



Methodist
Church

Partnership News

7 November 2004

Family Worship With Baptism

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



Church of
England

Church Services Today

8.30am Service of Holy Communion

Held at both churches

9.30am St Mark's Church—Pet Service

Family worship with baptism

Preacher - Revd Neil Bramble Chapman

Leadership Team - Mrs Janet Day

Intercessions – Mrs Pat Leusby

11.00am Putnoe Heights –

Family Worship with Baptism

Preacher – Revd Neil Bramble-Chapman

Leadership Team - Mr Peter Parker

Intercessions –Mrs Margaret Massey

November 14 Remembrance Sunday

8.30 am Service of Holy Communion

Held at both churches

9.30am St. Mark's Church Remembrance

Preacher – Revd Charles Royden

Leadership Team - Mr Ian Farthing

Intercessions—Mrs Mary Stubbs

11.00am Putnoe Heights Remembrance

Preacher – Revd Charles Royden

Leadership Team - Mr Dave Allen

Intercessions - Mr Alan Bayliss

Thank You

The flowers at Putnoe Heights Church this week have been given by Pauline and Stephen Clare to mark their wedding anniversary.

The flowers at St Mark's this week have been given by Millie Meads & the Appleton family in memory of Richard 'Dick' Meads a dearly loved husband, father and grandfather

Prayer for Sunday

Each morning and each evening
let the peace of the Father be mine.
Each day and each night
let the peace of the Son be mine.
Each dawn and each dusk
let the peace of the Spirit be mine.
Let the blessing of the Three in One be
mine; both now and for ever. Amen
Carmina Gadelica

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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. 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 15 November Moorfields & Sight Concern Christmas Whist Drive. 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 - 9 Nov. Remembrance Contact Mrs Betty Wyatt 350188
2.15pm Putnoe Heights Men's Fellowship. Next meeting 16 November 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 16 November Estate Agent Jayne Beard 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 17 November 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 -15 Nov

St Mark's Church Council Feb 1 2005

Churchyards Committee

Next meeting on Monday 17 Jan at 10am

St Mark's Centre Management Meeting

Wednesday 10 Nov

St Mark's Leadership Team

Next meeting on 17 Nov, 12 Jan

Deanery Synod 18 Nov, 10 Feb

Partnership Council 18 Jan

Putnoe Heights Leadership Team 22 Nov

Putnoe Church Council

11 Oct 2004, 7 Feb 2005

13 June 2005, 10 Oct 2005

Pastoral Group Meeting

January 24 at 2.00pm

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

Carers Rest invite you to a Christmas Concert & preview of the Christmas Tree Festival at St.Paul's Church Tuesday 30 Nov at 7pm., featuring thje Risley Singers & Bedford Brass. Tickets £10(£8 concessions) available at both Church Offices. In aid of Carers Rest & Christmas Tree appeal .More details Dereck Cutler 354037.

NCH – Christmas Cards—Thank you to all friends who purchased Christmas cards at Putnoe Heights. £132 was raised. I still have a few packs left. If anyone would like any £2 for 10.,I will have them with me . Grace Foster.

Wanted Britax car seat suitable for child 2years and above. If anyone has a car seat for sale, please contact Janet Day 295592.

Putnoe Ramblers Annual Planning Meeting Wednesday 17th November at the home of Sue and Richard Butler, 1 Mitford Close, Bedford at 7.30pm. Drinks and nibbles. Please pick up a sheet with further details from both churches.

Christmas Service. Christmas falls on a Saturday this year, there will be one service in the Partnership only on Christmas Day. It will be held on Sunday 26th December at Putnoe Heights Church at 9.30am.

Coming Soon Storybox Plus is an After School Club for 4—9 year olds which will be starting in January from 4.00 to 5.00pm on Thursdays. The group will rehearse a short drama and make the props and costumes for a performance at the Family Service at Putnoe. Volunteers will be needed to make refreshments, help with the crèche and support the group. Please ring Joan on 344536.

Bible Notes

31 Sunday in Ordinary Time

Verse of Scripture Genesis Chapter 9:15

I will remember my covenant which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh.

A Collect Prayer - Before we read we pray

God of peace, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen



The wolf and the lamb will feed together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox..... *Isaiah*

First Reading – Genesis 9:6-22

This is the account of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked with God. Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham and Japheth. Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight and was full of violence. God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways. So God said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth. So make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in it and coat it with pitch inside and out. This is how you are to build it: The ark is to be 450 feet long, 75 feet wide and 45 feet high. Make a roof for it and finish the ark to within 18 inches of the top. Put a door in the side of the ark and make lower, middle and upper decks.

I am going to bring floodwaters on the earth to destroy all life under the heavens, every creature that has the breath of life in it. Everything on earth will perish. But I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark--you and your sons and your wife and your sons' wives with you. You are to bring into the ark two of all living creatures, male and female, to keep them alive with you. Two of every kind of bird, of every kind of animal and of every kind of creature that moves along the ground will come to you to be kept alive. You are to take every kind of food that is to be eaten and store it away as food for you and for them." Noah did everything just as God commanded him. (Reader : This is the word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God**)

Second Reading– 2 Thessalonians: 1-5, 13-17

Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him, we ask you, brothers, not to become easily unsettled or alarmed by some prophecy, report or letter supposed to have come from us, saying that the day of the Lord has already come. Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God. Don't you remember that when I was with you I used to tell you these things?

But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers loved by the Lord, because from the beginning God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter. May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word. (Reader: This is the word of the Lord -

All: Thanks be to God)

Gospel Reading –Luke 20: 27-38

Some of the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus with a question. "Teacher," they said, "Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies and leaves a wife but no children, the man must marry the widow and have children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers. The first one married a woman and died childless. The second and then the third married her, and in the same way the seven died, leaving no children. Finally, the woman died too. Now then, at the resurrection whose wife will she be, since the seven were married to her?" Jesus replied, "The people of this age marry and are given in marriage. But those who are considered worthy of taking part in that age and in the resurrection from the dead will neither marry nor be given in marriage, and they can no longer die; for they are like the angels. They are God's children, since they are children of the resurrection. But in the account of the bush, even Moses showed that the dead rise, for he calls the Lord 'the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive.'" (Reader: This is the word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God**)

Post Communion Prayer

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

Hymns (Please distribute)

1. For the beauty of the earth
2. If I were a butterfly
3. All things B&B
4. Who put the colours in the Rainbow
5. The God who made us human is the God who made the sea

Meditation

'O birds, my sisters, you owe much to God your Creator and you must praise Him always and everywhere for he has given you freedom to fly wherever you like, and he has also given you double and triple raiment, and he has reserved your seed in the ark of Noah, so that your kind should not grow less on earth; and furthermore you must thank him for the element of air which he has assigned to you. What is more you neither sow nor reap, and God feeds you, and has given you the streams and fountains to drink from, the mountains and the hills to shelter you and the high trees whereon you can build your nests. And although you can neither spin or sew, God clothes you and your children. Therefore the Creator loves you dearly, as he has given you so many blessings, and so, my sisters, beware of the sin of ingratitude and be always eager to praise God' *St Francis*

Commentary

The Sadducees, who in today's Gospel come before Jesus and challenge him, were a wealthy group of people associated with the Temple Priests. They closely followed God's Law as written in the Torah, the first five books of the Old Testament, and did not believe in the Resurrection of the dead. Instead they believed that God rewarded or punished people in this life, so that if you are faithful to God you will be materially rewarded, and if you are unfaithful then you will not receive great material blessing. The Sadducees present a fictional case to Jesus, designed to show the irrationality of the belief in the Resurrection of the dead. It is based upon the Law of God, from Deuteronomy 25.5-10, that if a man dies without an heir, then his brother should marry the woman and the first child of that marriage should inherit the man's property. The Sadducees present Jesus with the absurd picture of a widow becoming the wife of seven brothers as each in turn dies. Jesus' answer implies that marriage is necessary in this life so that there will be children, but after the resurrection, there will be no more death and so no more need for children to be born and so there will be no need for marriage. Jesus reinforces his position against the Sadducees in the following way. By God saying to Moses that he is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and the God of the living and not of the dead, this implies that Abraham, Isaac and Jacob have been

resurrected from the dead, thus disproving the Sadducees position. Jesus has won the argument and seen off his challengers.

This passage brings a great deal of comfort to us regarding the resurrection of the dead, for Jesus in his own words declares this to be God's will for his people. God will not allow death to be the end of a relationship with Himself nor with anyone else. The basis of the relationship that we will have with each other may be very different, but those relationships that we experience in this life will continue in some way. At the resurrection, we will continue to be in relationship with one another and also with God. Hallelujah! *Neil Bramble-Chapman*

Prayers for Sunday and the week ahead

Grant, O Lord, that the light of your love may never be dimmed within us. Let it shine forth from our warmed hearts to comfort others in times of peace and in seasons of adversity, and in the bright beams of your goodness and love may we come at last to the vision of your glory; through Christ our Lord. Amen

O God, our true life, to know you is life, to serve you is freedom, to enjoy you is a kingdom, to praise you is the joy and happiness of the soul. I praise and bless and adore you, I worship you, I glorify you. I give thanks to you for your great glory. I humbly beg you to live with me, to reign in me, to make this heart of mine a holy temple, a fit habitation for your divine majesty. *St Augustine.*

Heavenly Father, may your Holy Spirit lead the rich nations to support the poor, and the strong nations to protect the weak; so that every nation may develop in its own way, and work together with other nations in true partnership for the promotion of peace and the good of all humankind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *Diocese of Melanesia.*

Creator of the universe, watch over us and keep us in the light of your presence. May our praise continually blend with that of all creation, until we come together to the eternal joys which you promise in your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *Celtic Prayer*

O thou who coverest the high places with water, who settest the sand as a bound to the sea and dost uphold all things: the sun sings thy praise, the moon gives thee glory. Every creature offers a hymn to thee, his author and creator for ever. Amen. *Eastern Orthodox Prayer*

News, Views and Information

Bedford Deanery Synod -next meeting will be on Thursday 18th November at St. Paul's Church, Bedford at 7.30pm. Please note that for this meeting, because Dr. G. Fletcher is speaking, all church treasurers, church wardens, gift aid secretaries and anyone else interested are invited.

Organ Recital by Bill Fudge in aid of Renhold church funds on Saturday 20th November at 7.30pm at All Saints Church, Renhold. Coffee and biscuits, retiring collection.

National Trust Tree Service Whipsnade Tree Cathedral Saturday 13th November at 2pm. Preacher : Cmdr David Childs. Salvation Army Band. Teas available afterwards. Bring own chairs or rugs. In church if wet.

The Methodist Church are holding a conference on

22 January 2005 at Hinde Street Methodist Church, London from 10—4pm, entitled 'Worship & the Missing Generation'. Cost £10. For more details & to book your place ring: Chris Jones 01245 262312 or Paul Kybird 01908 678755

Advent Course. Our course will take the theme of 'Pilgrimage,' with four talks on 24 November, 1, 8 and 15 December at Putnoe Heights Church. The evenings will begin with refreshments at 7.30pm for 8.00pm start. Each evening will finish at 9.00pm. We are delighted that the first two of our talks this year will be given by Professor Paul Crossley. Other speakers will be The Reverend Dr Joan Crossley and the detective novelist Kate Charles.

Network - Spring Celebration on 7th March 2005 at The Square Methodist Church, Dunstable. Tickets £1, limited to two per church. Please order

ASAP but not later than the end of December from Eleanor Mackirky Tel 360271. See poster in foyer for more details.

Brickhill Parish Council Appointment of Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

Applications are invited for the above post to assist the new Brickhill Parish Council as it seeks to develop and promote an enhanced role on behalf of the residents of Brickhill, the largest ward in Bedford. The successful applicant will have considerable responsibility in managing the Council's affairs and will need to be able to demonstrate the ability to work professionally at a high level. He or she will be expected to contribute towards the Council achieving Quality Parish Council Status and possess or be willing to work towards the relevant qualification. An understanding of Local Government practice and procedures would be useful.

As the Clerk will be the main point of contact between the public, other local authorities and the Parish Council, good communication and interpersonal skills will be required. The successful applicant must be able to demonstrate administrative and accounting ability, flexibility and be IT literate.

Hours are 30 per week and will include attendance at evening meetings.

Salary will be in the range of £17,409 to £20,370 pro rata. Apply with CV, providing details of qualifications, experience and two referees, by midday Friday 19th November 2004. Details may be found on the council website

www.brickhillparishcouncil.gov.uk or write to Brickhill Parish Council, c/o 1 Amberley Gardens, Bedford MK40 3BT or email: clerk@brickhillparishcouncil.gov.uk Tel/Fax: 01234 306831.

Methodist Church launches campaign encouraging sensible drinking

"Mocktails" competition to promote having fun without losing control. The Methodist Church will launch a new competition alongside the release of the new Bridget Jones film aiming to encourage sensible drinking among younger women. The competition will find the best recipes for Mocktails – alcohol-free cocktails – to show that people can have fun without heavy drinking.

The competition will be promoted by a colourful postcard that will be distributed in British cinemas alongside the upcoming movie Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason, in 11 major cities. The postcard contains both an entry form for contestants to create a Tiny Knickers Mocktail and a card for women to send the Big Pants Mocktail recipe to their friends. The postcards are backed up with an animated website which has further Mocktail recipes, games

and information.

But the campaign has a serious message alongside the fun. A number of surveys have shown a recent increase in heavy drinking by younger women.

Government statistics show that nearly one-third of women aged 18 to 24 binge drink. This leaves them vulnerable not only to the sort of alcohol-related problems and accidents that affect everybody, but also to the dangers of sexual assault and the consequences of unprotected sex. The main audience of the Bridget Jones books and movies are women in the 20s and 30s, and this is also the group of women showing the greatest problems with binge drinking.

Anthea Cox, Methodist Co-ordinating Secretary for Public Life and Social Justice, says "There has been an increasing trend for young women to drink heavily on nights out as evidenced by recent media reports of 'ladette' culture. Taking a more responsible attitude to alcohol should not prevent people having fun but allows women to remain in control. Women are more vulnerable to crime, sexual assault and the consequences of having unprotected sex as well as longer-term health problems if they drink large quantities of alcohol on a night out. Drinking Mocktails is not only enjoyable but because of the appearance of the drink no one need know that they don't contain alcohol."

Anthea adds: "I'm sure women going to see the Bridget Jones film will be attracted to the postcards. The idea is that women will be encouraged to have a Mocktail making party with their friends, or ask for non-alcoholic alternatives when out partying. Whilst the message is a serious one, the emphasis is that you can still enjoy yourself whilst remaining safe."

Big Pants Mocktail

Half fill a tall glass with crushed ice. Pour over equal parts of orange and mango juice. Top up with plenty of ginger ale. Add a dash of grenadine. Garnish with a slice of lime - or a cherry if you prefer.

Kempston Musical Society (Centenary Year)

'a Hundred Years of Song'
at St Mark's Church

Saturday 13th November 2004 at 7.30pm.

Soloist Kay Soteriou, piano Tessa Wood,
Organ Brian Fox with conductor Janet Welsh.

Tickets £4.

All proceeds to go to the new extension at
St Mark's Church for Autism Bedfordshire.

Special Services Coming Soon

Remembrance Sunday Our services on 14 November will be occasions to remember all those who have given their lives for the peace and freedom we enjoy today. We will join with people across the nation to pause to reflect on the sacrifices made by our brave Service men and women. We will observe the collective act of two minutes silence as we stand together and reflect on the price of freedom. That price is still being paid. More than 12,000 British Servicemen and women have been killed or injured on active service since 1945.



'If we are to maintain our peace and freedom, we must always remember.'

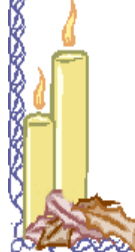
Commemoration Service Our Commemoration Service for the Faithful Departed will take place at St Mark's Church on 14th November at 3.00pm. Our preacher this year will be the Reverend Neil Bramble-Chapman. Please accept our invitation to this service if you would find it helpful to remember somebody who has died. Please do also tell anybody who you know who may appreciate a welcome.

Christmas Fayre' at Priory Methodist Church on Saturday 13 November from 11am to 3pm. in aid of Church Development Fund. Entry 50p Children free. Gifts, cards, Arts & Crafts, Paintings, Home Produce, Raffle, Lunches & Snacks.

MHA Sunday 7 November is Methodist Homes Association Sunday when gift envelopes will be available in both churches. On Sunday 21 November Elaine Allen from MHA will be speaking at both churches, outlining some of the wonderful work

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.



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

carried out by MHA especially for the frail elderly. It will be great if MHA build a complex in Bedford but to carry out these projects they do need our support. Thank you Grace Foster MHA Co-ordinator

Christmas Craft Fayre

St Mark's Annual Christmas Craft Fayre on Saturday 20th November 2004. We would be grateful for help with the following:

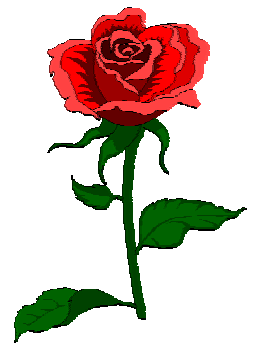
Tombola – Any new unwanted gifts\Christmas present etc. for our Tombola stall. Please bring any items up to the Church Office before the day or if you would like them picked up please phone The Church Office 01234 342613.

Refreshments – We would very much appreciate donations of traybakes to sell with tea and coffee. Ploughman's lunches will be on sale at lunchtime as usual. Volunteers to help in the kitchen on the day would be very much appreciated. To put your name down please see Avril Williams or Trudy Bunday. Any help gratefully received.

Cake Stall - After a number of years organising and manning the Cake Stall at the Fayre the Mother Teresa Group have decided to step down. We would like to thank the group for all their dedication and hard work organising the stall. Milly Rollinson has agreed to man the stall. Any cakes for the stall would be very much appreciated. Please bring them to Church either on the Friday or on the Saturday morning. Any problems please ring the Church Office.

We publish the banns of and pray for the marriage of Keith John Chappell and Kirsten Margaret Elizabeth Mason of this parish and on the electoral roll of St Andrews Bedford. This is for the 1st time of asking.

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)



A service celebrating the life of Peter John Bailey 'Bill' will be held at Putnoe Heights Church on Tuesday 9 November at 12.45pm. This will be preceded by a private family service held at Bedford Crematorium