



Methodist
Church

Partnership News

4 September 2005
23 in Ordinary

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 Service of Holy Communion

Held at both churches

9.30am St Mark's Church - Family Worship

Preacher - Reverend Charles Royden

Leadership Team - Mr Mike Cooper

Intercessions - Mr Ian Farthing

11.00am Putnoe Heights Family Worship & Baptism

Preacher - Reverend Charles Royden

Leadership Team - Mr Alan Cooper

Intercessions - Ministers

11 September 24 in Ordinary

8.30 Service of Holy Communion

Held at both churches

9.30am St Mark's Church - Morning Worship

Preacher - Reverend Sam Cappleman

Leadership - Linda Parry

Intercessions - Margaret Appleton

11.00am Putnoe -

Preacher - Reverend Sam Cappleman

Leadership Team - Lawrence Wyatt

Intercessions - Ministers

1 Reading - Genesis 50: 15-21, **2 Reading** -

Romans 14: 1-12, **3 Reading** - Matthew 18: 20-35

Thank You

The flowers at Putnoe Heights Church this week have been given by Arthur Merryman, in memory of his wife, Vi, on the anniversary of their wedding.

We are always grateful for any donations for flowers, perhaps to celebrate an anniversary or in memory of a loved one. Please contact Miss Marion Prior 303254 (St Mark's) or Miss Jennie Cooper 404950 (Putnoe Heights)

Prayer for Sunday

Give us, O Lord,
steadfast hearts
that cannot be dragged down by false loves;
give us courageous hearts
that cannot be worn down by trouble;
give us righteous hearts
that cannot be sidetracked
by unholy or unworthy goals.
Give to us also, our Lord and God,
understanding to know you,
diligence to look for you, wisdom to
recognise you, and a faithfulness that will
bring us to see you face to face.

Thomas a Kempis

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

Putnoe Heights Church Centre

Open 9am - 1.00pm Monday & Friday

9am - 4pm Tuesday/Wednesday & Thursday

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Junior Church Co-ordinator - Mrs Liz Spavins 302349

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Leadership Team - Mr Ian Farthing 210892

Treasurer - Mr John Day 295592 treasurer@Thisischurch.com

Gift Aid Administrator Mr Jim Williams 360605

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Regular Weekly Activities - A Guide To Our Churches

Monday

9.30 - 12.00 pm Pre-school (See website for more details) Mrs Janet Smith 326685 (Putnoe Heights) or Mrs. Helen Harpin **312634** (St. Mark's).

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

10.00am Supple Strength at Putnoe Heights. Louise Woodcock 270302

12.00pm - 1.00pm Story box at Putnoe Heights. Service for parents/carers & children under 5. Children's activities songs and prayers, all in one hour from.

3.30 - 5pm Story box Plus at St. Mark's for 4 to 10 years. A preparation group for small drama on the first Sunday of the month. Liz Spavins 302349

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

6.00pm Brownies St Mark's. Mrs C Mathew 400987

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 one 19 September ..Moorfields & Sight Concern 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

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

10.00am Keep Fit at Putnoe Heights. Mrs Stileman 822230

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

12 noon - 10.00 pm Slimming World at St. Mark's. Sessions start at 12, 1.30pm, 4pm, 5.30pm & 7.15pm Val Careless 345213.

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

1.30pm Body Control Pilates at Putnoe Heights. Stephanie Smith 357787

2.15pm Putnoe Heights Women's Fellowship - Next meeting 6 September A.G.M. Mrs Betty Wyatt 350188.

2.15pm Putnoe Heights Men's Fellowship. Next meeting 13 September. Lawrence Wyatt 350188.

2.30pm Mother Teresa Support Group. Meets

fortnightly at St. Mark's. Wool and knitting needles provided. Mrs Joan Gravett 356911 and Mrs Marjorie Taylor 305709

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

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

6.45pm Guides at Putnoe Heights. Emma Holloway 293792

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 Bibleway Church at Putnoe Heights. Bible study & prayers. Revd.Tarr on 360188 or 07866775515

7. 45 pm Putnoe Heights Ladies Tuesday Club - Meets fortnightly. Next meeting 7pm 30 August coffee evening. Madge Walsh 359088

8.30-9.30pm St. Mark's - Qi Gong (Self help healing group) - Mr F Steele 355937

Wednesday

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

9.30am Bedford U3A at Putnoe Heights meets bi-monthly. Next meeting . Jenny Coggins 266379

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 7 September Putnoe 365630

1- 3pm Police Surgery at Putnoe Heights . Resuming 24 August

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

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. Pam Holley 771964

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.*

9.45am Yoga at Putnoe Heights. Karen Simpson 244970

10.30am - 12.00am Fledglings at St Mark's

2.00pm - 3.00pm Clinic at St. Mark's 267444

12pm Story box at St Mark's. Service for parents, carers & children under 5. Sandwich lunch, Bible Stories, Children's activities, songs & prayers, all in one hour from 12-1pm. Restarts 8 September.

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

1.30pm St. Mark's Church Toddler Group.

Debbie Coppenhall 356828.

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

2pm U3A Indoor Games at Putnoe Heights. Radmila Dancer 404811

4.00 Story box Plus at Putnoe Heights for 4-10year old. A preparation group for a drama for the first Sunday in the month.. Meets 4-5pm, drinks from 3.30pm Liz Spavins 302349

6.15 pm Weightwatchers at St. Mark's.

Mrs Margaret Ralph 01767 224978.

6.15pm Brownies at Putnoe Heights. Helga Nash 218521

7.00pm Club 2000 at Putnoe Height. Pat Stidolph 345247

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

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

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

7.30-9.30pm Bibleway Church- Bible Studies every 2nd 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 meets at St Mark's 3rd 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.

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

7. 30pm Bibleway Young Peoples meeting Contact Pastor Tarr 360188

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

Saturday

9.30am Stars School of Dance at Putnoe Heights. Contact Esther Sancto 272517

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

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

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

Sunday

1- 3pm & 7-9pm Bibleway 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. Restarts Sunday 11 September Contact Putnoe Office 365630

Diary Dates

St Mark's Church Council 12 October

Circuit Meeting 14 September

Bedford Deanery Meeting 15 September

St Mark's Leadership Team - 4 October at Vicarage

Putnoe Heights Leadership Team Sept 26

St Mark's Church Management Meeting 12 September, 2 November. All meetings to start 7.00pm

Putnoe Heights Management - 19 Sept, 14 Nov, 16 Jan 2005

Putnoe Church Council 10 Oct 2005

Pastoral Group Meeting - 29 September 2.00pm

Churchyard Committee - 7 October at 4.15

Putnoe Heights Mission Group Meeting .

Partnership Council - 20 September at St. Mark's 7.30pm

Brickhill Parish Council 8 September, 26 September, 13 October

Visit of Bishop Christopher 23 October

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

Bible Notes

Ordinary 23 Year A

(Trinity 14 Green)

Verse of Scripture Matthew 18:20

Where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them."

A Collect Prayer - Before we read we pray

O God, you bear your people ever on your heart and mind. Watch over us in your protecting love, that, strengthened by your grace and led by your Spirit, we may not miss your way for us but enter into your glory, made ready for all in Christ our Lord. Amen. *Methodist Worship*

First Reading – Ezekiel 33: 7-11

"Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. When I say to the wicked, 'O wicked man, you will surely die,' and you do not speak out to dissuade him from his ways, that wicked man will die for his sin, and I will hold you accountable for his blood. But if you do warn the wicked man to turn from his ways and he does not do so, he will die for his sin, but you will have saved yourself. "Son of man, say to the house of Israel, 'This is what you are saying: "Our offences and sins weigh us down, and we are wasting away because of them. How then can we live?"' Say to them, 'As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, O house of Israel?' (Reader: This is the word of the Lord -- **Thanks be to God**)

Second Reading - Romans 13: 8-14

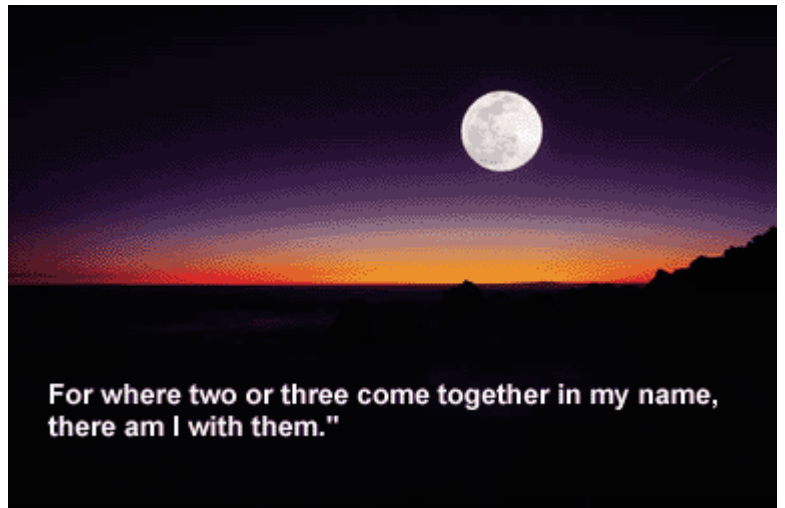
Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "Do not commit adultery," "Do not murder," "Do not steal," "Do not covet," and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this one rule: "Love your neighbour as yourself." Love does no harm to its neighbour. Therefore love is the fulfilment of the law. And do this, understanding the present time. The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armour of light. Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature.

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

Third Reading – Matthew 18: 15-20

"If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector. "I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. "Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them."

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



Commentary

In truth, it is easier to get on a soap box and call for world peace, than it is to have happy and peaceful relationships with those around us. Calling for peace is easy, living peacefully with other people requires great courage and prayer. The sad thing is that often religious people are the very worst at this. They sometimes take matters so much to the heart, and become so fervently convinced of their own beliefs, that they judge and condemn those who are different. That is the message of history. There have been some fantastic religious people who have worked for a better world and set wonderful examples of good living, but all too often religion is a bad things and causes people to hate and murder. Frankly, religion is not necessarily a good thing. Indeed it can bring out the worst in people. In the passage from Romans today we see that the measure or the worth, the value of religion, is judged by the necessary demonstration of that religion in actions of loving kindness. When we ask how good is our religious faith the answer is 'as good as your love for your neighbour.' The words and the deeds of those who seek to worship God should be characterized by a ruling principle which is that we 'love our neighbour as ourselves.' That principle is the scale upon which we weigh the true value of religion.

God teaches us throughout the pages of scripture that life is valuable. Often religious extremists consider their causes more important than human life, which is worth sacrificing. Some of the very worst crimes against humanity have been committed by religious people, in the name of their god. Religion does not always make people good people. Often people will use religion to gain divine blessing or authority for acts of terrible human greed and aggression.

The Christian life is expected to be a life which is distinguishable by its practice. Acting out the quality of love and the absence of evil, through the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Christian and the Christian community is to be recognized as special. That is why in our reading from Matthew we hear of instructions for daily living to enable people to settle disputes inside the church privately, one to one.

We might not like our neighbour, we may believe that there are all sorts of barriers between us, social, political, religious, moral - whatever. We have to be able to transcend these barriers: remember that when Jesus was asked for an example of who a neighbour was, he chose a Samaritan, somebody who a good Jew wouldn't even condescend to speak with. So it is down to us to show how deep our religion goes. It is no use calling for change in the world, we have to be the change which we want to see in the world. Remember 'Love is the fulfilling of the law' Romans 13 *Charles Royden*

Meditation

"The German Pastor Martin Niemoeller (1892–1984), who protested Hitler's anti-semitic measures in person to the Fuehrer, was eventually arrested, then imprisoned at Sachsenhausen and Dachau (1937–1945). He once confessed, 'It took me a long time to learn that God is not the enemy of my enemies. He is not even the enemy of His enemies.'"

Prayers

God, unto whom all hearts be open, and unto whom all will speaks, and unto whom no privy thing is hid. I beseech you so far to cleanse the intent of my heart with the unspeakable gift of your grace, that I may perfectly love you, and worthily praise you. From Cloud of Unknowing 14c

O Lord Jesus, acknowledge what is yours in us, and take away from us all that is not yours; for your honour and glory. Amen. St Bernardine, 14&15century

God, if there be a God, if you will prove to me that you are, and if you will give me peace, I will give you my whole life. I'll do anything you ask me to do, go where you send me, obey you all my days. Isobel Kuhn 20th century

Post Communion Prayer

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Hymns (Please distribute Hymns and Psalms and Service sheets)

Who would true valour see 688, Moses I know you're the man 450, Make me a channel of your peace 776, Seek ye first the kingdom of God 138, Lord of the church, we pray for our renewing: (Tune Danny Boy)

News, Views and Information

Story Box and Story Box Plus Storybox Plus starts at St Marks

Following the growing success of Storybox Plus at Putnoe we are very pleased to announce that we will be starting the group at St Marks. We will begin on Monday 12th September 3.30 start for refreshments and a chill out with a 4.00 start and 5.00 finish. During that hour we will read, study, and rehearse a Bible based story in preparation to perform at the Family Service on the 1st Sunday. We will also spend time making props for the play. Anyone between 4 (at school) and 10 can join us to make friends and have fun. The groups success will need volunteers if you can help with any aspect of our activities or have a child that would like to see what we are all about please phone *Liz Spavins* on 302349.

Story Box at Putnoe Heights

Story box will continue at Putnoe on Mondays throughout August, older siblings and all from St Mark's are welcome (apart from tomorrow please bring a picnic lunch, drinks provided) Storybox Plus restarts at Putnoe on Thursday 8 September & starts at St. Mark's on Monday 12 September. Please note that we have increased the age of this group up to 10 years. For further details call *Liz*

Brickhill Parish Council will be meeting at St Mark's Church on Thursday this week, at 7.45pm. Members of the public are invited to attend and will be offered the chance to speak to the Council about matters of concern.

Make a Difference - cards, wraps, gifts, food –at 22, Mallard Hill, Bedford on Friday 23rd September, 7-9.30pm, Saturday 24th September 2-5pm and Sunday 25th September –10am-1pm. 50p including refreshments.

St Mark's Car Boot Sale –on Monday 29th August made £1400. Thank you to everyone who helped.

TNT—Starts again on Sunday 11 September with a puppet workshop at Putnoe at 6 –7.30 pm.

Pray without Ceasing - One copy of prayer manual "Pray without Ceasing" is available from Vera Pearson. Cost £2. Vera Pearson 270737

Putnoe Heights Mission Group Meeting
Wednesday 14 September 7.30pm. 14 Flint Way.
Sylvia Cohen 343424

Partnership Choir - Harvest 3 October Would usual members let me know by the 1 September if

they are able to participate in rehearsals shown below, and both morning services on 3 October, so that I can assess whether we have a viable group. I will confirm by phone or email before the first rehearsal whether or not we will be singing. New members would be welcome. (I have spoken to some members already, at St Mark's, so there is no need for those folk to be in touch)

Rehearsals at St Mark's 7pm 2,9,16,23 & 30 September. Please let Marion know via phone 303254 or email: marionprior@hotmail.com
Thank you.

Bible Reading Fellowship. Colleen Littlewood is no longer distributing these booklets. Would those people who usually take this please see Wendy Rider for further information.

Children and Children's Workers.

1September will see the launch of a website dedicated to the children of the Methodist Church. www.methodistchildren.org.uk seeks to give children a chance to have their say about what is important to them, both in terms of church life and wider social issues. There will be regular polls, finding out their opinions about issues such as what the government could change in schools and message boards so that they can discuss their experiences and beliefs with one another. Children can send in their pictures for display in the gallery, read an animated storybook, or explore 'the Methodist Story' online, but the website will also seek to address serious issues such as advice about staying safe on the Internet.

But it's not just for the children – the site also features an area dedicated to children's workers, providing links to resources as well as information about training courses and events. They too will have a message board and the aim is to build up a network of leaders, giving them the opportunity to express their concerns and challenges, share advice and benefit from one another's experience and new ideas. One way that the Church hopes to enable better communication with children and children's workers is through two online surveys available on the website. The one aimed at the children asks them about topics such as their favourite worship songs, what they do in church and even why they go to church in the first place. The leader's survey aims to get a better idea of what kind of provision exists for children within the churches and what kind of training has been received by children's workers, but it also focuses on their needs, asking about what support is available to them and what more is necessary.



**Auction of Promises
September 17 at St Mark's Church**

Thank you to those who have offered fantastic promises, in aid of the Building Development to replace

the Portakabin and provide accommodation for Autism Bedfordshire. Please contact Chris Izzard who is organising this event. Telephone 212164.

1 Tailor made bespoke shirt. Have your own choice of colour and weight of Egyptian cotton.

Value £75 Addison & Steele, Piccadilly, London.

2 Evening dinner for two (drinks and wines not included) Value £75 St Helena Restaurant, Elstow

3 One week of accommodation for up to six people in a holiday cottage in Exmouth, (situated very near the sea on dates mutually convenient) Value £260 Mr and Mrs Puttock

4 Clothing voucher for a gentleman

Retail value £50 Claytons, The Arcade, Bedford.

5 BMW Lifestyle Business Case in charcoal grey Retail value £125 ELMS, Bedford (BMW Dealers)

6 MG Day out. In a chauffeur driven vintage car (for up to 2 passengers) Mr and Mrs John Day

7 Three course evening meal, inclusive of wine for 4 people. Provided at 4 Trent Road. Mrs Pat Mitchell

8 Chauffeur driven half day trip in a two seated Morgan sports car (for one passenger) donated by Mr C Waters

9 Six hand made cross stitch Christmas Cards Mrs A Elliott

10 Anfield Stadium Tour of museum and tour centre, for family of four. Value approximately £30 Liverpool Football Club (*date conditions apply, valid until June 2006)

11 Two Old 12 inch diameter ornamental concrete garden plant pots (Can be viewed at auction or before)

12 Planted hanging baskets for Spring/Summer 2006 Value £50.00 C R Wilkinson & Son, Willington

13 Various sizes/quantities of plastic flower pots (Can be viewed at auction or before)

14 Boxes of garden bedding plants for 2006 (Own choice) Value £100 C R Wilkinson & Sons, Willington

15 Edinburgh crystal cut glass wine/spirit decanter (can be viewed at auction or before) Value £75.00 Donated by John Bull & Co St Peter's, Bedford.

16 Case of wine (5 bottles)

Donated by Floor Protection Services Ltd. Kempston

17 Conducted tour of the National Gallery with the Reverend Dr Joan Crossley. Meeting at the Gallery, for up to 4 people on a mutually agreed date

18 Traditional 11" home made Christmas cake baked by Linda Parry. Available 2 weeks before Christmas. Donated by Linda Parry

19 Bouquet or Arrangement of flowers for any occasion. Value £50 Donated by Greycourt Florists Bedford Road. Kempston

20 Twelve hand made cards to the specification of the buyer, birthday, get well, blank etc. Value £12 Donated by Marion Prior

21 Six evenings of baby sitting

Donated by Wendy Rider

22 Airport Taxi Return car journey to airport of your for up to 4 passengers. Value Luton £52, Stanstead £100, Heathrow £110, (at mutually agreed dates/times) Donated by Wendy Rider

23 Coffee Table. 18" high, 24" wide and 48" long. (Can be viewed at auction or before) Value £140. Donated by Hatters Fine Furnishings, Goldington Road, Bedford.

24 Lead crystal cut glass 20 cm bowl (Can be viewed at auction or before) Value £30. Donated by C. J. Beavis Ltd. The Arcade, Bedford.

25 'Breville' one touch electric blender (1.5 ltr jug) Value £35.

26 Seven day pass for two people to Dragons gymnasium. Group fitness classes, swimming pool, spa, sauna and steam rooms. Donated by Dragons Health Club, Kimbolton Road, Bedford. .

27 Evening meal for six people inclusive of wine, served in your own home or at 107 Dover Crescent, Bedford. Prepared and cooked by The Reverend Dr Chef, Sam Cappleman

28 Two container grown 3 year old Yucca plants (Gloriosa White, can be viewed at auction). Value £25

29 Spring flowering bulbs or planted container Value £25 Donated by Frosts Garden Centre, Willington

30 Three night, long weekend or mid week stay in a mid terrace cottage. Double and twin bed roomed, sleeps four. Situated in Long Compton, near Chipping Norton/ Shipston-on-Stour, The Cotswolds. To be taken October/ March. Donated by Mrs Dorothy Richards

31 A brace of trout of trout fresh from Grafham. May be delivered separately depending on success. Donated by The Reverend Charles Royden.

32 One 10 inch Pizza With own choice of topping. Donated by Alison Holden

33 Ken Dodd Video

Personally signed on cover and donated by Ken Dodd

34 A round of golf for four

Value £120 Donated by Bedford Golf Club

35 Two dozen home made mince pies, supplied two weeks before Christmas. Donated by Mrs Addie Topham

36 A guided tour of Westminster Abbey, London with Professor Paul Crossley. For up to four people to meet at the Abbey.

37 Pair of Halfords car wheel ramps. Previously used, they can be seen at auction. Donated by The Reverend Trevor Noble.

38 A Special Dinner We will shop for, prepare, cook and serve a Dinner Party for up to eight people in the buyer's own home. We will lay the table including flowers and napkins. You simply provide the drinks, the table and the crockery. We will also wash up in the absence of a dishwasher! Donated by Sue Allen and Friends

39 A white plastic garden bird bath. Can be viewed at auction Donated by Mrs Dorothy Richards

40 Original framed oil painting of yellow roses 16"x19" Donated by E Green

41 A much acclaimed Home Made Traditional Christmas Pudding. Available two weeks before Christmas. Donated by Mrs Anne Lowe.

42 Twelve tickets for amusement rides (Does not include car park entry charges) valued at approx £6 Donated by Wicksteed Park, KetteringMoscrop.

43 Meal for two with a bottle of wine at The Plough, Bolnhurst, Donated by Martin & Jayne Lee and Michael

Moscrop

44 Three light, wrought iron chandelier light fitting with four candle shades Donated by Mr & Mrs Leusby

45 Watercolour painting Donated by Wendy Cochran

46 Creative Photograph 'Faces at the Window' Aluminium Framed by Deryck Cutler ARPS AFIAP, BPE4*. Image accepted by over 30 British and International Open Photographic Exhibitions.

47 Traditional Photograph 'Black Grapes' Aluminium framed print by Deryck Cutler ARPS AFIAP, BPE4*. Image accepted by a number of British Open Photographic Exhibitions.

Please do invite friends for a great night out at the Auction of Promises *New promises being added all the time, visit our church website www.thisischurch.com*

Offertory Envelopes Members of the Envelope Scheme at Putnoe Heights Church are invited to collect their offertory envelopes for the year beginning 4 September from the table in the welcome area. New members of the scheme are always welcome. Please speak to John Hitt (tel. 404186) if you would like further information.

The Beds and Herts Sponsored Bicycle Ride and Walk will take place on Saturday 10th September 2005. Sponsor forms are available from both churches. Further details on www.bedshertshct.org.uk

We offer our congratulations and support to Liz Spavins on her appointment as Children and Youth Worker at both St Mark's and Putnoe Heights Church. Liz has been making great progress working with Storybox and Storybox Plus and we all encourage her as she seeks to develop this work across the Partnership.

Visit by Bishop Christopher St Mark's Leadership team are arranging a social evening to welcome Bishop Christopher on Sunday 23 October. It will be a night not to be missed and one for your diary.

Auction of Promises September 17 at 7.30pm
Entrance to this event will be free, so please use it as an opportunity to invite friends along. Please bring your own

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.

Roy Bert James Daniels
Daphne Violet Babbington

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



wine/drinks along to keep costs down. Programmes are available now and cost £1. They include a form to make bids prior to the evening if you are unable to attend.

Family Fun Day Sunday 4 September at Woodlands Manor, Bouncy Castles, BBQ's, Live Bands, Tug of War & much more. In aid of Epilepsy Bereaved Charity. More information 01234 363281.

Bechar; Bedford Concern for the Homeless & Rootless. A.G.M. Tuesday 13 September at 8pm at the Prebend Day Centre. 12 Prebend St. Bedford.

St Mark's Garden of Remembrance. The new plans for the Garden are for viewing in the foyer at St Mark's. They illustrate in detail the new garden and

Cancer Research UK - Theatre Tickets. Bedford Dramatic Club are performing "Veronica's Room", a thriller by Ira Levin, at the end of September. They have donated 50 tickets to Cancer Research UK, and all proceeds from the sale of these tickets will go to the charity. The performance is at The Place, Bradgate Road, Bedford on Tuesday, 27th September at 7.30pm. Tickets are £6 each (concessions £5) which is a discounted price for us, and are available now from Howard Lawrence (tel. 267837) and Sue Butler (tel. 354183). Reserve yours soon, or you may miss out on what will be a very entertaining evening, and a chance to help this worthwhile cause.

St Mark's Church is selling a Nissan Micra on behalf of one of our parishioners. It is an 'R' registration with 55,000 miles on the clock and has a full service history. It has only had one owner and a full service history. If you would like to make a reasonable offer, then please contact the church office for more details.

To all my friends at St Mark's Church, please accept my very grateful and humble thanks for all your visits, cards and prayers, sent during my long stay in hospital. Without those prayers I would not have had the strength to survive. God Bless you all and I pray I will soon join you in worship once again. Doreen.

Monday evening Housegroup will now meet for a coffee evening at Jennie & Barry Senlson's at 19 Bamburgh Drive at 7.30pm Monday 5th September Margaret & Eddy Peck

Bedford Ecumenical Lay Training Centre 'Practical Spirituality' course. Wednesday 5, 12, 19 October & 2, 9 November 2005. 7.45—9.30pm at St Andrew's Church. Contact Rev Dr Joan Crossley 344536

Garden of Remembrance. The plans for the extension are now displayed in the foyer at St Mark's and we are in the process of seeking a faculty. Please take time to study the drawings and let me have any comments/suggestions—*Charles Royden*

Forthcoming funerals to be taken by our Ministers

The funeral of Sheila Hardiman will take place at St Mark's Church on 8 September at 1.45 followed by committal at Bedford Crematorium.

The funeral of Joyce Kathleen Gitter will take place at Bedford Crematorium on Wednesday 7 September at 1.45pm