



Methodist
Church

Partnership News

4 June 2006

Pentecost

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



Church of
England

Church Services Today

8.30 Holy Communion both churches
9.30am St Mark's Church - Family Worship
Preacher - Revd Dr Joan Crossley
Leadership Team - Mr Mike Cooper
Intercessions - Mrs Morag Stewart
11.00am Putnoe Heights - Family Worship & Baptisms
Preacher – Revd Dr Joan Crossley
Leadership Team - Mr Alan Bayliss
Intercessions - Mrs Claire Pack

11 June - Trinity

8.30 Service of Holy Communion
9.30am St Mark's Church – Morning Worship
Preacher - Mr Howard Connell
Leadership - Mrs Linda Parry
Intercessions - Mrs Margaret Appleton
11.00am Putnoe Heights - Morning Worship
Preacher- Mr Howard Connell
Leadership Team - Mrs Sam Ware
Intercessions - Mr Alan Bayliss

Reading 1 : Isaiah 6:1-8
Reading 2 : Romans 8:12-17
Reading 3 : John 3: 1-17

Thank You

The flowers at Putnoe Heights Church this week have been given by Pat Hope in memory of her husband Ron.

The flowers at St. Mark's this week celebrate the marriage of Matthew Green and Haley Wildman.

The flowers in the chapel are given by Barbara Joy and Elizabeth Bean in celebration of their wedding anniversaries.

Prayer for Sunday

O God, your eye is over all your people, and you have called them to a kingdom not of this world; send forth your Holy Spirit into every corner of our lives, to still and calm the noise of our daily toil; help us to carry faith to the doubting, hope to the fearful, strength to the weak, light to the mourners; and increase and empower the pure in heart who see, and reveal, more and more of God. Amen

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

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Regular Weekly Activities - A Guide To Our Churches

Monday

9.30 - 12.00 pm Mon-Fri Putnoe Heights Pre-school Mrs Janet Smith 326685

8.30 - 5.30 pm Mon-Fri St Mark's Pre-school Mrs. Helen Harpin 312634

(See website for more details)

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

Mini-Strikers Sport for Children at Putnoe aged 2-4 years. Contact Andy Carey 01908 313751 or 07766 142754, or www.ministrikers.co.uk

12.00pm - 1.00pm Story box Putnoe Heights church welcome the under 5's and their carers to join them between 12noon and 1pm for a sandwich lunch followed by a Bible story, singing and activities. Lots of fun, donations. Contact Liz on 01234 302349

4pm Story Box Plus at St. Marks for 4 -11 year olds meet at 3.30. for refreshments & games, then till 5pm make props, sing & rehearse a short play to perform in church the 1st Sunday of each month. Lots of fun. Free. Contact Liz 302349

4.15pm - Rosemary Conley Diet & Fitness. Putnoe Heights. Miriam Adcock 01908 565044

4.15 - 5.45pm Kumoni Maths at Putnoe Heights. Contact Ms Raksha Mistry 01908 392698

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

6.15 pm Brownies Putnoe. Penny Fulham 406045

7.30pm Sugarcraft Guild meets first Monday every month at St. Mark's Mrs Pauline Parrott 768419

7.15 m Guides -St. Mark's. Mrs Gill Lake 218091

7.15pm Yoga at Putnoe Heights Church. Contact Karen Simpson 244970

7.30pm Creative Needles at Putnoe Heights. Jacky Hayward 307648. New members welcome.

7.30pm Whist Drive - At St Mark's each month the next 19 June Mrs. Judith Stanton. 823313

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

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

Tuesday

9.30am Candlewicking (Needlework) at Putnoe Heights. Mrs Olive Shotbolt 267203

10.00am Keep Fit at Putnoe Heights. Mrs Stileman 822230

1.30-3pm Toddlers Playtime at Putnoe Heights. Geraldine Skeel 406828

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

2.00pm Library Walk W.I. at Putnoe Heights meets monthly. Contact Morag Tompkins 356895

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

2.15pm Putnoe Heights Women's Fellowship - Next meeting 6 June - Revd. J Owen .Contact Betty Wyatt 350188.

2.15pm Putnoe Heights Men's Fellowship. Next meeting 6 June with the Women's Fellowship contact Lawrence Wyatt 350188.

2.30pm Mother Teresa Support Group. Meets fortnightly at St. Mark's. Wool and knitting needles provided. Mrs Maureen Watling 262225

2.30pm Tuesday Afternoon Housegroup. Meets fortnightly at St. Mark's. Mary Stubbs 406784.

3.45 - 5.30pm Stars School of Dance at Putnoe Heights. Esther Sancto 272517 or 07917 0582468.

6.30 - 7.30pm Yoga at Putnoe Heights. Rachel Leontyne 783129

7.00 - 8.00 pm Keep Fit at St. Mark's. Mrs Jan Gregory 214107.

7.00 - 10pm Card Makers Club meets fortnightly at St Mark's. Carol Houghton 346718

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

7.30pm Dog and Puppy Training at Putnoe Heights. Contact Lynn Southwell 07974 743240

7. 45 pm Putnoe Heights Ladies Tuesday Club - Meets fortnightly. Next meeting 13 June "Summer" poetry. Contact Madge Walsh 359088

8.30pm St Mark's Church Qi Gong. Contact Mrs D Steele 356384

Wednesday

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

9.30am - Body Control Pilates at Putnoe Heights. Stephanie Smith 357787.

9.00 a.m. Clubhouse at St Mark's for those with Learning Disabilities. Contact Karen Bywater 315460.

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

Luncheon Club at Putnoe Heights fortnightly. Next meeting 14 June Putnoe 365630

1 - 3pm Police Surgery at Putnoe Heights .

1.30 - 4.00pm. Bridge Club for the Retired at St. Mark's. Mrs Truss Boyce 781133

2.15pm - Fifty plus Keep Fit at Putnoe Heights . Mrs Webster 856966

4.15pm - Kumon Maths at Putnoe Heights Ms Raksha Mistry 01908 392698

6.00pm Self Defence at Putnoe Mr James 07711 687449

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

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

7.00pm Archaeological & Local History Society meets monthly at Putnoe Heights. Next meeting . Sylvia Woods 365095

7pm Putnoe Guild meets monthly at Putnoe Heights. Janice Loxley 347073

7.45pm Kick Boxing Junior classes at St Mark's. Contact Mr James 07711687449 or 07810234890
7.45pm Badminton Club at Putnoe Heights - all welcome. Ken Marriott 214867

Thursday

9.30am Thursday Prayer Group at Putnoe Heights in the quiet room. Sylvia Cohen 343424 *Request for prayer can be written in the prayer diary on the information table.*

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

9.45am Yoga at Putnoe Heights. Karen Simpson 244970

1.30pm - 3.00pm Clinic at St. Mark's 267444

12pm Story box St Mark's Church welcome the under 5's and their carers to join them between 12 noon and 1pm for a sandwich lunch followed by a Bible story, singing and activities. Lots of fun, donations. Contact Liz Spavins on 302349

1.30-3pm Toddler Playtime at Putnoe. Geraldine Skeel 406828

1.30pm St. Mark's Church Toddler Group. Debbie Coppenhall 356828.

2pm - Putnoe Bridge Club. Gerald Palmer 345991

2pm U3A Indoor Games at Putnoe Radmila Dancer 404811

4.00 Story box Plus at Putnoe Heights for 4-11year old. Meet at 3.30 for refreshments & games. Then till 5pm make props, sing & rehearse a short play to perform in church on the 1st Sunday of each month Lots of fun And it's free! Liz Spavins 302349

5.30 - 7.30pm Police Surgery. St Mark's Foyer.

6.15 pm Weightwatchers at St. Mark's.

Mrs Margaret Ralph 01767 224978.

6.15pm Brownies at Putnoe Helga Nash 218521

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

7pm Street Dance at Putnoe Heights. Contact Curtis Ritchie 349255 or 07984 525147

7.00pm Club 2000 at Putnoe Mrs M White 404992

7.30pm - 11.00pm Bedford Senior Chess Club at St Mark's Mr P Housden 376597

7.30 - 9.30pm Embroiderer's Guild at St Mark's 3rd Thursday of the month. Mrs E Rigby 344442

7.30 - 9.30 Tabernacle of Truth Church at Putnoe Bible Studies every 2 Thursday- Pastor Tarr 360188

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

8.00 - 10pm Bedford Writers Circle at St Mark's 1st Thursday each month. Mr John Broadhouse 740271

Friday

9.30am U3A Exercise at Putnoe Heights. Carole Maunder 301325

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

1.30 - 2pm Stars School of Dance at Putnoe. Contact Esther Sancto 272517 or 07917 582468

2pm U3A Gardening Group at Putnoe Heights.

6pm Self Defence at Putnoe. Mr James 0771 687449 or 07810 234890

7.30pm Youth Club for age 13-18 at St Mark's Church. Contact PCSO Rowland Gilbey 349179

Saturday

9.30 - 11.30am Stars School of Dance at Putnoe. Contact Esther Sancto 272517 or 07917 582468

10.00am - 1.00pm Theatre Train at St Mark's - dancing acting, singing. - Kate Randle 01234 782414

2.30pm Calligraphy Group at Putnoe. Meets monthly next meeting. Philip Jones 350295

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

Sunday

Junior Church with crèche for under 3's

9.30 - 10.30 at St.Mark's

11-12 at Putnoe Heights.

1 - 4pm Tabernacle of Truth Church at Putnoe Heights - Worship. Contact Revd. Tarr 360188 Mob. 07866775515

6.00pm TNT (The Nearly Teens) meet fortnightly at Putnoe Heights for various fun activities. Contact Putnoe Office 365630

Diary Dates

St Mark's Church Council 14 June, 11 Oct

Circuit Meeting - 8 June

St Mark's Leadership Team - 6 June, 12 Sept

Putnoe Heights Leadership Team - 13 June

St Mark's Church Management Meeting

Putnoe Heights Management -

Putnoe Church Council 12 June, 9 Oct

Pastoral Group Meeting -

Churchyard Committee - 5 June 11a.m

Putnoe Heights Mission Group Meeting - .

Partnership Council - 19 Sept

Brickhill Parish Council -

Deanery Meeting St Mary's Eucharist 22 June, 14 September, 16 November

Putnoe Heights Children & Youth - , 28 June

Calendar dates appear on our church website www.ThisChurch.com. Please advise St Mark's Church Office of the dates of your meetings.

Pentecost Family Worship



Opening Verses of Scripture Acts 2:17-18

In the last days, God says, 'I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.'

Opening Prayer

All: Almighty God, we pray for your blessing on the church in this place.
Here may the faithful find salvation, the careless be awakened.
Here may the doubting find faith, and the anxious be encouraged.
Here may the tempted find help, and the sorrowful comfort.
Here may the weary find rest, and the strong be renewed.
Here may the aged find consolation and the young be inspired - through Christ Jesus our Lord. - Amen.

Hymn When morning gilds the skies 276

Confession

Minister The Spirit of truth will convict the world of guilt about sin, righteousness, and judgement. We have grieved the Holy Spirit. We confess our sins in penitence and faith. (John 16:8). *(We sit for the confession)*

Words and responses.....

All: For turning away from you, and ignoring your will for our lives:
Father forgive us: save us and help us.
For behaving just as we wish, without thinking of you:
Father forgive us: save us and help us.
For failing you by what we do, and think and say:
Father forgive us: save us and help us.
For letting ourselves be drawn away from you by temptations in the world:
Father forgive us: save us and help us.
For living as if we were ashamed to belong to your Son:
Father forgive us: save us and help us.
God who is both power and love, forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We remain seated and sing as a prayer

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; break me, melt me, mould me, fill me; Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; (Rept)

Offering

Yours Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.

Hymn

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace
and the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you.
There'll be shouts of joy and the trees of the field shall clap, shall clap their hands.
And the trees of the field shall clap their hands, the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
And the trees of the field shall clap their hands, and you'll go out with joy.

Baptism (*At Putnoe Heights Church only, please use your baptism service booklets*)

A Collect Prayer - Before we read we pray

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by that same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in His holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

First Bible Reading - Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. Utterly amazed, they asked: "Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs--we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?" Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine." Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.' (Reader : This is the word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God**)

Second Reading - Romans 8:22-27

We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently. In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will. (Reader : This is the word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God**)

Third Reading - John 15:26-27 and John 16:4b-15

"When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

I did not tell you this at first because I was with you. "Now I am going to him who sent me, yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' Because I have said these things, you are filled with grief. But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counsellor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me; in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can

see me no longer; and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned. "I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you.

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

Hymn Come down o love divine 281

Address The Reverend Dr Joan Crossley

Hymn Breathe on me breath of God 280

Prayers

We conclude our prayers with the prayer Jesus taught us

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen**

Hymn O Breath of Life, come sweeping through us 777

Final Prayer & Blessing

All: God of power, may the boldness of the Spirit transform us, may the gentleness of the Spirit lead us, may the gifts of your Spirit equip us to serve and worship you, now and always. Amen.

Minister Jesus said, 'Receive the Spirit: as the Father sent me, so I send you.'
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: In the name of Christ. Amen.

Commentary

Those of you who are not very interested in Biblical scholarship might like to skip over this first paragraph ("the science bit", like they say in the adverts!). Pentecost was a key date in the Jewish year and so many people would have gathered in the Holy city of Jerusalem to celebrate. The feast had to meanings. Originally the date was one of the three Jewish harvest festivals, or the feast of weeks, because it was seven weeks of fifty days after the Passover (pentekostos meaning fiftieth). The anniversary was also thought to be the date of the giving of the Jewish commandments on Mount Sinai. Pentecost had a doubled significance as the date of the harvest and the date of the giving of the law. Early church fathers such as Chrysostom pointed out that the coming of the Holy Spirit on that day reminds us of the Harvest of believers and the coming in of a new Law of love.

The coming of the Holy Spirit was violent and dramatic and, for sheer spectacular energy, witnessed by many, cannot be compared to any event in the New Testament. It began with a great sound like the blowing of a violent wind, those present saw tongues of fire, the fire then separated into individual tongues of flame. The flame would later unlock the gift of languages in the recipients. We should notice the detail of the flame being received individually. The giving of the Spirit then is a personalised gift, not a group gift. God chooses to come to each person, as a person, not as a job lot. An event of such significance for all Christians cannot be summed up in just a few paragraphs. In the sermon today I shall be focussing on the fact that the many foreigners in Jerusalem that day heard the followers of Jesus speaking each in their own language. This seems to me to have an important lesson about God's desire to break down barriers.

We must also notice how Peter, not a learned Rabbi by any means, suddenly became magnificently

erudite and eloquent. He related the events of the day to Jewish prophecy and became the Rock that Jesus had called him. The coming of the Holy Spirit can make giants and heroes out of ordinary women and men. It can transform us into better, braver people than we ever dreamed we could be. This is a power which is alive, active, energising people in our time. We just need to let it work in us. *Joan Crossley*

Meditation

I don't know about you, but I am inundated by begging letters from charities, accompanied by pictures of starving children or battered animals. Each week I get the Methodist Recorder and the Church Times. Both excellent publications carry numerous articles about the misery and need in the world. To be honest I feel helpless and overwhelmed by the sheer hugeness of the world's problems. As Christians we are called upon to care and care deeply. We are also called upon to do what we can to alleviate the suffering of all God's creation. But we can't any of us do all of it. My suggestion to deal with this heavy guilt load is to choose certain causes or organizations to support financially or by volunteering, and to put the other good causes onto your prayer list. If you pray for these problems, you are doing something to help.

Prayers for Sunday

Post Communion Prayer Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

O God, send forth your Holy Spirit into my heart that I may perceive, into my mind that I may remember, and into my soul that I may meditate. Inspire me to speak with piety, holiness, tenderness and mercy. Teach, guide and direct my thoughts and senses from beginning to end. May your grace ever help and correct me, and may I be strengthened now with wisdom from on high, for the sake of your infinite mercy. Amen. *Saint Anthony of Padua*

Breathe into me, Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Move in me, Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Attract my heart, Holy Spirit, that I may love only what is holy. Strengthen me, Holy Spirit, that I may defend all that is holy. Protect me, Holy Spirit, that I may always be holy. Saint Augustine

"...may I show thy Spirit within/ Which purges me from every stain;/ Unspotted from the world and sin, / The truth of my religion prove/ by perfect purity and love. (Charles Wesley)

News and Information

The Garden of Remembrance "open" today 4 June, 2.30 - 4.30pm in aid of the Retirement Education Centre. Thanks for the help already offered. Help with tray bakes still needed.

Annual Moody & Sankey Evening at Park Road today 4 June at 6.30pm. Everybody welcome to come for a rousing sing. Jenny Clifford.

Footprints Rambling Group Everyone is welcome to join us a short circular walk on Sunday 11 June from Kimbolton. It's 3½ miles over good footpaths, with only a couple of gentle uphill stretches, offering good views of Kimbolton, with its church and castle. Kimbolton is approximately a 20-minute drive from Putnoe/Brickhill via the B660. Park in the broad High Street and meet near or under the church lych-

gate. Alison and Warwick Holden 403551; mobile 07710 520674

Footprints Rambling Group weekend away in Cannock Chase, 23 & 24 September. Details now available from Sue Allen 407264.

Table Top Sale at Priory Methodist Church on Saturday 10th June 2006, 9.30 - 12.30. Admission 50p. Tables £4 each. All proceeds to Park road Methodist Church. Tel 404644

A Booklet entitled 'My Story a Positive Approach to Being Disabled', by Lance J Mason is now available at 50p per copy. Half the proceeds will go into Church funds. To place an order please add your names to the list being held in Putnoe Heights and St Mark's Church Office.

British Cardiac Patients Ass. Next Meeting at Putnoe Heights at 7.30pm on 22 June. Entertainment by 'Frame of Mind'. Come and enjoy the evening with us. Raffle, coffee or tea & biscuits. More information Eileen Marriot 303834.

Putnoe Jr Church The help rota until to September is now on the board. If you would like to join us one Sunday please sign up. Thanks for your support. Liz and Sam

Open Gardens at Milton Ernest on Sunday 11 June from 2 until 6pm. Entrance fee £3 to cover all gardens (children free). Parking available at the Village Hall. In aid of Church Fabric Fund.

Open Garden with cream teas & a raffle on Sunday 18 June from 3 - 6pm at the home of Pam & Bob Burn, 62 Church Lane. Entry £2.50. In aid of African Projects. All welcome.

Table Top Sale Thursday 22 June at William Harpur House from 2- 4pm. Entry 10p. More details Tel. 01234 346370.

Thank you to Valerie Edwards for the donation of a wheelchair to St Mark's Church.

A Big Thank You to James and Sophie Beswick for their donation of £134 for Putnoe Heights Church funds. They raised the money by competing in the first ever Bedford Junior Aquathlon - well done.

Holy Communion takes place this Monday at 10.00am at Sir William Harpur House in the main lounge. Everybody welcome.

Meetings, meetings, meetings...

Please note that the following meetings take place soon

- Monday 5 June 11.00am Churchyards
- Tuesday 6 June St Mark's Leadership Team
- Wednesday 7 June Circuit Leadership team
- Thursday 8 June Circuit Meeting
- Monday 12 June Putnoe Heights Council
- Tuesday 13 June Putnoe Leadership Team
- Wednesday 14 June St Mark's Council



Baptism

We welcome for baptism at Putnoe Heights Church today

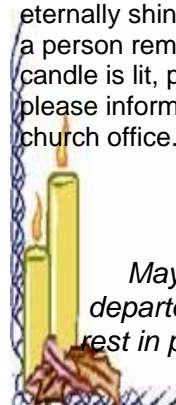
**Martha Elizabeth Cruse
Olivia Susan Sedgman
Alexa Wolff**

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.

Timothy Dodson

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



Rest in Peace

Following a private service at Bedford Crematorium, there will be a Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Colin Griffiths at Putnoe Heights Church on Tuesday 6 June at 1.00pm