



Partnership News

Putnoe Heights & St Mark's Church



7 July 2013 - Ordinary 14

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

Today 30 June — Ordinary 13

9.30 St Marks – Family Worship with Baptism

Preacher – Revd Canon Charles Royden
Leadership – Mrs Elizabeth Bean
Intercessions – Mr Warwick Holden

11.00 am Putnoe – Family Worship

Preacher – Revd Canon Charles Royden
Leadership – Mr Barry Southam
Intercessions – YPG

14 July — Ordinary 15

9.30 St Marks – Morning Worship

Preacher – Mr Richard Ledger
Leadership – Mrs Wendy Waters
Intercessions – Mrs Morag Stewart

11.00 am Putnoe – Morning Worship

Preacher – Mr Richard Ledger
Leadership – Mrs Jenny Snelson
Intercessions – Mrs Sylvia Cohen

Readings 1. Amos 7: 7-14
2. Colossians 1: 1-14 **3.** Luke 10:5-37

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

We are grateful when people make donations towards flowers perhaps to celebrate a special occasion such as an anniversary or in memory of a loved one. Please contact Miss Marion Prior 303254 (St. Mark's) or Ann Hitt 404186 (Putnoe Heights) or add your name to the rota on the foyers

Banns

We publish the banns and pray for the marriages of Robert Anthony Folkes and Anita Jane Williams both of this parish to be married at St Mark's Church.
(first time of asking)

We publish the banns and pray for the marriages Amy Thompson, & Matthew James Plastows, both single of this parish, to be married at Elstow Abbey *(third time of asking)*

Liana D'altilia & Marc Lagatta both single of this parish, to be married at Elstow Abbey *(third time of asking)*

Welcome

We welcome you all to our service today and hope that you will be able to remain after the service for tea & coffee. A special welcome to Jack Scott Barton who has been brought for baptism at St Mark's Church.

The Reverend Dr. Sam Cappleman

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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.

Churchyards Administrator

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Putnoe Heights Church Centre

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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)
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@thisischurch.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– 15 July Judith Stanton. 823313
7.30pm House group 30 The Ridgeway. The home of Eddy & Margaret Peck 267567
Putnoe Heights Children and Youth meeting - Monday 23rd September

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 at Putnoe Heights.. 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 July 9 Bring and Share Meal. 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 17 July 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 18 September. 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 Yvonne Blain 350241 or 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 17 July 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 07932616468

10.00-11.30am 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

8 -10pm Bedford Folk dancers (formerly Barn dancers) Meet weekly at Putnoe Heights Different guest callers each week.Except August. 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 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 – 8 October
St Mark's Leadership Team - 10 September
Annual Congregational Meetings
Putnoe Heights Leadership Team - 10 October
Putnoe Heights Management Meeting
Putnoe Church Council - 14 Oct
Pastoral Group Meeting -
Churchyard Committee -
Brickhill Parish Council Meetings -
Commemoration Service Sunday 3 November 3 pm
Circuit meeting -
Deanery Meeting - 14 November
Woodland Burial Trustees– Open Day 20 July
Putnoe Heights Children & Youth Meeting –
New Year Lunch 19 January at Putnoe

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

Ordinary 14

Sentence of Scripture —Matthew 11:28

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

Collect Prayer for the Day

Before we read we pray

Servant Lord, grant us both the opportunity and the will to serve you day by day. May all that we do and how we bear each other's burdens be our offerings of love and service to the glory of your name. Amen. *Methodist Worship*

The harvest is plentiful,
but the workers are few
Jesus



First Reading— 2 Kings 5: 1-14

Now Naaman was commander of the army of the king of Aram. He was a great man in the sight of his master and highly regarded, because through him the Lord had given victory to Aram. He was a valiant soldier, but he had leprosy. Now bands of raiders from Aram had gone out and had taken captive a young girl from Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my master would see the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."

Naaman went to his master and told him what the girl from Israel had said. "By all means, go," the king of Aram replied. "I will send a letter to the king of Israel." So Naaman left, taking with him ten talents[b] of silver, six thousand shekels[c] of gold and ten sets of clothing. The letter that he took to the king of Israel read: "With this letter I am sending my servant Naaman to you so that you may cure him of his leprosy." As soon as the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his robes and said, "Am I God? Can I kill and bring back to life? Why does this fellow send someone to me to be cured of his leprosy? See how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me!"

When Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his robes, he sent him this message: "Why have you torn your robes? Have the man come to me and he will know that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman went with his horses and chariots and stopped at the door of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to say to him, "Go, wash yourself seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will be restored and you will be cleansed."

But Naaman went away angry and said, "I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, wave his hand over the spot and cure me of my leprosy. Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Couldn't I wash in them and be cleansed?" So he turned and went off in a rage.

Naaman's servants went to him and said, "My father, if the prophet had told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much more, then, when he tells you, 'Wash and be cleansed!'" So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy.

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

Second Reading — Galatians 6 : 7-16

Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.

The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. See what large letters I use as I write to you with my own hand! Those who want to make a good impression outwardly are trying to compel you to be circumcised. The only reason they do this is to avoid being persecuted for the cross of Christ. Not even those who are circumcised obey the law, yet they want you to be circumcised that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is a new creation. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule, even to the Israel of God.

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

Gospel Reading – Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road. "When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace to this house.' If a man of peace is there, your peace will rest on him; if not, it will return to you. Stay in that house, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house. "When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is set before you. Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God is near you.' But when you enter a town and are not welcomed, go into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that sticks to our feet we wipe off against you. Yet be sure of this: The kingdom of God is near.'

"He who listens to you listens to me; he who rejects you rejects me; but he who rejects me rejects him who sent me." The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name." He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

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Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope; teach us ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Hymns (*Please distribute Family Worship, Baptism booklets at St Mark's and Hymns Sheets*)

1. Church of God, elect and glorious
2. How lovely on the mountains
3. We have a gospel to proclaim,
4. I, the Lord of sea and sky.
5. O God beyond all praising,

Commentary

In Chapter 9:1-6, Jesus sent the twelve on a mission; representing the twelve tribes of Israel. Now he sends the seventy or seventy two, representing the number of nations in Jewish tradition. Not only is the scope of the mission expanded by the larger number of participants, but the harvest metaphor also introduces a new urgency.

Some manuscripts tell that Jesus sent seventy and others read seventy-two, and we cannot determine with authority which is correct. The number almost certainly refers back to Genesis 10, where we find a list of seventy Gentile nations descended from Noah. A second Old Testament passage of significance might be Numbers 11:16-25, where Moses selected seventy elders to help him with his work.

Jesus sent two ahead of him into every city and place, where he was about to come. Deuteronomy 19:15 requires the testimony of two witnesses, and that is almost certainly why Jesus sends these disciples in pairs. However, going in pairs also strengthens resolve !

Then we have this harvest reference. The farmer works a year to prepare for the harvest, which must be accomplished when the crop is ready. Failure to do so is likely to be catastrophic. The meaning is clear for us, it is easy to sit in church, but we need labourers and we must pray that God will persuade the less active to become more active.

Given the urgency, we expect Jesus to tell the seventy to go quickly to begin the harvest. He will send them in verse 3, but first he commands them to pray. The work of disciples will be effective only as prayer undergirds it.

Jesus told his disciples that they would bear a cross and lose their lives (9:23-25). Now he warns them that he is sending them as defenceless lambs into the midst of wolves. It gets worse !

"Carry no purse, nor wallet, nor sandals" (v. 4a). At the commissioning of the twelve Jesus gave similar instructions that they should carry no purse, wallet or sandals. The disciples are to trust in God to provide

for their needs, and are not to encumber themselves with possessions. Since Jesus instructs his disciples to take a minimum of extras, perhaps we question whether he doesn't want us to be cluttered with material things that will distract us, something particularly challenging in a materialistic world. However we need to be realistic, whilst we appreciate Jesus' instruction to travel with little; to trust him and the message we bring, nevertheless there are situations that require we draw on material resources to provide for people's physical needs. Christians have had to raise money to build hospitals, orphanages, schools, housing and shelter for those in need. The ministry of Jesus and his disciples was also only made possible through the support of wealthy women.

Jesus tells the disciples that they should greet no one on the way, he is not calling disciples to be rude, but is rather telling them not to be side tracked by social niceties. The mission is urgent, and requires their full attention. While the seventy are not to be distracted by common courtesies along the road (v. 4), they are to observe them once they arrive at their destination. So that whatever house they enter they should say, 'Peace be to this house'" (v. 5). The peace offered is more than a simple greeting. It is a substantive gift — God's peace (Numbers 6:26; Isaiah 26:12; Luke 1:79; 2:14; Acts 10:36; Romans 5:1). Jesus calls the seventy to offer the peace without first trying to assess the worthiness of the recipient or to guess whether the recipient will accept or reject it.

They should then remain in that same house, eating and drinking the things they give, for the labourer is worthy of his wages. Local residents are to provide hospitality for the seventy, who deserve to be supported (see Galatians 6:6; 1 Timothy 5:18). Jesus forbids them from moving house to house, they are to stay where they are and eat what they are given.

They are to heal the sick, those who are in need, and this is an act of compassion which draws attention to the message that the kingdom of God has come near. This combination of compassion and proclamation — deed and word — is a powerful form of witness.

If rejected, the disciples are to shake the dust from their feet, an act of repudiation. They are to do so publicly, stating their reason, and are to proclaim again, "the Kingdom of God has come near." This is warning, not retaliation — intended to convert — not to injure. Those who witness the repudiation might be persuaded to listen.

We are told that the seventy returned with joy, saying, 'Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name'" (v. 17). The disciples gained power and are overjoyed at the victory through their use of Jesus' name.

Meditation

An example of boldness and trust in God is Frances Xavier (Mother) Cabrini (1850-1917). She was born in Italy and wanted to be a missionary to China, but was sent by Pope Leo XIII, along with six sisters, to minister to the thousands of Italian immigrants living in New York City. In her 35 years she founded 67 institutions dedicated to serving the poor, abandoned, uneducated and sick. She was terrified of water, afraid of drowning. Still, she crossed the ocean more than 30 times. Pius XII said at her canonization, "Although her constitution was very frail... she permitted nothing to impede her from accomplishing what seemed beyond the strength of a woman." A story about Mother Cabrini tells that when she was discussing with her sisters the building of one more hospital. They protested that they did not have the resources for such an undertaking. Her response, "Whose work is it, God's or ours?" The hospital got built.

Prayers for Sunday and the Week Ahead

Lord it is right and good to give you our thanks and praise, O God, for you have raised us up as a new creation and written our names in the book of life. You created the earth in your goodness and its plentiful harvest feeds your creatures. Through the law and prophets you revealed yourself as the God who heals us and makes us whole. Through Christ Jesus, whom you have robed in glory, you deliver us from the power of sin and death and send us as labourers into the harvest to proclaim your nearness, to immerse people into your healing waters, and to reap eternal life in your Spirit.

We pray to you Lord for your church and it's mission - the mission you have entrusted to us. Help us to be bold for you in the face of evil and injustice - and to show forth your healing power in the face of suffering and disease. Bless us as we share the good news of your love - that we may indeed be a blessing to others.

We pray to you Lord for the persons and situations that you have placed upon our hearts this day. Intercede, O Lord, and bring new hope, new joy, new life where it is needed. Send us as peacemakers and witnesses to your kingdom, and fill our hearts with joy in your promises of salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Kitten for sale, ready 1 August. 1 cute black kitten with white socks £25. Adults only to ring Delia 328721

Encircled in Care A training day for pastoral visitors and carers in the Church and Community. Wootton Methodist Church, Saturday 13 July 10am - 1.15pm Contact glayne.worgan@methodist.org.uk

The Great Gappo will be at Putnoe Heights Church on Monday 29 July 2013 at 12 noon to 2p.m. "The Great Gappo" 12 noon to 1pm, Sandwich lunch provided 1pm to 2pm. Raffle. Tickets: £2.00 in advance for children over 1 yrs old, £3.00 on the door, FREE to children under 1 yrs old and £1.00 Adults. Available from the church office. For further details contact: Carolyn Morris Tel: 07751348925 Email: youth@thisischurch.com or Putnoe Heights Church office on Tel: 01234 365630

Circuit Farewell Service for Revd. Jacqueline Owen and Revd. Joanne Sherwood. Putnoe Heights Church Sunday 21 July at 6.00pm. Please come to offer a warm Putnoe Heights welcome to visitors from the Circuit as Jacqueline leaves Southend, Clapham, Oakley and Sharnbrook for Leeds and Joanne leaves Clophill, Flitwick, Haynes and Wilstead for Ely. Refreshments will be served after the service - donations of cake, teabread etc. very welcome.



St Albans Woodland Burial Trust. Welcome you to our next Open Day which will take place at the Woodland on Saturday 20 July from 2.00pm - 5.00pm

Buddy-Trips The Circuit has a new programme called Buddy-trips designed to link you with other people who may be interested in going to the same event, play, trip as you. Contact buddytrips@yahoo.com using the password NewLife

Defibrillator Training to be held on Sunday 21 July 2013 at 2.00pm at St Mark's. Can you please give your names to Charlie.



Job Vacancy– Hazeldene Heights Pre School Practitioner/Deputy Manager required to support the Manager and work alongside our existing Deputy. Variable hours approx 20+per week, must be flexible and available 8.00am—5.30pm. Minimum Level 3 Early Years qualification or equivalent. For more information please contact Laura Leggett 01234 326685 or email Putnoe@gmail.com closing 03.07.13

Action for Children Will you join other box holders in the League of Light and shine hope into the lives of vulnerable children? The scheme began in 1932 and this year the lantern shaped home

collecting box has been re-launched. We are grateful for all donations, large or small, I can supply you with a box if you add your name to the list in the Church foyer. You can make a difference to the children and young people we support. Nationwide box holders raise £500,000 annually. Thank you. M. Standley

Bowlers Beware! The annual cricket match between churches has slipped into history, but there is now an interest in a Bowls afternoon for teams representing local churches. Initial thoughts are for a Sunday afternoon before the end of September with teams from St Peters, Putnoe Heights, St Marks and St Andrews. Priory Bowls Club have offered to make their facilities available. Anyone interested in this suggestion, please contact John Handley on 342127 or Valerie Edwards on 409508.

Bishop's Cup Cricket Tournament Multi faith teams from Watford, St. Albans, Luton and Bedford. A day of friendly cricket, family fun and inter faith fellowship plus informal games of rounders and cricket for ladies, children and other spectators. Sunday 7th July from 1.30pm Bedford Park. Rain venue Pilgrim Sports Hall, Brickhill Drive. For more information contact Hafiz Rahman of Bedford Council of Faiths (hafiz94@live.co.uk) or the Revd. Jay MacLeod, Inter Faith Adviser to the Bishop and Diocese of St. Albans (jaymacleod@mac.com).

Arthritis Research Annual Appeal. Owing to the shortage of house to house collectors this year you may not have had the opportunity to give. If you would like to, there is a basket of envelopes for donations in the foyer. Please place your envelope in the basket or hand into the church office. Thank you for your support. Marian Goddard Hon Secretary.

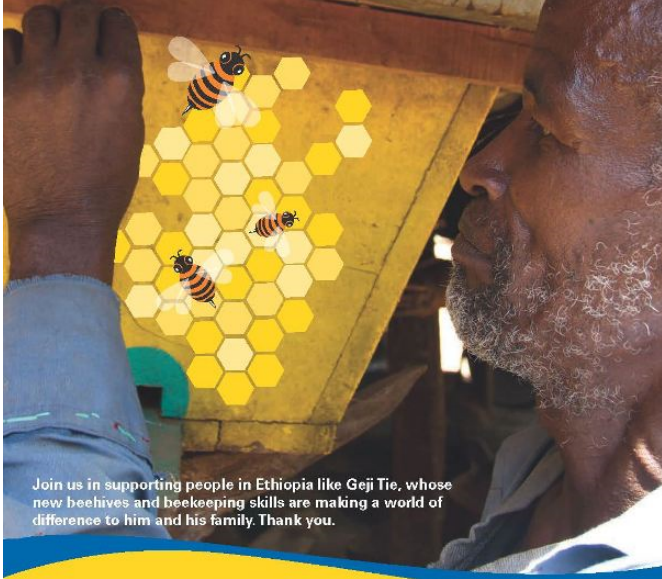
Footprints Walk:- There will be a walk around Shefford at 2.30pm on Sunday 14th July 2013. Location of start, off the A507 (WasA600) at Bedford Road, bear right into Northbridge Street, Right again at traffic lights into The High Street, next right into Old Station Road. Meet in the Free Car Park at the end of Old Station Road. The walk splits into two the first half, 2 1/2 miles flat, good paths and can be finished at this point. The second half takes the walk up to 5miles and includes the ascent of Cockshot Hill. Which is a fairly steep long hill. Further info from Margaret or Alan Massey.

Milton Earnest Open Gardens Sunday 7 July from 1pm Various gardens open around the village in aid of the Red Cross. Plant sales and refreshments.

Celebration Event There will be a celebration event on Bank Holiday Monday 25 August 2014 to recognise 100 years that Bedford has been in the St Albans Diocese. This will include a day of activities at the College Equestrian Centre at Keysoe, concluding with a service of worship in the afternoon. It is early days yet but a great idea to put it in the diary now.

The Bishop of St Albans' Harvest Appeal 2013

A Sweeter Deal



Join us in supporting people in Ethiopia like Geji Tie, whose new beehives and beekeeping skills are making a world of difference to him and his family. Thank you.

For years, 78-year-old Geji Tie devoted time and energy into making a living through beekeeping and farming. But working alone, the results never quite seemed to match his efforts. So when Christian Aid partner, Action for Development (AFD), approached his community with the idea of setting up a beekeeping cooperative to improve honey production, Geji was keen to get involved. He has now learnt how to get the most from his hives, and with equipment provided by AFD, the cooperative is able to make more honey and sell it at a higher price at market.

Geji is delighted at the difference the project has made.

'I have so many beehives and about 20 of them are working. We are able to sell the honey at a higher price than usual. Things have certainly changed for me and my family. For instance, I am sending my children to school with the money I earn. I have more clothes so can change them more often. Before, whenever one of the family was sick it would take them more than a month to get better. Now, whenever a family member is sick we take them straight to the clinic and within a week they will be better. They get sick less often.'

Geji's cooperative has great hopes for the future to benefit the community. The members want to expand their business to include buying a flour-grinding machine and would even like to set up a community pharmacy. Thanks to the money from our appeal, many more farmers will be able to benefit from this support. So thank you so much for your gifts. They will make a real difference

Our Mission Appeal 2013. This year will be launched at harvest. We will be joining the St Albans Diocese in funding a project in Ethiopia that is teaching farmers about better beekeeping methods. Our gifts will make a real difference. New beehives and improved beekeeping skills are having a life-changing impact on people and communities in Ethiopia. Bees are vital pollinators; flying from flower to flower, they make connections that are fundamental to the life of our planet. The Bishop's Harvest Appeal is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our connected world and to make lifechanging, loving and lasting connections with people in Ethiopia.

£14 could pay for a protective veil and gloves to help beekeepers work without getting stung.

£85 could pay for a modern hive .

£207 could pay for a community honey-extractor machine for harvesting honey from hives efficiently.

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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.

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

Forthcoming Funerals



The funeral of Dr Tim Nicol will take place at Bedford Crematorium on Monday 15 July at 11.30am

The funeral of Mr Howes will take place at Bedford Crematorium on Tuesday 16 July at 2.30pm

The funeral of Peggy Dewdley will take place at Bedford Crematorium on Wednesday 10 July at 4.00pm