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Partnership News

5 September 2004
23rd in Ordinary

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



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England

Church Services Today

8.30am Service of Holy Communion

Held at both churches

9.30am St Mark's Church

Family Worship with Baptism

Preacher - Mrs Sue Plant

Leadership Team - Mrs Delia Shephard

Intercessions - Mrs Morag Stewart

11.00am Putnoe Heights

Family Worship with Baptism

Preacher - Mrs Sue Plant

Leadership Team - Mr Dave Allen

Intercessions - Mr Eddy Peck

24th in Ordinary - 12 September

8.30 am Service of Holy Communion

Held at both churches

9.30am St. Mark's Church – Morning Worship

Preacher - Revd Dr Sam Cappleman

Leadership Team - Mrs Janet Day

Intercessions – Mrs Margaret Appleton

11.00am Putnoe Heights - Morning Worship

Preacher – Revd Dr Sam Cappleman

Leadership Team - Mrs Betty Wyatt

Intercessions - Mr Peter Bailey

Thank You

The flowers in church at St Mark's this week have been given by Dave Hobbs and family in loving memory of his Mother

The flowers at Putnoe Heights Church this week have been given by Ann and John Hitt on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

Prayer for Sunday

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

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

Putnoe Heights Church Centre

Open 9am - 1.00pm Monday & Friday

9am - 4pm Tuesday/Wednesday & Thursday

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Regular Weekly Activities - A Guide To Our Churches

Monday

- 9.30 - 12.00 pm Pre-school** (See website for more details) Mrs Janet Smith 326685 (Putnoe Heights) or Mrs. Helen Harpin **312634** (St. Mark's).
- 10.00 am Day Care Centre** at St. Mark's Church for those with Learning Difficulties. Contact K Stenton 07748 760082
- 12.00pm - 1.00pm Storybox** at Putnoe Heights Church. Service for parents/carers & children under 5. Please bring a picnic lunch during the summer,, Bible Stories Children's activities songs and prayers, all in one hour from 12-1pm!
- 4.15 - 5.45pm Kumon Maths** at Putnoe Heights. Contact Ms R.Mistry 01908 217555
- 6.00pm Brownies** St Mark's. Mrs Gill Lake 218091
- 6.15 pm Brownies** Putnoe. Alison McEwen 358583
- 7.30pm Sugarcraft Guild** meets first Monday every month at St. Mark's Mrs. Jill Williams 357020
- 7.15 m Guides** -St. Mark's. Mrs Gill Lake 218091
- 7.30- 9.30pm Creative Needles** at Putnoe Heights. Mrs Hayward 307648
- 7.30pm Whist Drive** - At St Mark's each month. Next 20 September St. Mark's Contact Mrs. Judith Stanton. 823313
- 7.30pm Housegroup** 30 The Ridgeway. The home of Eddy & Margaret Peck 267567.
- 8.00 - 9.00 pm 'Get Fit, Stay Fit'** at Putnoe Heights. Mrs Diane Field 404976

Tuesday

- 9.30am - 12.30pm Candlewicking** (Needlework) at Putnoe Heights - Mrs Olive Shotbolt 267203
- 9.30am - 11.30pm Jo Jingles** at St. Mark's. Music & movement for pre-school children. Contact Renu Elston 01908 282866
- 10.00am - 11.00am - Keep Fit** at Putnoe Heights. Contact Mrs Stileman 822230
- 1.30 -3.00pm Putnoe Heights Church Toddlers Playtime** Contact Geraldine Skeel 406828
- 12 noon - 10.00 pm Slimming World** at St. Mark's. Sessions start at 12, 1.30pm, 4pm, 5.30pm & 7.15pm Contact Val Careless 345213.
- 2.15pm Putnoe Heights Women's Fellowship** - Next meeting - 7 Sept. Devotional Contact Mrs Betty Wyatt 350188
- 2.15pm Putnoe Heights Men's Fellowship.** Next meeting 14th September Contact Lawrence Wyatt 350188.
- 2.30pm Mother Teresa Support Group.** Meets fortnightly at St. Mark's. Wool and knitting needles provided. Contact Mrs Joan Gravett 356911 and Mrs Marjorie Taylor 305709
- 2.30pm Tuesday Afternoon Housegroup.** Meets fortnightly at St. Mark's Church. Contact Mary Stubbs 406784.
- 3.30 - 4.30pm Putnoe Heights Church** Essential Stretch Contact Caroline 07778 898135 or 326096

- 6.30 - 7.30pm Yoga** at Putnoe Heights. Contact Rachel Leontyne 01234 783129
- 6.45pm Guides** at Putnoe Heights - Liz Rix 363607
- 7.00 - 8.00 pm Keep Fit at St. Mark's Church.** Contact Mrs Jan Gregory 214107.
- 7.30- 9.00pm Bibleway Church** at Putnoe Heights - Bible study & prayers. Contact Revd.Tarr 309881 or 07891095746
- 7. 45 pm Putnoe Heights Ladies Tuesday Club** - Next meeting 7 Sept. The Revd Charles Royden Meets fortnightly . Contact Mrs C Davies 219130.
- 8.30-9.30pm St. Mark's - Qi Gong** (Self help healing) group) - Contact Mr F Steele 355937

Wednesday

- 10.00 am Childminding Support Group** at Putnoe Heights. Mrs S Longman 313949
- 10.00 am Day Care Centre** Putnoe Height Church for those with Learning Difficulties. Contact K Stenton 07748 760082
- 10.00 am Holy Communion** at St. Mark's Chapel. A half hour service followed by coffee. All welcome.
- 10am Sewing & Chat** Putnoe Heights Contact Valerie Russell 01462 815966
- 12 - 1pm Putnoe Height Church** Total Body Toning Contact Caroline 07778 898135 or 326096
- Luncheon Club** at St. Mark's meets fortnightly. Next one 8 September Contact St. Mark's 342613
- 1.30 - 4.00pm. Bridge Club for the Retired** - Meets weekly at St. Mark's. Mrs Truss Boyce 781133
- 4.15 - 5.45pm Kumon Maths** at Putnoe Heights Contact Ms R Mistry 01908 217555
- 6. - 7.00pm Self Defence at Putnoe** Contact Mr James 07711 687449
- 6.00 -7.30 pm Brownies** at St Mark's Contact Mrs Carol Warden 219731
- 7.00pm St. Mark's Church** Bunyan Bridge. Contact Brian Sallows 407725
- 7-10pm Putnoe Guild** - Putnoe Heights 3rd Wednesday each month. Contact Mrs Dallas 212609
- 7.45 - 8.45pm Kick Boxing** Junior classes St. Mark's. Mr James 07711687449 or 07810234890
- 7.45pm Badminton Club** at Putnoe Heights - all welcome. Contact Ken Marriott 214867

Thursday

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

songs & prayers, all in one hour from 12-1pm.

1.30 - 3.00 pm St. Mark's Church Toddler Group.
Contact Debbie Coppenhall 356828.

**1.30 -3.00pm Putnoe Heights Church Toddlers
Playtime** Contact Geraldine Skeel 406828

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

6.15 pm Weightwatchers at St. Mark's.
Contact Mrs Margaret Ralph 01767 224978.

6.15pm Brownies at Putnoe Mrs S Lewis 300198

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

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

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

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

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

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

Friday

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

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

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

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

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

Saturday

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

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

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

Sunday

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

News, Views and Information

The Calendar

Putnoe Centre Management -27th September,
15th November

St Mark's Church Council

October 13 2004, February 1 2005

Churchyards Committee

Next meeting Monday 6 September, 10am

St Mark's Centre Management Meeting

Wednesday 29 September,

Wednesday 10 November

St Mark's Leadership Team

Wednesday 8 September

Putnoe Heights Leadership Team

Monday 6th September

Putnoe Church Council

11 October 2004, 7 February 2005

13 June 2005, 10 October 2005

Pastoral Group Meeting Monday 20 September
at 10am (Change of date)

Calendar dates now appear on our church
website www.ThisChurch.com. Please advise
us if you have a date to be added to the church
calendar.

St. Mark's Storybox restarts on 9 Sept. We
need a few new Storytellers on Thursdays, if you
would like to help, please see Joan (344536)

Tickets for the Harvest Barn Dance are now on
sale at St Mark's and Putnoe Height Church
Office.

Magnet Magazine If you are subscriber at St
Mark's Church, will you please collect the current
edition from the Church foyer.

Putnoe Ramblers meet on Sunday 12th
September at Wimpole Hall for a walk of approx.
2 hours. Meet for a 2.30p.m. start in the first
overflow car park on the left of the main drive.
Strong shoes or boots advisable. Further
information from Bob Burn 261072.

Peter and Valerie Littleford ask you to pray for
the new Elstow Team Ministry which is
comprised of the churches of Elstow Abbey, St
Mary's Cardington and St Michael and All
Angels, Bedford. The Team Rector, the Revd
Jeremy Crocker, is to be installed on Tuesday
14th September. Peter remains NSM Priest-in-
charge with special responsibility for St
Michael's.

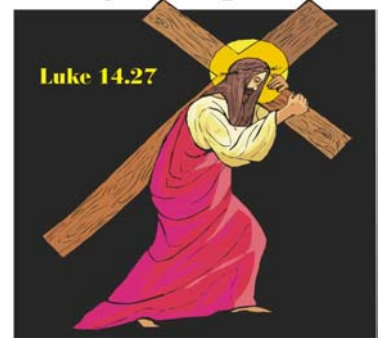


Bible Notes

A Collect Prayer - Before we read we pray

Lord God, you came as a neighbour to mankind in Jesus. Give us eyes to see you in other people and make us instruments of your care to all, that everyone may become true neighbours in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.



First Reading –Deuteronomy 30: 15-20

See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. For I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess.

But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess.

This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the LORD is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

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

Second Reading– Philemon 1: 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and fellow worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier and to the church that meets in your home:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, because I hear about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints. I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ. Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the saints.

Therefore, although in Christ I could be bold and order you to do what you ought to do, yet I appeal to you on the basis of love. I then, as Paul--an old man and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus-- I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, who became my son while I was in chains. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he has become useful both to you and to me.

I am sending him--who is my very heart--back to you. I would have liked to keep him with me so that he could take your place in helping me while I am in chains for the gospel. But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that any favour you do will be spontaneous and not forced. Perhaps the reason he was separated from you for a little while was that you might have him back for good-- no longer as a slave, but better than a slave, as a dear brother. He is very dear to me but even dearer to you, both as a man and as a brother in the Lord.

So if you consider me a partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has done you any wrong or owes you anything, charge it to me. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand. I will pay it back--not to mention that you owe me your very self. I do wish, brother, that I may have some benefit from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

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

Gospel Reading – Luke 14: 25-33

Large crowds were travelling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters--yes, even his own life--he cannot be my disciple. And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

"Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Will he not first sit down and estimate the cost to see if he has enough money to complete it? For if he lays the foundation and is not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' "Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Will he not first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. In the same way, any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be my disciple.

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

Post Communion Prayer

God our creator, you feed your children with the manna, the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hymns

1. MP 445 - Lord the light of your love is shining
2. MP - 501 - O Jesus I have promised
3. MP - 3 - Abba Father
4. MP - 302 - I want to walk with Jesus Christ
5. MP - 440 - Lord of creation

Commentary

Hate my family? Does Jesus really expect his followers to hate those they love the most? Clearly none of us is going to go home and start hating our family for no reason. We might read the words of Jesus and say that they are not meant to be taken literally, after all Jesus does sometimes use really strong words to make a point. He once said to chop bits off our body that cause us to sin, he never meant that literally either. But be careful. All of the above might be true, but the fact is that Jesus wanted to make a really serious point, that was why he used strong words to shock and bring attention to certain parts of his message. There is a powerful message here today which Jesus is making and we need to take it equally seriously.

I remember in the late 1960's and early 1970's it was hard being a Liverpool supporter. Liverpool endured seven years in which they never won a cup. Things got better of course, they won the UEFA Cup in 1972/73, followed by the FA Cup again in 1973/74. But during those dark days only the true supporters stood by their team. The weaker and less committed fans fell by the wayside and some even turned to follow the false promises of team like Everton. Strange but true.

We know with the benefit of hindsight that when Jesus spoke these words he was on his way to Jerusalem and certain death. But equally we also know that nobody expected him to go through with such a suicidal mission. The moral of this story is simple. People like winners and they like to back the favourite, hoping to be able to bask in reflected glory. The disciples and those who followed him saw miracles and a man who appeared in control. Jesus could argue his point with the finest religious minds and he was not afraid of anything or anyone visible or invisible. It must have been tempting to tag along with Jesus knowing that he was a real winner, the favourite.

Jesus will have none of this easy going, pick a winner discipleship. He is on his way to Jerusalem and a cross, not the crown which the crowd thinks he will achieve. They consider Jesus a "winner," and follow him so that they might win too. Jesus teaches them that discipleship carries a high price tag. Those who aspire to follow Jesus need to count the cost before signing on the dotted line. Jesus demands commitment, an unpopular word these days. As we read the passage from Luke this morning we are challenged to be disciples who are willing to walk with him through good times and bad. Jesus never tries to disguise the cost of discipleship, God demands first place in our lives and those with real commitment are willing to pay the price.

Meditation

Becoming a Christian requires repentance, a word that in the Greek means more than sorrow for sin; the picture is a soldier doing an about-face – turning to face a new direction. Jesus makes it clear that becoming a Christian means a turning toward God and a turning away from concern for possessions.

Prayers for Sunday and the week ahead

O most gracious Redeemer and King, come and dwell within us and reign where you have the right to reign. By your Holy Spirit take possession of our souls and lead us in the ways of righteousness and peace; through Christ our Lord. Amen John of Kronstadt, 1829-1908

Lord God you came as a neighbour to humankind in Jesus. Give us eyes to see you in other people and make us instruments of your care to all., that everyone may become true neighbours in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, whose glory the heavens are telling, the earth your power, the sea your might, and whose greatness all the hosts of heaven proclaim; to you belongs all glory, honour, majesty and praise; both now and for ever, and to the ages of ages Amen. Liturgy of James, 5th century

Living God, inform and inspire the way we look at your world, that we may see strangers and notice in them the potential for friendship; that we may see people of faith, observing how we can work together; that we may see fellow Christians, and with them reveal the marks of service; that we may see ourselves, with all our imperfections, as loved by you; that, looking to Christ, we may see with the eyes of his love. Amen. Heather Noel-Smith.

News, Views and Information

New Partnership Youth Group Starts Soon! TNT explodes into life! Our new Partnership youth group TNT (The Nearly Teens) has its first meeting on Sunday 5th September. The group, which is open to anyone aged 5-13 who attends our churches, will meet once a fortnight at Putnoe on Sundays 6-7.45pm. A wide range of sporting activities, craft, music, games, quizzes, parties and much more is planned. The first meeting will be a BBQ with games. Offers of help with the BBQ warmly received! Please phone Joan 344536.

Bereavement Support Group. You will know that we are fortunate to have a well-established Pastoral Team in the Partnership. From early September, the Team will be extending their care by offering an afternoon each week, at St Mark's, especially aimed at those who have been bereaved. The first "Drop-In" afternoon will be on Wednesday September 8th, from 2.30-4pm. We would welcome people from our own congregation who would be willing to help by making tea or chatting to our guests. Many of you know the pain of bereavement and would be of great help in listening to and supporting others. For further details, please contact Mary Stubbs, 406784

Mission Sunday

Next Sunday, 12 September 2004, we will be having a focus on Mission at both St Mark's and Putnoe Heights churches. In particular, in addition to recognising the work and giving that has gone on at both churches over the past year, we will have a specific focus on an overseas mission project we will be undertaking as a partnership between September and December. 'Faith in Action', a mission organisation which Putnoe have supported for many years, have a need to deepen the wells they have previously dug for water in Malawi due to the lowering of the local water table. They need to increase the depth of each of their 52 wells by 20 metres at a cost of £45 per well, a total of £2340. Whilst some money has been raised for this activity as a partnership I would like to encourage us to commit to raise this £2340, the total cost of the project. Look for details in next weeks Partnership News on how you will be able to contribute and 'share' in this project. *Sam Capleman*

“What Shall We Do Now” Workshops at Priory Methodist Church on Saturday 11 September. To book phone Eleanor Mackirdy Tel 360271. See poster and flyers in church foyer for more details

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

Riding Lights Theatre Company presents the PRISON & CHURCH TOUR 2004 of ‘Hope Opera’ The Stuff of Life

Imagine a kitchen in a house down the road from you. A mismatched group of people trading tales of their great scrapes and escapes. Pushing bags of the white stuff around a table with scarred and tattooed fists. It’s flour, of course. They’re making bread.

This is a place where people live their own stories; where sharing your story could open a window on eternity. Hope Opera’s a place at that table, with the mix of heroes and hopeless cases: a boy with nothing but tattoos to his name, a girl whose curiosity got the better of her, a man made of anger. Extraordinary stories told in extraordinary ways... colourful, moving, unforgettable, Hope Opera stops you in your tracks, turns things round, and starts you off in new directions. A remarkable blend of grit and grandeur, masks and music, getting a grip on the stuff of real life.

Connections Counselling Service (Christians Offering Professional Counselling) opens it’s new centre at 22 Foster Hill Road on 11 Sept. 4 – 6pm Invites anyone interested to join them for the official opening by the Bishop of Bedford.

Tutor required for Junior Boarding House, Bedford High School

Do you know anyone who can help us? We are looking for some extra help in our Junior Boarding House to cover, in particular, some sleepovers and other sessions in the evenings and weekends until the end of the Autumn Term. Accommodation is available. The post might suit a young person with other responsibilities during the working day. For further details, please contact Mrs Carwithen, Head of Boarding, Bedford High School. Tel: 360221 or email: deputy@bedfordhigh.co.uk

Spurgeon’s Could you spare a few hours once a fortnight to befriend a young person living in foster or residential care ? Training given and out of pocket expenses paid. For more details Tel.01234 330866 or email ivpworker@spurgeonsbedford.org.uk

‘Harmony Books’ is having to close down by the end of September. Mary Shaw set it up 20 years ago to promote Religious & Racial understanding. Mary has a huge stock of excellent books which is

imminent danger of being destroyed as waste unless individuals or organisations take advantage of the opportunity to acquire quality material at favourable terms. Please do visit or call Mary (210298)

Partnership Singers. Just a reminder that we commence 4 weeks of rehearsals for Harvest (Oct 3rd) on Friday 10th September at 7pm for 1 hour at St. Mark’s.

The Grove Pregnancy Counselling Centre is planning to run a ‘Called to Care’ counsellor training course on eleven Thursday evenings and two Saturdays commencing October 2004. Application forms and further details available from Grace Hallsworth at: The Grove Pregnancy Counselling Centre, 17 St. Cuthbert’s Street, Bedford, MK40 3JB Tel:01234 355408. Closing date September 10th.

Brickhill Parish Council holds its next meeting on Monday 6th September. Items for discussion include: two planning applications for the roadways through the Freeman’s Common site behind Tyne Crescent, community safety in Brickhill and provision of youth facilities in Brickhill. The Beat Manager for Brickhill, PC Richard Tott, usually attends and gives an update on the local crime situation. There will be the opportunity for residents to raise any local issues that concern them.

This is the third meeting of the new Parish Council. Though still sorting out basic ‘housekeeping’ such as banking and insurance details, the aim is to move forward and focus on matters of importance to local residents.

The main Parish Council meets in the main hall of St Mark’s Community Centre. The meeting starts at 7:30pm, with the plans for the planning applications mentioned above on display in that hall from 7pm. The Parish Council’s Planning Committee meets on the same evening from 7pm in the small hall at St Mark’s to discuss six smaller planning applications.

All residents are welcome to come to the meeting. If anyone has any queries, please contact Mark Fitzpatrick, Chair of Brickhill Parish Council, on 357259.

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

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Many people have discovered the tremendous improvement which can be made to any home by simply fitting new doors. Fitting new interior doors with beautiful handles can transform the appearance of the whole house. There are now a wide variety of different styles of doors to choose from. You may want to select a very modern and stylish look, or alternatively choose traditional and classic designs. Good quality doors are inexpensive and the price of first quality solid brass furniture is now more affordable than ever before.

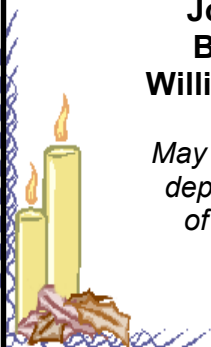
Tip! Many modern doors are made using a hidden frame covered with a thin cladding and, normally, solid timber strips down the two edges to give a decorative finish. Hollow doors cannot really be trimmed, so if you are considering replacement of your interior doors be careful to choose the right size door for your frame. Also when hanging a door, it must be hung the correct way up, with the correct side to the hinge - failure to do this will mean that there will be nothing solid within the door where the lock/handles will need to be fitted!.

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.

John Ernest Gibbons
Barbara Diana Irvine
William (Bill) Henry Wilson

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



Nova can carry out all work to replace your doors. **If you would like a free quotation to replace your doors call Dave Allen now at Nova 217702**

We publish the banns and pray for the marriage of Simon Jones and Deborah Hammond of the parish of St Andrew's Church, Bedford and on the electoral roll of this parish
Second time of asking

The following funerals have been arranged

The funeral of Doris Cook will take place on Monday 6 September at St Mark's Church at 3.15pm