



Partnership News

Easter 6
Putnoe Heights & St Mark's Church
5 May 2013



8.30am Holy Communion every Sunday
1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday at Putnoe Heights
2nd and 4th Sunday at St. Mark's Church

Today Easter 6

9.30 St Marks – Family Worship with Baptism

Preacher – Mr Richard Ledger

Leadership - Mrs Jean Bank

Intercessions – Ministers

11.00 am Putnoe - Family Worship with Baptism

Preacher – Mr Richard Ledger

Leadership -Mrs Jenny Snelson

Intercessions - YPG

Sunday 12 May Easter 7

9.30 St Marks – Morning Worship

Preacher – Revd. Canon Charles Royden

Leadership – Mr. Edward Parry

Intercessions – Mrs. Margaret Appleton

11.00 am Putnoe – Morning Worship

Preacher – Revd. Canon Charles Royden

Leadership – Mrs. Jean Kirk

Intercessions – Mr. Alan Bayliss

Readings 1. Ezekiel 36: 24-28 2. Acts 16: 16-34
3. John 17: 20-26

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

Thank You

The flowers at Putnoe Heights Church this week have been given by Mrs Barbara Whittingstall with treasured memories of her loving husband Peter on his birthday - 6th May. Also remembering Miss Jennie Cooper on her birthday - 6th May.

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

Welcome

We especially welcome to our services the families and friends of those who have been brought for baptism

Sebastian Jeffery McCready (*St Mark's*)
Eloise Zelda McKeown Smith (*Putnoe Heights*)

Prayer for Sunday

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

Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274)

The Reverend Dr. Sam Cappleman

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President for Hewlett Packard)

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www.ThisIsChurch.com

Partnership Pastoral Support Team Co-Ordinator

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

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Mrs Avril Williams 01234 342613

Putnoe Heights Church Centre

Open Monday to Thursday 9am - 5pm, Friday 9am - 1pm

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Regular Weekly Activities - A Guide To Our Churches

Monday

9.15 –3.45 pm Mon and Wed/ 9.15-12.15pm Tues/ Thurs/Fri. Hazeldene Heights Pre-school. See website for more details www.ThisChurch.com
Head teacher Mrs Laura Leggett 326685
8.30-5.30pm Pre-school Mon-Fri St Mark's
9.-3.45pm Top Marks Mon-Fri St Mark's
Headteacher Mrs. Helen Harpin **312634**
(See website for more details)
.9.45am - Body Control Pilates –Putnoe Heights
Stephanie Smith 357787 or 07973174430
10.00am Bakers Barn Art Group. St Mark's Mrs Berry 211955
10.30am U3A Play reading St Mark's (see contact details below)
2.00pm U3A Calligraphy at St Mark's 2nd week (see contact details below)
2.00pm U3A Relaxation & Meditation at St Mark's 1st & 3rd week starting 1st October (see contact details below)
12.15pm Story box Putnoe Heights We welcome the under 5's and their carers to join them between 12.15 and 1.15 for a sandwich lunch followed by a Bible based story and singing. Contact Carolyn Morris youth@thischurch.com 365630
1.30-2.45pm Chat & Make For babies and toddlers 0-5. Crafts, toys, songs, story and refreshments £1. More details email– chatandplay@hotmail.co.uk .
2pm U3A Music Appreciation (see contact details below)
4.15pm Kumon Maths Putnoe Heights. Mrs Raksha Mistry 01908 392698
6.00pm Brownies St Mark's. Mrs C Mathew 826190
6.15 pm Brownies Putnoe. Sharon Tanner 01767699399 or 07720713738.
6.15 Pilates at Putnoe Heights Jane Butcher 300859
6.15pm-8.15pm Fit for Life Yoga - Putnoe Heights Contact Jane Butcher 07891879571
6.30pm Boot Camp Putnoe Heights – Laura Amor 341152 / 07976259081
7.00pm Sugarcraft Guild St Mark's 1st week Pat Nicholson 353518
7.00pm Cancer Care Society. St Mark's. 1st Week. Mr J Dewhurst 01908 377020
7.15pm Guides. St Mark's. Mrs Gill Lake 218091
7.30pm Whist Drive. St Mark's 3rd & 5th week . Next meeting– 20 May Judith Stanton. 823313
7.30pm House group 30 The Ridgeway. The home of Eddy & Margaret Peck 267567

Tuesday

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

1—3pm U3A Choir. St Mark's (contacts details below)
2.00pm U3A Book Group 1 St Mark's (3rd Wk) (see contact details below)
2.00pm U3A Book Group 2 St Mark's (2nd Wk) (see contact details)
2.00pm Library Walk W.I. Putnoe Heights, meets monthly. Morag Tomkins 356895
2pm U3A Photography Group 3 St. Mark's (1st Wk) (contact details below).
2.30pm Mother Teresa Support Group. St Mark's Fortnightly . Wool and knitting needles provided. Mrs Maureen Watling 262225
2.15pm Tuesday Afternoon Housegroup. St Mark's Fortnightly. Mary Stubbs 406784.
4.00pm-6.15pm Stars School of Dance. Esther Richardson 295862 or 07917582468
6.15pm Pilates St Mark's Church Jane Butcher 0789187957
7pm - 8.30pm Daisy Birthing Putnoe Heights Susie 07980447390
6.00-7.00pm Zumba at St Mark's. Contact Denise Worker 07900 232648
6.30pm MT Karate (all ages) Karen King 07941264885
7pm Keep Fit. St. Mark's Jan Gregory 328455
7.30pm Putnoe Heights Ladies Tuesday Club (Meets fortnightly). Next meeting 14 May - Members evening and Quiz - Eileen Marriott Details Janet King 313946

Wednesday

9am -1pm Machine Knitting group at Putnoe Heights, fortnightly Changing to Fridays from 5 April (Same time an place.. Contact Marion Sutton 217647
9.30am Body Control Pilates. Putnoe Heights. Stephanie Smith 357787 or 07973174430.
9.30am Discover & Do (Childminders) St. Mark's. Clare Simmons 328380 or 07788824666
10am-2pm Open House at St Mark's for those with learning disabilities., their friends, family , carers and supporters 342613.
10am U3A Gardening Group 3 St Marks. (contact below)
10.00am Holy Communion. St. Mark's Chapel. A half hour service followed by coffee. All welcome.
10am U3A Card Making, St Marks (see contact details below)
10am U3A Diet and Nutrition- Putnoe (contact below)
11.15am U3A Keep Fit
12.30pm Luncheon Club. Putnoe fortnightly. Next meeting 15 May at Putnoe Heights Office 365630
1.00-3pm Police Surgery at Putnoe Heights (Fortnightly)
1.15pm Bridge Club for the Retired. St. Mark's. Mr Barnes 261811
2.00-4.00pm U3A Craft St Marks.(see contact details below)
2pm U3A Gilbert and Sullivan Putnoe Heights
2.15pm - Fifty plus Keep Fit. Putnoe Heights Mrs Webster 856966
3.45.- 5.30pm Messy Church. St Mark's (3rd Wk). for children of lower school age and their carers. Bible-based story, crafts, singing and a meal. Next meeting 15th May Wendy Waters 401834
4.15pm Kumon Maths. Putnoe Heights Mrs Raksha Mistry 01908 392698
6.00 pm Brownies. St Mark's. Mrs C Warden 219731
6.15pm Yoga and Relaxation Putnoe Heights Racheall Monton 01234 297138 or 07910835994.

6-8pm Karate. St Mark's Karen King 079412 64885

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

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

7.00pm Putnoe Guild Putnoe monthly Mrs O Holt 266004

7.00pm Line Dancing Putnoe Mike Del-Boyer 348378

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

8.00pm Tudor Reeds Folk Dance Club at St Mark's 1st,3rd & 5th Wednesday in month. Next meeting will be 15 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 1st week in the month. Jean Ross 771870

Thursday

9.30am Thursday Prayer Group. Putnoe Heights. Valerie Capon 356306

Request for prayer can be written in the prayer diary on the information table.

9.45am Yoga Putnoe Heights Denise Green 244970

9.45am Chat and Play St.Mark's. A term time group for Mums & toddlers.0-5 Jo Garner 400071 or 07719670624

11.0-11.30am Gentle Yoga For more details contact Helen Nicholson Tel.03003004305

12pm Storybox . St Mark's welcome the under 5's and their carers to join them between 12 noon and 1pm for a sandwich lunch followed by a Bible based story and singing. Lots of fun. Contact Jaana Swaby 363283

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

1pm—2.30pm Drop in (small hall) Next Steps 9-24months Putnoe Children's Centre.Please call Trudy Hamilton (centre assistant) for more information 340552.

2pm -Friendly Chicago Bridge at Putnoe Heights £2 per session inc. refreshments. New members welcome. Contact Pat 01234 294220.

2pm U3A Current Affairs - Putnoe Heights

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

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

5.00pm Weightwatchers. St. Mark's. Clare Martin 07805408811.

6.15pm Brownies. Putnoe Heights Lou Watkins .

7.00pm Club 2000 Putnoe Nina Ovenden 825059

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

7.15pm Putnoe Art Group Bob Wardale 406094

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

7.30pm Gentle Birthing St Mark's. Pat Wood 07946 847231 (as from 4th April)

8 -10pm Bedford Folk dancers (formerly Barn dancers) Meet weekly at Putnoe Heights Different guest callers each week. All welcome, cost £2 Including refreshments. More details Ron 825574 or Shirley 01767 651767

8.00pm Bedford Writers Circle. St Mark's 1st week in month. Mr Newton 01525 378193

8.00pm Magpies Women's Group St Mark's 2nd & 4th week Pat Cass 294220

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

Friday

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

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

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

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

2pm U3A Gardening - Putnoe Heights

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

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

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

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

Saturday

10.00am Theatretrain St Mark's. Dancing acting, singing. Kate Howard 01234 782414

Young Embroiderers bi monthly Putnoe Heights Terry Fletcher 357198

2.15pm Society of Recorder Players at Putnoe Heights. G Parry 01462 674792

6.45pm Duplicate Bridge. St Mark's Mrs Pillinger 212066

Sunday

9.30 - 10.30 Church and Sunday School at St Mark's with crèche for under 3's

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

11.00 - 12.00 Church and Junior at Putnoe Heights for the under 9's and Young Peoples Fellowship (Y.P.F) for our young adults. A crèche is also available.

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

Messy Church Dates

Weds 17 April; Weds 17 May; Weds 19 June; Weds 18 Sept; Weds 16 Oct; Weds 20 Nov,

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

Diary Dates

St Mark's Church Council –11 June, 8 October

St Mark's Leadership Team - 9 May 2013

Annual Congregational Meetings 28 April 2013

Putnoe Heights Leadership Team - 3 June

Putnoe Heights Management Meeting

Putnoe Church Council - 10 June, 24 Oct

Pastoral Group Meeting - 7 May 4.00pm

Churchyard Committee -

Brickhill Parish Council Meetings - 2 May at St Mark's

Commemoration Service Sunday 3 November 3 pm

Circuit meeting -

Deanery Meeting -

Woodland Burial Trustees– AGM –Sunday 9 June

Putnoe Heights Children & Youth Meeting –

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

Easter 6

Introductory Sentence - Ephesians Chapter 1:3

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

Collect Prayer for the Day— Before we read we pray

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen. Common Worship

First Reading — Acts 16 v 9 – 15

During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them. From Troas we put to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day on to Neapolis. From there we travelled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days. On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there. One of those listening was a woman named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth from the city of Thyatira, who was a worshipper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message. When she and the members of her household were baptised, she invited us to her home. "If you consider me a believer in the Lord," she said, "come and stay at my house." And she persuaded us. (This is the word of the Lord -- **Thanks be to God**)

Second Reading - Revelation Chapter 21:10, 22- 22:5

And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendour into it. On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. The glory and honour of the nations will be brought into it. Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever (This is the word of the Lord -- **Thanks be to God**)

Gospel Reading – John 14:23-29

Jesus said, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. He who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me. "All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Counsellor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. "You heard me say, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe." (This is the word of the Lord –**Thanks be to God**)



**The Advocate, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send
in my name, will teach
you everything, and remind
you of all that
I have said to you.**

John 14:26

Post Communion Prayer

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen

Hymns (Please distribute Family Worship, hymn sheets and baptism booklets)

1. Good Christians all rejoice and sing
2. One more step along the world I go
3. Jesus Prince and Saviour
4. All shall be well
5. I want to walk with Jesus Christ

Commentary

You probably know the Lloyds Bank advert “for the journey”. Well, is the peace Jesus offers us “for the journey”? I asked a Christian friend and he said he thought Jesus’ peace was “permanent “ and “eternal” - a future promise rather than something for the here and now. And, yes, Jesus promised his disciples eternal life and life that would know no end—but also a life that was secure now -that nothing could snatch them from his hand. They would know a security that not all earth’s perils could shake. Even in a world crashing to disaster they would know the serenity of God.

“Inner serenity” was what another friend suggested Jesus offered us through his peace. Very much something for the here and now as I suggested at the end of the last paragraph. Its echoed by the words of the hymn:

“Drop thy still dews of quietness till all our stressings cease. Take from our souls the strain and stress and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of Thy peace.” In the Communion Service we exchange the peace, “The peace of the Lord be always with you.” And at the end of our services are the words “Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.”

The world was about to fall apart for the disciples, but Jesus says “Don’t be worried and upset. Peace I leave with you. My own peace I give you.” Marvellous words, helping to deal with the “worry and flutter” that has been described as one of the chief dangers that beset us. Do our hearts always have to be unquiet? No says Jesus. He says “Believe in God -that you are never alone-that even when you forget Him he comes to you, He has never failed - and never will”. Jesus gives the peace that was his own possession even with death hanging over him.. And Jesus still trusted his disciples - he would make his home with them: if they believed that they would have his peace to bring them through. His peace - shalom - is everything that makes for our highest good. William Barclay describes it as ~”the peace that no experience in life can take away from us; no sorrow, danger or suffering can make less. It is independent of outward circumstances.”

Tom Wright sums it up as thus; “Now, in the new creation, the restoring life of God is breathed out through Jesus, making new people of the disciples, and, through them, offering this new life to the world. The result is that peace, which Jesus had promised. Even in the worst to come this peace will carry them through because Jesus has overcome the world.” This is good news for us all - NOW and for ever!

Richard Ledger

Meditation

Jesus

In the dark places, Jesus is your light
In the uncertain places, He is your assurance

Because he emptied himself of all but love, you can be filled.
Because his body was broken, your life can be whole.
Because his blood was shed, your sins can be forgiven.
Because he submitted to injustice, you can forgive.
Because he finishes his Father’s work, your life has worth.

In the stressful places, He is your peace
In the lonely places,
He is your companion and friend

Because he was forsaken,you can never be alone.
Because he was buried, you can be raised.
Because he lives, you don’t have to be afraid.
Because he reached down to you, you don’t have to work your way up to him.
Because his promises are always true, you can have hope.

Anna Reid

Prayers for Sunday and the Week Ahead

The theme of peace flows through our scriptures today. Jesus talks about giving us peace, a peace that might be different than that of the world. The early disciples go to Jerusalem to discern a common vision and to promote peace within the church. The Jerusalem envisioned in Revelation seems to be a magnificent city of tranquility and peace. Reflections on peace must certainly be part of our prayer today:

- How do we get nations to spend more on people and less on weapons?
- How do we end the wars in Afghanistan, Syria and elsewhere and help people find peace?
- How do we encourage respectful and helpful political discourse?
- How do we deal with domestic violence in our nation?
- How do we deal with our own violent emotions?
- How do we stay “at peace” in a world with so many problems?

Lord Jesus Christ, who promised that in you we would find peace,
Give us that peace which the world cannot give,
The deep peace of God which passes all understanding.
In all our troubles and anxieties, keep us calm and hopeful;
Grant that we may know we abide in you and in your peace;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and for ever. Amen *David Adam*

Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed:
Kindle, we pray you, in the hearts of all people the true love of peace;
And guide you with your pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for
the nations of the earth; that in the tranquillity your kingdom may go forward, till
the earth be filled with the knowledge of your love:
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Francis Paget (1851-1911)*

O God of many names
Lover of all nations
We pray for peace
In our hearts
in our homes
in our nations
in our world.
The peace of your will .
The peace of your need Amen. George Appleton.

God, give us grace to accept with serenity
The things that cannot be changed,
courage to change the things that should be changed,
And the wisdom to distinguish the one from the other. *Renhold Nebuhr, Twentieth Century*

There is no place where God is not,
Wherever I go, there God is.
Now and always he upholds me with his power
and keeps me safe in his love. *Author Unknown*

Alone with none but thee, my God, I journey on my way.
What need I fear, when thou art near, O King of night and day?
More safe am I within thy hand Than if a host did round me stand.
St Columba of Iona, Sixth Century

In the rush and noise of life, as you have intervals, step within
Yourselves and be still. Wait upon God and feel his good presence;
This will carry you through your day's business. *William Penn, Seventeenth Century*

St Mark's Preschool are saving Sainsbury tokens. If anyone has unwanted tokens they would be delighted to have them. There is a box out during Pre-school hours or you can give them to Janet Day or hand them in at the office. Thank you very much.

Methodist Women in Britain. District Craft Day on Saturday 18 May at Priory Methodist Church, Bedford from 9.45am to 4.30pm. There are 13 different workshops and everyone is welcome to attend. Hot and cold drinks are provided but please bring your own lunch. The cost is £4 per half day session and please book early as places are limited. Closing date for bookings is 9th May. Booking form and details of workshops are available from Pam Seymour 01234 305695 email-pams@tgis.co.uk or Ruth Watkins 01296 485087

Hazeldene Heights Preschool are looking for an Early Years Assistant for the April - July term to work with children with additional needs. Level 2 or 3 in Childcare or equivalent is required. Please contact Mrs Laura Leggett on 01234 326685 for further details.

Community Concert The Eagle Choir at St. Andrew's Church 7.30pm Saturday 11 May to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the coronation. All profits to Swaziland Schools Project. Tickets £8, concessions £7, student 16-21 £3 available from St. Andrew's Church Office 216881 or central box office 718112.

Christian Aid Week 12-18 May "Bite Back at Hunger"

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 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 12-18 May. The envelopes and collector's information packs will be ready to collect, in each church, on Sundays 5 May and 12 May. Contacts for more information are: Carolyn Morris, Putnoe Heights and Jean Bank, St Mark's.

St Mark's Preschool are holding an Open Day on Saturday May 11 2pm -4pm. Do visit with your children. There will be activities and refreshments.

Easter Offering Service is prepared by Methodist Women in Britain on behalf of the World Mission Fund. Everyone is welcome to attend and this year the local venues are - Amphill Methodist Church Wednesday 8 May at 2pm and Sandy Methodist Church on Thursday 9 May at 3pm.

Putnoe Art Group are pleased to announce a Spring Exhibition and sale of pictures, to be held at Putnoe Heights Church on Saturday, 11th May from 10.30am to 4pm. Free entry to all and a great welcome with tea/coffee and home-made cakes for just £1. We look forward to seeing you.

Concert at St Andrew's Church on 1 June 2103 at 8.00pm with Dame Felicity Lott, soprano and Joseph Middleton, piano. Pre concert Summer Supper. Concert and Supper tickets £16, £15 concessions, £11 students (available from Church Centre only). Concert tickets £8, £7 concessions, £3 students 16-21. Children free accompanied by an adult. Tickets available from St Andrew's Church Centre Office tel 01234 216881 or Central Box Office 01234 718112.

Car Boot Our second car boot is coming up on Monday 6th May 2013. We are appealing again for tray bakes etc. for our refreshments. Please bring them to the kitchen on Monday morning. Anyone who would like to help in anyway please see Avril Williams or Linda Parry after the service today. The Church will stay open today for any bric a brac for the Church Stall which can be placed in the foyer. Many thanks Avril.

Action for Children Thank you to all who joined us at Ladyslaude on the 1 May. It was an enjoyable time for all and busy for the helpers. The result from the opened boxes and sale of cakes was £172. 80. Many congratulations to Wendy who completed the word search. Margaret Standley



Annual Forum and Annual General Meeting of Churches Together in Bedfordshire,

Wednesday 22 May 2013
at Legrave Methodist Church,
High Street, Legrave, Luton
LU4 9LQ.

The programme begins with Worship/music, followed by the AGM and Reports at 7.00pm.

We are delighted that David Jonathan of Grassroots, Luton has agreed to be our speaker this year. The evening will conclude with the refreshments at around 8.00pm.

If you would like to go to this event then please speak with Charlie

Telecare

We would like to sign up as many people as possible to Telecare, it is one of our ways of keeping in touch with church members. we are especially keen to sign up people who are elderly and who may from time to time be unable to come to church. Telecare is a non intrusive way of us being able to see if everything is alright or if you would like a visit. Please sign up by giving your name to one of the ministers, or tell us of anybody that you think might like to be included and we will get in touch.



The Annual Congregational Meetings took place last week and it was encouraging to see so many people in attendance at both churches. We are fortunate to have strong Leadership Teams and Church Councils with committed members. Thank you to everyone who completed a membership form recently we now have a new Partnership List which is up to date. The membership numbers are as follows

Putnoe

Anglican 65, Methodist 64, Joint 5, Others 13

St Mark's

Anglican 69, Methodist 14, Others 12, Joint 4

St Mark's

Edward parry
Margaret Appleton
Wendy waters
Elizabeth bean
Jean Bank
Mick Ovenden
Treasurer Ian Farthing
Gift Aid Jim Williams
Deanery Synod Linda Parry, Laura Farthing

Putnoe Heights

Sue Allen
Sam Ware
Jean Kirk
Veta Hudson Rae
Gordon Evans
Barry Southam
Jenny Snelson
Treasurer John Hitt
Gift Aid Lawrence Wyatt
Deanery Synod Tim Wilkes

Opportunities for Young People


Young people are being encouraged to apply for one-year placements with a variety of innovative church projects throughout Britain. The opportunities range from working with young people directly affected by drug and alcohol problems to addressing some of the UK's most pressing social issues on a national scale.

The One Programme is a paid year out for young people aged 16 to 23 years old. One Programme Participants (known as OPPs) are paid to work 15 hours a week: nine hours in a local church project and six hours for training and other national work. The projects are selected by a panel of young people and key-workers. Successful candidates will have the opportunity to make a difference in their own communities and will be paid a [living wage](#).

Hayley Moss, Methodist Youth President, said: "I'm delighted that the Church has chosen to continue to invest in the One Programme. It offers excellent opportunities both for the young people and the projects hosting them. Young people get stuck in to an exciting local project and participate in an excellent training programme alongside other young people from across the UK. Churches benefit from having an enthusiastic, dedicated young person involved in their work. I loved my year on The One Programme. I think it is a fantastic, challenging, worthwhile experience both for young people and their host projects. Everybody wins!"
Please contact one of the ministers if you know of anybody who would be interested in this scheme.

'Love separates the saints from the world'
St Augustine

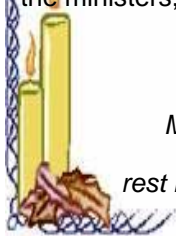
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Rest In Peace

On the Sunday following a funeral service we remember in church those who have died. We light a candle to symbolise the light of Christ which eternally shines and brings hope. If you would like a person remembered in our service when the candle is lit, perhaps on an anniversary or birthday, please inform the ministers, or telephone the church office.



Jeanne Ann Setchell

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

Forthcoming Funerals



Please remember these families and friends in your prayers.

The funeral of Betty Muriel Hutchings will take place at St Mark's Church at 10.30am on Friday 24 May