



Partnership News

Putnoe Heights & St Mark's Church

4 May 2014

Third Sunday of Easter



Sunday Services

8.30am Holy Communion every Sunday

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

4 May 2014 - Third Sunday of Easter

9.30 St Marks – Family Worship

Preacher - Mr Richard Ledger
Leadership – Mr Michael Ovenden
Intercessions - Revd. Canon Charles Royden
Organist –Mr Clive Simmonds

11.00 am Putnoe – Family Worship

Preacher– Mr Richard Ledger
Leadership Team - Veta Hudson-Rae
Intercessions - Young People
Organist - Mr Clive Simmonds

11 May 2014 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

9.30 St Marks – Morning Worship

Preacher - Revd. Jennie Cappleman
Leadership – Mr. Edward Parry
Intercessions - Mr. Richard Ledger
Organist –Mr Clive Simmonds

11.00 am Putnoe – Morning Worship

Preacher– Revd. Jennie Cappleman
Leadership Team - Mrs. Sue Allen
Intercessions - Mrs. Sylvia Cohen
Organist - Mr Clive Simmonds
Readings 1. Genesis 7 2. Acts 2: 42-47
3. John 10: 1-10

Midweek Holy communion at St. Mark's Chapel every
Wednesday at 10am and at Sir William Harpur House on
first Monday of every month at 10.00am.

Thank You

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

*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 Sunday

King of Glory,
transform our wayward passions
with the gift of your grace.

Christ of Galilee,
calm our raging storms
with the command of your word.

Shepherd of Bethlehem,
comfort our fearful hearts
with the sound of your voice. Amen.

Clement of Alexandria (c.150-c.215)

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*Please inform us if you know of anyone who is ill, bereaved,
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Please also ask us if you would like a home visit for any reason.*

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Putnoe Heights Church Centre

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Youth Team Leader Carolyn Morris youth@thisischurch.com

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Regular Weekly Activities - A Guide To Our Churches

Monday

Hazeldene Heights Pre-school. Sessional and Full Day care available—open Mon.—Fri. Full Day Care 8.30am to 5pm Sessional times 9am—12noon and 12.45pm - 3.45pm

For more info please contact Laura Leggett 01234 326685 or www.hazeldeneheights.com

8.30-12.30pm St Mark's Pre-School Nursery

Headteacher Mrs. Helen Harpin 312634

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

9.00-3.45pm 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 M. Berry 211955

10.30am U3A Play reading Putnoe Heights Contact

Janet King 313946

1.30pm Chat & Make. Term time for babies and toddlers 0-5. Crafts, toys, songs, story and refreshments £1. More details email-chatandplay@hotmail.co.uk

2.00pm U3A Calligraphy at St Mark's (2nd week in the month) Contact Janet King 313946.

12.00 noon 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. Contact Carolyn Morris

youth@thisischurch.com 365630

2pm U3A Music Appreciation Putnoe Heights Contact Janet King 313946

2.00pm U3A Italian Putnoe Heights— fortnightly

4.15pm Kumon Maths Putnoe Heights. Mrs Raksha Mistry 01908 392698

5.30 - 8.30 NHS Eat Smart Think Active at Putnoe Heights. For more details contact Emily Taverner 01234 792013

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 in month) Pat Nicholson 353518

7.00pm Cancer Care Society. St Mark's. (1st week in month) Mr J Dewhurst 01908 377020.

7.00-8.00pm **Laughter Club** at St. Mark's 2nd week each month) Cheryl Green 07729187399

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

7.30pm Whist Drive. St Mark's (Weeks 3 & 5 in the month).. Next meeting— 21 April Judith Stanton. 823313

7.30pm No Fear Bridge Club St. Mark's Mrs. Susan Ford 300218.

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

7.45-9.15 Get Fit Keep Fit at Putnoe Heights Diane Field 01234 404976

Tuesday

9 –1pm Bedford Stop Smoking at Putnoe Heights. For more details please contact Olivia Tornyie 01234 276826

9.30am Jo Jingles. St. Mark's. Music & movement for pre-school children. Charlotte Williams 07968207442

9.30am Candleworking (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 Contact Janet King 313946

1.15pm U3A Cinema Group. St Mark's Contact Janet King 313946

1.3pm U3A Choir. St Mark's Contact Janet King 313946

2.00pm U3A Book Group 1 St Mark's (3rd Week in

month) Contact Janet King 313946

2.00pm U3A Book Group 2 St Mark's (2nd Week in

month) Contact Janet King 313946

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

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

2.30pm Mother Teresa Support Group. St Mark's (1st & 3rd week in month). Wool and knitting needles provided.

Mrs Maureen Watling 262225

2.15pm Tuesday Afternoon Housegroup. St Mark's

(2nd & 4th week in month) 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

7.00pm Keep Fit. St. Mark's Jan Gregory 328455

(Unfortunately Jan has had to cancel her sessions at the moment, but hopes to re-start in September.

7.30pm Ladies Tuesday Club at Putnoe Heights (Meets

fortnightly) 13 May 'Indoor Olympics'(Board Games)

Details Janet King 313946

8.00pm Hearts in Beds Committee St Mark's (week 4 in month) Mrs N Aspey 309816

Wednesday

9.30am Body Control Pilates. Putnoe Heights.

Stephanie Smith 357787 or 07973174430.

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 Janet King 313946

10.00am Holy Communion. St. Mark's Chapel. A half hour service followed by coffee. All welcome.

10am U3A Card Making, St Marks Contact Janet King 313946

10am U3A Diet and Nutrition- Putnoe Contact Janet King 313946

11.15am U3A Keep Fit at Putnoe Heights

12.30pm –4pm St Mark's Nursery

Headteacher Mrs. Helen Harpin 312634

12.30pm Luncheon Club. Putnoe fortnightly. Next

meeting 7 May Putnoe Heights Office 365630

1.15pm Bridge Club for the Retired. St. Mark's.

Mr Barnes 261811

2.00-4.00pm U3A Craft at St Marks.Contact Janet King 313946

2pm U3A Gilbert and Sullivan Putnoe Heights Contact Janet King 313946

2.15pm - Fifty plus Keep Fit. Putnoe Heights

Mrs Webster 856966

3.45.- 5.30pm Messy Church. St Mark's (3rd Week in month). for children of lower school age and their carers.

Bible-based story, crafts, singing and a meal. Next meeting 21 May 2014 Wendy Waters 401834 Jean Bank

355698

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

6-7pm ATSK Karate at Putnoe Height Kevin Stark Tel. 01234 353865

7.00pm Bunyan Bridge. St. Mark's Colin Jackson 363398 or Brian Sallows 407725.

7.00pm Archaeological & Local History Society Putnoe Heights monthly. Sylvia Woods 365095

7.00pm Putnoe Guild Putnoe 3rd Wednesday in every month except August Mrs Jo Street 344600

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 7 May. 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 (Week 1 in the month) Greta Cansfield 215016

Thursday

8.30am—12.30pm St. Mark's Pre School Nursery Headteacher Mrs. Helen Harpin 312634

9.30am Thursday Prayer Group. Putnoe Heights. Valerie Capon 356306. Request for prayer can be written in the prayer diary on the information table.

9.15am Spanish for beginners Plus at Putnoe Heights

10.30pm Spanish Holiday Survival at Putnoe Heights. Elena 01234 266968

9.45am Chat and Play St.Mark's. A term time group for Mums & toddlers.0-5 Jo Garner 400071 or 07932616468

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 342613

1.30 - 3.00pm NHS Baby Clinic at St Mark's (Weeks 1 & 3 in the month)Contact 897401

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 Contact Janet King 313946

2-4pm U3A Indoor Games. St.Mark's Contact Janet King 313946

2.30 - 4.30pm Bedford Art Society St Mark's Jean Paterson 307210

3.15-5.15pm Social Care Solutions Drama Group Claire Creek 262650

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

6.15pm Brownies. Putnoe Heights Lou Brenna. 07919402797.

7.00pm Club 2000 Putnoe Nina Ovenden 825059

7pm U3A Folk & Poetry St Marks (2nd and 4th week in month)Contact Janet King 313946

7.15pm Putnoe Art Group Bob Wardale 406094

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

Bedford Folk Dancers (formerly Barn dancers) Meet weekly at Putnoe Heights Different guest callers each week.Except August. All welcome, cost £2.50 Including refreshments. More details Ron 825574 or Shirley 01767 651767

8.00pm Bedford Writers Circle. St Mark's (1st week in

month). John Broadhouse 01525 404014

8.00pm Magpies Women's Group St Mark's (2nd & 4th week in month) Mrs Marie Cotchin 402089

8.00pm Brickhill Ladies Group St Mark's (1st and 3rd week in month) Susan Perugi 300219

Friday

8.30am—12.30pm St. Mark's Nursery

Headteacher Mrs. Helen Harpin 312634

8.30am Diabetic Centre St Mark's (1st week in month) Deborah Hennessey 792013

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

10am -12.00 U3A Photography St Marks.(4th week in month) Contact Janet King 313946

10am - 12 & 1.15 - 3.15pm U3A Beginners French St. Marks Contact Janet King 313946

2.00-4.00 pm U3A Whist St Marks. (2nd week in month) Contact Janet King 313946

2pm U3A Gardening - Putnoe Heights Contact Janet King 313946

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

7.00pm-9.00pm Meditation St Mark's.Cheryl Green 07729187399

7.45 - 10.45pm Bedford Astrology Club. St Marks(2nd week in month)Carol Brown 01438 233385

Saturday

9.00am Faith Temple Ministries St Mark's (1st week in month) Dawn Kelly 07863762593

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

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 21st May, 18th June.



Diary Dates



St Mark's Church Council – 17 June, 14 October

St Mark's Leadership Team - 20 May, 9 Sept

Annual Congregational Meetings—

Putnoe Heights Leadership Team -

Putnoe Heights Management Meeting

Putnoe Church Council - 10 July

Pastoral Group Meeting -

Churchyard Committee -

Commemoration Service - 2nd November

Circuit meeting – 19th June

Woodland Burial Trustees— AGM - May 25th

Putnoe Heights Children & Youth Meeting – Monday 9 June 1.10pm

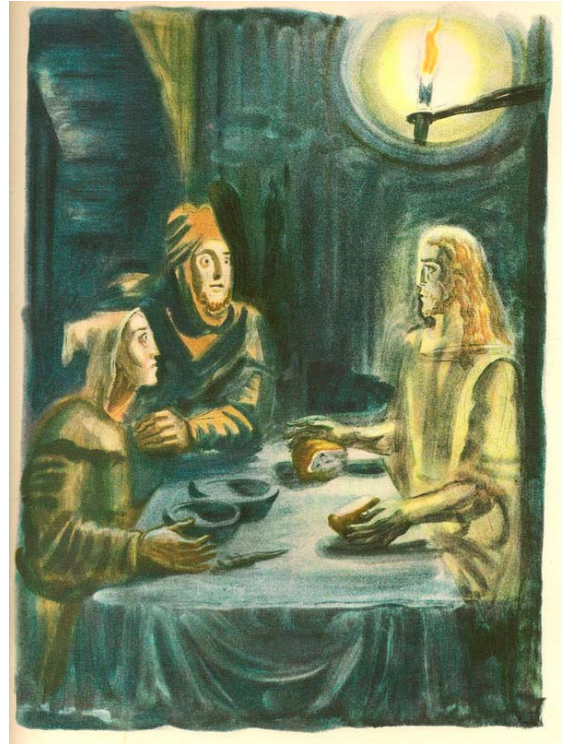
Please advise St Mark's Church Office of the dates of your meetings.

Third Sunday of Easter

Sentence of Scripture 1 Peter 1:18

For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake.

Collect Prayer for the Day *Before we read we pray*
Almighty father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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 Bible Reading -Acts 2: 14a, 36-41

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ." When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call." With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. (This is the word of the Lord --

Thanks be to God)

Second Bible Reading 1 Peter 1: 17-23

Since you call on a Father who judges each man's work impartially, live your lives as strangers here in reverent fear. For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God. Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for your brothers, love one another deeply, from the heart. For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God (This is the word of the Lord --

Thanks be to God)

Gospel Reading - Luke 24: 13-35

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you only a visitor to Jerusalem and do not know the things that have happened there in these days?" "What things?" he asked. "About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive.

Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?” And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus acted as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?” They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, “It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.” Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognised by them when he broke the bread. (This is the word of the Lord -- **Thanks be to God**)

Post Communion Prayer

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen.

Hymns (Please distribute Family Worship booklets and special hymn sheet.)

1. Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.
2. Jesus, Prince and Saviour
3. On the journey to Emmaus
4. This joyful Eastertide
5. Sing in resurrection splendour

Commentary

In our reading from 1 Peter we learn about Jesus as Redeemer and Lord.

He is the liberator, delivering us from the bondage of sin and death. No doubt Peter is thinking of Isaiah 53 where the prophet talks about the Suffering Servant and also Exodus 12 with the picture of the Passover Lamb, with freedom from slavery and death.

However we interpret the crucifixion it really did cost the life and death of Jesus to free us from bondage to sin and death, to give us new life and to bring us back to God and all because he loves us so much.

Peter then says that Jesus is God’s eternal purpose. Sometimes we think of God as having made the world and then, when things went wrong and people ignored him and went their own way, finding a way to rescue the world through Jesus – assort of plan B! But Peter says God was Redeemer before he was creator. His redeeming love is not an emergency measure that God was forced into when things went wrong. It is as great and timeless as his power “and knows neither measure nor end” as the hymn says.

“What God had always planned came to birth in Bethlehem, to fulfilment on Calvary, to victory at the Resurrection, to exaltation at Ascension, and is even now coming to consummation” (Interpreter’s Bible). That is the age we live in - seeing and experiencing puzzling reflections in a mirror. But the time will come when we see face to face. A glorious hope.

For Peter wants us to know that Jesus is not only the lamb who was slain, but also risen and triumphant – given glory by God. We don’t have the Cross and Resurrection separated here.

There is sacrifice and triumph. “The agony of the cross shouldn’t dim the brightness of the resurrection” writes Edward Rogers. “It is wrong” he continues “to suggest that it was endured pain rather than overcoming love which secured man’s salvation.” God’s purpose was not fully completed at Calvary. Yes, by his death he frees us from the bondage of sin, but it is supremely through his Resurrection that he gives us new life as glorious and indestructible as his own! This is the glory of Easter – through darkness and pain to wonderful resurrection light and life.

And this is the experience of Cleopas and his companion – probably his wife May – on the journey to Emmaus. There is sorrow, dismay at the dashing of their hopes. They had hoped that Jesus would redeem Israel and set them free. But at the end of the journey they discover that death itself has been defeated, that “God’s new creation has burst in upon our sorrowing and decaying world”. That’s how Tom Wright sees it anyway. He says that “Jesus himself, risen from the dead,

is the beginning and the sign of this new world. He has gone through death and out the other side into a new world, a world of new and deathless creation, still physical only somehow transformed". Hence the risen Jesus could just 'appear' was not always recognised, but ate and talked with his friends. It was Jesus alive – but not quite as before!
The old hymn says "I serve a risen Saviour, He's in the world today." As he journeys with us may we recognise him and come to know his transforming and victorious love at work and in our lives. *Richard Ledger*

Meditation

(From the book 'Resurrection' by Rowan Williams.)

We are invited to grasp the truth that to eat at Jesus' table is to benefit from his total self-offering – In historical terms, from his death on the cross. Our redemption, our transformation, experienced as we find ourselves his guests, depends on nothing less.

Hence the enormous importance of the stories of the risen Jesus breaking bread with the disciples. By their desertion, their complicity in his murder, they have ranged themselves with the lost and the guilty, they have made themselves 'marginal' to the reality of God's Kingdom. What they have to learn is that, if Jesus is indeed *wholly* given over to living and dying as 'gift', nothing but their own hardness of heart and lack of trust can disqualify them from receiving the grace he has to give. Thus, to welcome or be welcomed by him at a meal on the further side of Calvary is the ultimate assurance of mercy and acceptance, of indestructible love.

Prayers for Sunday and the Week Ahead

Lord, there is a Presence, You come in to remain with us,
and in an action that stirs up the memory, we recognize You;
again and again, You are made known to us, in the breaking of bread.

A Prayer for Others:

Those for whom things haven't worked out, in the way that they had hoped,
that life may bless them in ways, they had never dreamed. *(Michael Walker)*

Christ has risen from the dead, by death defeating death,
and those buried in the grave, he has brought back to life.
(The Easter Troparion from the Orthodox Church)

Jesus, our Lord, we praise you that nothing could keep you dead in the grave.
You are stronger than death and the devil.
Help us to remember that there is nothing to be afraid of, because you are alive and by our side.

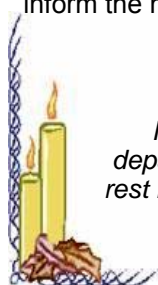
Fill us with your Spirit of Life, that we may be people of life' servants of life, encouragers of life, signs of Christ, the life of the world; in his name we pray.

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.

David Arthur Anderson

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



Rest in Peace

Members of Putnoe Heights Church will be saddened to hear news of the death of Derrick Cutler. Derrick was a long standing member of Putnoe Heights Church until recently. His funeral will be held at Putnoe Heights Church on the afternoon of Saturday 17 May.

Forthcoming Funerals



The funeral of Sidney Ernest Howard will take place at Bedford Crematorium at 12.15pm on Friday 9th May.

Car Boot Sale Thanks to everybody who helped make the car boot sale on Easter Monday such a great success. We raised £1192 which is a fantastic start to the car boot season. The next one takes place on Monday and we would really appreciate your help again. We were especially grateful to everybody who had turned out their cupboards to give things to sell on the church stall. Please take the chance to look through your home for anything which we could sell. St Mark's Church will be open all day to welcome contributions.

Putnoe Heights Ladies. You may be aware that our men folk have recently enjoyed two convivial evenings out together. It's our turn now! I have agreed to arrange a similar evening for the ladies. Please give me your name if you would like to join us on Wednesday May 21 at 7.30 p.m. at the Cappuccino Bar in Newnham Street, Bedford. The cost will be £15, which will cover a starter, main course and a drink. Lifts can be arranged between us, so don't let lack of transport stop you from coming out for an evening of delicious food and cheerful company. Margaret Massey. Tel. 01234 327219 or massey-1@tiscali.co.uk

Thank you to Judith Stanton and her supporters in donating £82 to Church funds.

Open House More volunteers to help the group on a Wednesday would be welcome.

Open Day at St Mark's Pre-School and All Day Childcare on Saturday 10 May 2014 from 2.00pm-4.00pm (Now taking bookings for September 2014). Activities for the children, face painting etc Coffee and cakes. Families Welcome.

MWIB Easter Offering The Easter Offering envelopes in the foyer at both Putnoe Heights and St Mark's Church explain how the money collected is used. Please take one and return it a.s.a.p.. This year's theme is 'Risk The Path He Trod'. The dedication service will be held on Thursday 22 May at 2.30pm at Trinity Methodist Church Biggleswade.

Action for Children Please bring your boxes to be opened and contents counted at Ladyslaude Court on Thursday 8 May between 2—4.30pm. Welcome to all for tea and cakes and updates on the work of the charity. Could you be a new box holder?

Footprints Walk The Footprints walk is Sunday, May 4 and will take in Ampthill Park and Millbrook. Refreshments will be available at The Hub in the park afterwards. Please meet at Ampthill Woburn Street car park (it's in the park itself) at 2.30pm

Christian Aid week 11-17 May "Give people a future without fear" Christian Aid is an agency that works to bring an end to poverty around the world

and every year, one week is designated to a national House to House collection by Christians of different traditions working together for that common aim. Please be willing to help with the delivery and collection of gift envelopes, on behalf of St. Mark's and Putnoe Heights Churches, in the Brickhill and Putnoe areas during the week of 11-17 May. The envelopes and collector's information packs will be ready to collect in each church on 4 and 11 May. Contacts for more information are - Carolyn Morris, Putnoe Heights and Jean Bank, St. Mark's

Cash for Currency

Thank you to everybody who has helped Open House by donating coins and notes. In the first four weeks of people handing in foreign coins and the occasional banknote for Stuart Green has sorted it and converted it into £54 sterling for Open House funds !

We would be grateful for more British and foreign coins and notes, no matter how old. Please remember to keep any coins from your holidays ! We can turn every coin and note, no matter how old or how small, into cash to help fund our Openhouse project to help people with learning difficulties. So search out those old pesetas or shillings or whatever and bring them along to the Church Office anytime so we can sort them out and get the best possible value for everything you donate. Remember, everything can be used to generate funds for Openhouse.

Bowling in Bedford Flat green bowling is a relaxing sport undertaken in beautiful surroundings with convivial company. If you think this is for you try a taster session on our local Council green. Contact: Bedford Park Bowling Club. Days: Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 2 – 4 pm; Tuesday evening 6 pm until dusk. Contact names: Ray Seymour 01234 305695 and Gareth Davies 01234 347647

Deanery evensong Everybody is invited to St James Biddenham on 18 May at 6.30pm for Deanery Evensong

A concert of classics for trumpets and voices at Christ church, Bedford Saturday 10 May at 7.30pm A concert of music inspired by praise and prayers tickets £5 Tickets 01234 327150

Messy Cathedral On Saturday 7 June 2014 10.30am - 1.30pm - Booking Essential Creative activities, lunch provided, come and experience Messy Church in the historic and awesome cathedral

Hymns for Sunday

Alleluia, Alleluia

Give thanks to the risen Lord
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name
Jesus is Lord of all the earth
He is the King of creation

Spread the good news o'er all the earth
Jesus has died and has risen

We have been crucified with Christ
Now we shall live forever
God has proclaimed the just reward
Life for all men, alleluia!

Come let us praise the living God
Joyfully sing to our Saviour

Jesus, Prince and Saviour, Lord of life who died,

Christ, the friend of sinners, mocked and crucified;
for a world's salvation he his body gave,
lay at last death's victim lifeless in the grave.

*Lord of life triumphant,
risen now to reign!
King of endless ages,
Jesus lives again!*

In his power and Godhead, every victory won,
pain and passion ended, all his purpose done:
Christ the Lord is risen! sighs and sorrows past,
death's dark night is over, morning comes at last!

Resurrection morning, sinners' bondage freed!
Christ the Lord is risen, he is risen indeed!
Jesus, Prince and Saviour, Lord of life who died,
Christ the King of glory now is glorified!

On the journey to Emmaus with our hearts cold as stone

the One who would save us had left us alone.
Then a stranger walks with us and, to our surprise
he opens our stories and opens our eyes

And our hearts burned within us as we talked on the way
how all that was promised was ours on that day.
So we begged him, 'Stay with us and grant us your word.'
We welcome the stranger and we welcomed the Lord.

And that evening at the table as he blessed and broke bread,
we saw it was Jesus arisen from the dead;
though he vanished before us we knew he was near
the life in our dying and the hope in our fear.

On our journey to Emmaus, in our stories and feast,
with Jesus we claim that the greatest is least:
and his words burn within us - let none be ignored
who welcomes the stranger shall welcome the Lord.

This joyful Eastertide,
what need is there for grieving?
Cast all your cares aside,
and be not unbelieving:

*Come, share our Easter joy,
that death could not imprison,
Nor any power destroy,
our Christ, who is arisen!*

No work for him is vain,
no faith in him mistaken,
For Easter makes it plain,
his Kingdom is not shaken:

Then put your trust in Christ,
in waking and in sleeping,
His grace on earth sufficed;
he'll never quit his keeping:

Sing in resurrection splendour,
Heaven your gates fling open wide,
Sing victorious all you people,
Shout the praise of him who died.
Christ is risen, tell his triumph,
Name him Lord of all the earth,
Sing the death that ends all dying,
Sing the song of man's rebirth.

See Christ rising now in glory,
See his hands outstretched to bless,
Hear the glad exultant story,
God has conquered our distress.
All was sin and all was sorrow,
We were lost in death's grim night,
Now, redeemed, we sing in wonder,
Death's dark forces yield to light.

Angles in the heights acclaim him,
Man on earth his praises sings,
Joy resounds through all creation,
While the vault of heaven rings.
Evil vanquished, death departed,
Christ is victor in the strife,
Hail him, King who paid our ransom,
Hail him, Lord of endless life!