Bedford and District Christian Aid

Committee are looking for someone who could act as Secretary for two meetings per year, plus responding to mail coming from Christian Aid Oxford. Computer skills and internet access would be an advantage. Anyone who may be interested please speak to Carolyn Morris.

Summer holidays at Putnoe Heights Church:

Storybox, Storybox plus and Junior church children and their friends aged 0 to 13 years from both churches are invited to meet during the summer holidays on:

Monday 5 August, Monday 12 August, Monday 19 August.

We will meet together for lunch from 12.00 to 12.30pm; everyone please will you bring a packed lunch as our Storybox teams will be having a break. Drinks will be provided.

Various themed activities and games from 1pm to 2.30pm. All children must be accompanied by an adult. If anyone is available to help with these sessions that would be really helpful. Please can you let me know. Carolyn Morris.

Circuit Jigsaw At the launch of the North Bedfordshire Circuit a ‘Circuit Jigsaw’ was introduced; each piece of this jigsaw represents either a church or aspect of Circuit life. On its progress around the Circuit the jigsaw has now arrived at Putnoe, where it will remain for a few weeks and will then be passed to St. Marks and thence to other Circuit churches.

Urgent Message from Messy Church One of the activities we would like to do on 10th Aug (Gathering on the Green) needs lots of little plastic pots—eg Actimel, on which we can “decopatch”. Please could you let the office have any clean, label free if possible, pots before Fri 9th Aug, so we can offer the craft to many children. P.S. Yoghurt pots not suitable. Many thanks. *Marion.*

Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers at Putnoe Heights Church for all their help and support at Junior Church and Storybox.

Storybox Summer Event. 50 small children with 25 accompanying adults meeting at Putnoe Heights on Monday 5th August for the Storybox annual summer event.

Bowlers Beware! The annual cricket match between Churches has slipped into history, but there is now an interest in a Bowls afternoon for teams representing local churches. Initial thoughts are for a Sunday afternoon before the end of September with teams from St Peters, Putnoe Heights, St Mark's and St Andrews. Priory Bowls Club have offered to make their facilities available. Anyone interested in this suggestion, please contact John Handley on 342127 or Valerie Edwards on 409508.

Our Mission Appeal 2013. This year will be launched at harvest. We will be joining the St Albans Diocese in funding a project in Ethiopia that is teaching farmers about better beekeeping methods. Our gifts will make a real difference. New beehives and improved beekeeping skills are having a life-changing impact on people and communities in Ethiopia. Bees are vital pollinators; flying from flower to flower, they make connections that are fundamental to the life of our planet.

The Bishop's Harvest Appeal is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our connected world and to make lifechanging, loving and lasting connections with people in Ethiopia.

Action for Children Will you join other box holders in the League of Light and shine hope into the lives of vulnerable children? The scheme began in 1932 and this year the lantern shaped home collecting box has been re-launched. We are grateful for all donations, large or small, I can supply you with a box if you add your name to the list in the Church foyer. You can make a difference to the children and young people we support. Nationwide box holders raise £500,000 annually. thank you. M. Standley

Harvest Festival this year is on Sunday 29 September. This is a great time to invite along friends and we also welcome uniformed organisations and church groups.



Suitcases urgently needed for Yarlswood Immigration Removal Centre (YRC) When residents of YRC are returned to their country of origin they often do not have suitcases so have to take their belongings in several carrier bags. If you have any surplus medium size suitcases, or rucksack type luggage please

consider donating them. Please ensure the zips and handles work, light ones with wheels are best. They can be dropped off at YRC or taken to the Miracle Church of God, Alexander Road, Bedford; or phone Miracle Church of God secretaries on 01234 215081; or Pastor Lonnie 0773889455; or given to Wendy Waters.

Samaritans Purse Shoe Box Appeal 2013

Following the success of last year's donation of 38 boxes by Messy Church and the wider congregation, we will be packing boxes at our Messy Church session on 16 October. We will be happy to accept donated items from now on. Please see the Messy Church notice board for details of what can and cannot be put in the boxes. If you require further information please speak to Wendy Waters or Jean Bank.

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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.

**Vera Tippet
Peter Ebden**

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



Forthcoming Funerals

There are no forthcoming funerals

