

Methodist Church

# **Partnership News**

## 7 September 2008 Ordinary 23



Church of England

### **Partnership Church Services Today**

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

**9.30am St. Mark's– Family Worship**We welcome for baptism the family of Jordan
David Lee Richardson and Paige Lucy Lea
Richardson

Preacher - Mrs Wendy Waters Leadership Team - Mrs. Delia Shephard Intercessions - Mrs. Morag Stewart

11.00am Putnoe Heights - Family Worship

Preacher - Mrs Wendy Waters Leadership Team - Mrs. Linda Hoar Intercessions - The Ministers

14 September – Ordinary 24 9.30am St. Mark's – Family Service Preacher - Revd Charles Royden Leadership Team - Mrs Delia Shephard

Intercessions - Mrs Morag Stewart

11.00am Putnoe Heights - Family Service

Preacher - Revd Charles Royden Leadership Team - Mrs Sam Ware Intercessions - Mr Eddy Peck

### **Bible Readings**

- 1. Exodus 14: 19-31 2. Romans 14: 1-12
- 3. Matthew 18: 21-35

### Thank You

The flowers at St Mark's this week have been given by John and Janet Day to celebrate the marriage of their son Thomas to Kate at the Church of St Nicholas in Barton-le Clay.

The flowers at Putnoe Heights this week have been given by Dawn Allinson in loving memory of her husband, Maurice, on their wedding anniversary, and by Arthur Merryman in memory of Vi on their wedding anniversary.

We are always grateful for any donations for 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 Miss Jennie Cooper 404950 (Putnoe Heights) or add your name to the rota in the foyers.

### **Prayer for Sunday**

Help us, O Lord, to conquer anger with gentleness; to subdue greed with generosity and to overcome apathy with fervour. Help us to forget ourselves and reach out to others. Teach us to be courageous in risk-taking, patient in suffering and attentive in prayer; grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Clement XI, 1649-1721

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## Partnership Pastoral Support Team Co-Ordinator & Churchyards Administrator

Mrs Mary Stubbs 406784 Mary @Thisischurch.com 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 Monday to Thursday 9am - 5pm, Friday 9am - 1pm Tel/fax & Answering Service 365630 putnoe@thisischurch.com Centre Manager Mr Barry Snelson 365630 & 344417 Leadership Team Mrs. Wendy Nash 357119 Treasurer Mr Ian Morse 216428 treasurerph@thisischurch.com Gift Aid Administrator - Mr John Hitt 404186 Youth & children's worker - Mrs Spavins 302349 youth@thisischurch.com

### St. Mark's Church Centre (Open 9am - 5.00pm)

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## Regular Weekly Activities - A Guide To Our Churches

### Monday

9.30-12.00pm Mon-Fri Putnoe Heights Pre-school Headteacher Mrs Janet Smith ☎326685

8.30-5.30pm Mon-Fri St Mark's Pre-school

Headteacher Mrs. Helen Harpin **☎312634** (See website for more details)

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

**10.00am Bakers Barn Art Group.** St Mark's Mr Kellie **☎**721063

**10.45am U3A Playreading** St Mark's C Birks **2**219607 **11am - 12. The Right Track** at St Mark's. Signpost information for peole with learning difficulties. Gina Barton **2**07999859980

**12.00pm Story box** We welcome the under 5's and their carers to join them between 12noon and 1pm for a sandwich lunch followed by a Bible based story and singing. **☎**Liz 302349

**1.45pm U3A History Group** St Mark's 2nd & 4th week of the month. **☎** David Fowler 824474

**4.00pm Storybox Plus** Putnoe Heights for 4-9 year Old. Meet at 3.30 for refreshments & games. Then till 5pm 'follow the year' through stories, drama, singing & craft activities. We then make a short presentation in church on first Sunday in each month. **☎**Liz Spavins 302349

**4.15pm Rosemary Conley Diet & Fitness.** Putnoe Heights. Margo Needham 843747

**4.15pm Kumon Maths** Putnoe Heights. Mrs Raksha Mistry **2**01908 392698

**6.00pm Brownies** St Mark's. Mrs C Mathew **2**826190 **6.15 pm Brownies** Putnoe. Sharon Tanner **2**07720713738.

6.15 Pilates at Putnoe Heights Jane Butcher 300859
7.30pm Sugarcraft Guild St Mark's 1st week every month Pat Nicholson ☎353518

**7.30pm Cancer Care Society**. Meets monthly at St Mark's. Contact Mr J Dewhurst **☎**01908 377020

**7.15pm Guides.** St Mark's. Mrs Gill Lake **2**218091

7.15pm Yoga. Putnoe Heights Lena Holland 2244970

**7.30pm Whist Drive.** St Mark's 3rd & 5th week each month . Next meeting 18 August Judith Stanton. ☎823313

**7.30pm House group** 30 The Ridgeway. The home of Eddy & Margaret Peck **☎**267567.

**8.00pm** '**Get Fit, Stay Fit**' Putnoe Heights. Mrs Diane Field **☎**404976

### **Tuesday**

**9.30am Candlewicking** (Needlework). Putnoe Heights. Judi Staughton **2**341821

9.30am -12.30 & 4-9pm Slimming World St. Mark's. Helen Folbigg ☎351223

**9.40 –12.30 Jo Jingles.** St. Mark's. Music & movement for pre-school children. Jayne Philips 01582 485333

**10am -Bedford Arts Society** starting at St Mark's on the 11th September. **☎**Mrs Brown 771676

**1.30pm Toddlers Playtime.** Putnoe Heights Majella Atkinson **☎**325293.

**1.30pm U3A Cinema Group.** St Mark's last Tuesday of the month. Mr Austin **2**365184

**2.00pm U3A Book Group.** St Mark's 3rd Tuesday of the month Mrs Berman **2**364723

**2.00pm Library Walk W.I.** Putnoe Heights, meets monthly. Mrs C Allen **2.63878** 

2-5pm Police Surgery. St Mark's Foyer.

**2.15pm Putnoe Heights Women's Fellowship**. Next meeting 2nd September - AGM. Betty Wyatt **☎**350188.

**2.30pm Mother Teresa Support Group.** St Mark's alternate weeks. Wool and knitting needles provided. Mrs Maureen Watling **2**62225

**2.30pm Tuesday Afternoon Housegroup.** St Mark's alternate weeks. Mary Stubbs **2**406784.

**3.45pm Stars School of Dance.** Putnoe Heights. Esther Sancto **2**295862 or **2**07917582468.

7.00pm Hearts in Beds Cardiac Support Group St Mark's 1st Tuesday ■ Parsons 351150

**7pm Keep Fit.** St. Mark's Jan Gregory **2**328455 **7pm MT Karate** [all ages] Putnoe Heights. Karen King **2**07941 264885

**7.30pm Tabernacle of Truth Church** Putnoe Heights Bible study & prayers. Revd.Tarr **2**360188 or 07866775515

**7.30pmChartered Management Institute** St Marks 3rd week of the month. Mrs Dimmock **☎**01525 862374

7.30pm Putnoe Heights Ladies Tuesday Club - Meets fortnightly. Next meeting 9 September 'A Marathon Run' Jeanette Taylor. More details from Audrey Wilkins 
365068 or Margaret Gentle 
309043

### Wednesday

9.15am Paint Tots St Mark's Jacqui Hanahan ☎824475 9.30am Childminding Support Group Putnoe Heights. Mrs S Longman ☎313949

**9.30am Body Control Pilates.** Putnoe Heights. Stephanie Smith **☎**07973174430.

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

**10.00am Holy Communion.** St. Mark's Chapel. A half hour service followed by coffee. All welcome.

**10am Sewing & Chat.** Putnoe Heights Valerie Russell **☎**01462 815966

**10.30 am U3A Art Appreciation** Putnoe Heights Fortnightly. Audrey Hancock **2**365915.

**Luncheon Club.** Putnoe Heights fortnightly. Next meeting 1 October 2008 Putnoe Heights Office **☎**365630

**12.30pm Men's Fellowship Lunch** St Mark's 2nd week each month. Chris Izzard **☎**212164

1.00-3pm Police Surgery at Putnoe Heights .

1.15pm Bridge Club for the Retired. St. Mark's. Mr Barnes 261811

**1.45 Scots Society Whist** monthly .All welcome Nancy Barr 268147

**2pm U3A Whist Group** St Mark's 3rd week of the month Ken Silvester **2** 400584

2.15pm - Fifty plus Keep Fit. Putnoe Heights Mrs Webster ☎856966

**4.15pm Kumon Maths.** Putnoe Heights Mrs Raksha Mistry **2**01908 392698

**6.00 pm Brownies.** St Mark's. Mrs Carol Warden **☎**219731

**6.15pm Yoga and Relaxation** Putnoe Heights Racheall Monton **☎**01234 297138

**6.30pm Karate.** St Mark's Karen **2**079412 64885

**7.00pm Bunyan Bridge.** St. Mark's Brian Sallows **2**407725

**7pm U3A Whist Group** St Mark's 4th Wednesday of the month. Ken Silvester **☎**400584

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

**7.00pm Putnoe Guild** Putnoe Heights monthly Janice **☎** Loxley 347073

**7.00pm U3A Sky at Night** 2nd Wednesday of the month. Mr Farish **2**824984

**7.45pm Badminton Club** Putnoe Heights All welcome. Ken Marriott **2**14867

8.00pm Tudor Reeds Folk Dance Club St Mark's, 1st ,3rd & 5th Wednesday. Next meeting 3 September 2008. All welcome. Graham ☎406359 or Alan 345312. 8.00pm Bedford Wine and Social Club St Mark's 1st week in the month. Mrs Gansfield ☎215016 7.45 for 8pm God talk—women's group monthly meeting for worship and friendly chat at Wendy Nash's Contact Majella Atkinson ☎325293

### **Thursday**

**9.30am Thursday Prayer Group.** Putnoe Heights in the quiet room.26 June will be at 14 Flint Way. Sylvia Cohen **☎**343424

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

9.45am Yoga Putnoe Heights Lena Holland 244970 9.45amChat and Play weekly at St.Mark's. A group for Mums & toddlers. £1.75. More details from St. Marks Office 342613 or Emma Strangwick 211070

12pm Storybox weekly at 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 Emma Strangwick \$\mathbb{Z}\$211070 1.30 - 3.00pm NHS Baby Clinic St.Mark's 267444

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**2pm Putnoe Bridge Club.** Gerald Palmer **2**345991 **5.30pm Police Surgery**. St Mark's Foyer.

**6.15 pm Weightwatchers.** St. Mark's. Mrs Margaret Ralph **2**01767 224978.

**6.15pm Brownies.** Putnoe Heights Helga Nash **2**218521 **6.15pm Bedford Junior Chess Club.** St. Mark's Mr C Hill **7**772922

**7.00pm Club 2000** Putnoe Heights Nina Ovenden **2**825059

**7.00pm British Cardiac Patients Assoc.**at Putnoe bi monthly Mrs.E. Marriot 303834

**7.30pm Bedford Senior Chess Club** St Mark's Mr P Housden **3**76597

**7.30pm Bedford Embroiderers' Guild** St Mark's 3rd Thursday of the month. Mrs C Smith ☎344544

**8.00pm Bedford Writers Circle.** St Mark's 1st week each month. Mr Newton **2**01525 378193

**8.00pm Magpies Women's Group** St Mark's 2nd & 4th week Jean Birks **2**219607

**8.00pm Brickhill Wives** St Mark's 1st and 3rd week Next meeting Mrs Woods **☎**404702

#### **Friday**

9.30-12.30pm & 12.30 - 2.30pm U3A Photography Group St Marks 4th week Joyce Fildes ☎353086 9.00am Clubhouse St. Mark's for those with Learning Disabilities. Karen Bywater ☎315460.

**1.30pm Stars School of Dance** Putnoe Heights Contact Esther Sancto **2**295862 or **2**07917 582468

**2.00pm U3A Gardening Group** Putnoe Heights Eve Whitehead **☎**356875

6.30pm –7.30pm Line Dancing. Beginners 7-8pm Improvers St Mark's Christine Rushton ☎782360 7pm Bedford Arts Society fortnightly Putnoe Heights from 8 September. Malcolm Smith ☎01234 400741 7.45pm Astrology Group St Mark's as from 11th January. Mr Kenworthy ☎402792

### Saturday

9.00pm Stars School of Dance. Putnoe
Esther Sancto \$\alpha\$295862 or \$\alpha\$07917 582468
10.00am Theatretrain St Mark's. Dancing acting, singing.
Kate Howard \$\alpha\$01234 782414

1.30pm Young Embroiders bi monthly Terry Fletcher Tel 357198

**7.00pm Duplicate Bridge.** St Mark's Mrs Pillinger **2**212066

### Sunday

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

**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.Not in August. **1pm Tabernacle of Truth Church** Putnoe Heights Revd. Tarr **☎**360188 or **☎**07866775515

**4pm B.A.M.A.A.** at St Mark's. Chinese soft martial arts. Mr Chris Butcher **☎**07886894922

**6pm T.N.T.** Putnoe. For 9-12 year olds (fortnightly) join us for fellowship, fun, games & outings .Next meeting Please see Liz **☎**302349 .

### **Diary Dates**



St Mark's Church Council – , 18 November

St Mark's Leadership Team – 8 September, 24 November Putnoe Heights Leadership Team –

Putnoe Heights Children & Youth Committee Putnoe Heights Management

Meeting-29th September at 7.30pm.

St Mark's Church Forum Meeting - .9 September, 12 November all at 12 noon

Putnoe Church Council - 6 October.

Pastoral Group Meeting - Monday 30th

September at 4.30pm

Churchyard Committee - November 12 at 11am Putnoe Heights Mission Group -

Partnership Council -

Brickhill Parish Council Meetings - 4th

September, 2nd October 2008

**Deanery Meeting** - 18 September,13 November

Circuit/Deanery Meeting

Woodland Burial Trustees -

**Mission Group Meeting** 

**Putnoe Heights Children & Youth –**8th September 1st December.

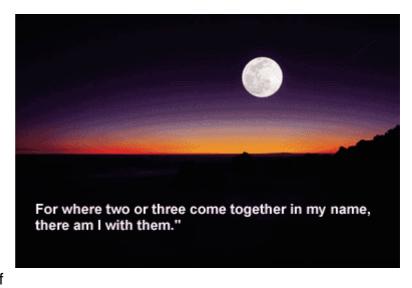
## **Ordinary 23**

## Opening Verses of Scripture Matthew 18:20

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

## Collect Prayer for the Day Before we read we pray

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of



the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 Bible Reading Exodus 12: 1-14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in Egypt, "This month is to be for you the first month, the first month of your year. Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbour, having taken into account the number of people there are. You are to determine the amount of lamb needed in accordance with what each person will eat. The animals you choose must be year-old males without defect, and you may take them from the sheep or the goats. Take care of them until the fourteenth day of the month, when all the people of the community of Israel must slaughter them at twilight. Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs. That same night they are to eat the meat roasted over the fire, along with bitter herbs, and bread made without yeast. Do not eat the meat raw or cooked in water, but roast it over the fire--head, legs and inner parts. Do not leave any of it till morning; if some is left till morning, you must burn it.

This is how you are to eat it: with your cloak tucked into your belt, your sandals on your feet and your staff in your hand. Eat it in haste; it is the Lord's Passover. "On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn--both men and animals--and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt. "This is a day you are to commemorate; for the generations to come you shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD--a lasting ordinance.

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

### Second Reading Romans 13:8-14

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

### Gospel Reading Matthew 18:15-20

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

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

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the Apostles teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**Hymns** (Please distribute Family worship and Mission Praise)

MP 496
 Junior Praise 139
 Jesus love is very wonderful'

3. MP 381 Jesus stand among us - first 2 verses only

4. MP 456 Make me a channel of your peace5. MP 463 May the mind of Christ my saviour

### Commentary

As a Welfare Rights Adviser to the elderly I need to know a lot of complex law about state benefits and how they relate to one another. My clients are often impressed with the scope of my apparent knowledge, but that knowledge is in fact limited to my particular sphere of work, and I often have to look up further details in what I call my 'Benefits Bible'. This is a book of some 1500 pages, printed on 'bible paper', without regular reference to which I would not be able to do my job. So it is with the Holy Bible because within it's 1100 or so pages (depending on the edition) are contained not only the facts about God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit, but most essentially details of how we should live our lives as believers in all three members of the Trinity.

All three of today's readings contain instructions. Exodus 12: 1 – 14 sets out precise instructions to the Israelites, who were experiencing extreme suffering as slaves in Egypt, on how to mark their doors with blood so as to escape from the final plague which in turn led to their subsequent release from slavery. Romans 13: 8 - 14 contains instructions from Paul, to members of the church in Rome, on how to live moral and loving lives. But it is the detailed instructions that Jesus gave his friends, the first disciples, we read in Mathew 18: 15 – 20 that I will focus on today.

In these verses Jesus is continuing his on going guidance to the disciples on how to behave, mindful of the fact that he will not always be with them in person. This week he instructs them on how to deal with those who 'sin against you'. The word used in verse 15 for 'you' is the term addressed to an individual, so Jesus is speaking personally to each of his hearers, both to those physically with him at the time and to us, who he states in verse 20 he is also with. Jesus told his disciples that if one of their number erred they should not get away with it, but neither should they be treated harshly. Instead initially an individual should quietly take the offender on one side and gently point out their error, not broadcast it to others. Note it is the person who has been wronged who should take the initiative of reconciliation not the perpetrator. Hopefully the right approach will bring about remorse, repentance and renewal.

However Jesus is fully aware that such a softly softly approach may not work, he is clearly knows that when our errors are pointed out to us, however gently, we can become defensive and not be

willing to accept we are in the wrong. In such instances Jesus advises safety in numbers and the perpetrator is to be spoken to again, this time with two or three witnesses present, still quietly and still privately and it goes without speaking I trust sensitively. If even this approach fails then and only then is it time to involve the wider church, who I imagine Jesus intended would still be firm but compassionate in their approach just as he was to 'sinners'.

The puzzling inclusion in this particular set of instructions is found at the end of verse 17: 'and if he refuses to listen to the church, treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector'. Initially this can be interpreted as very harsh, pagans and tax collectors may have been regarded by some as outside even the scope of God's forgiveness and love. Jesus' words could be read as a call to ostracise the unrepentant sinner, but as we know God welcomes the repentant sinner. Then follows a warning to us all that we reap what we sow on this earth and the next so in faith we are called to be united in prayer, aware of the presence of Jesus when praying for all the unrepentant within and without the family of God. *Wendy Waters* 

### Meditation

"But that said I would argue that genuine engagement rather than confrontation and repression is the key to avoiding violence" a quote by Oliver McTernan a contributor to the BBC's Radio 4 religious slot at 7.50am 'Thought for the Day'. Oliver McTernan is one of my contemporary Christian heroes he is director of 'Forward in Thinking' and spends much of his time working for reconciliation between different faith groups in the UK and Middle East. When I listen to his mellow Irish voice on the radio I find myself inspired and moved by his commitment to peace and reconciliation. If someone can be assessed by voice alone I find myself not at all surprised that God has led him into this role. A role which surely has at its heart the 'Jesus approach' that Matthew 18: 15 – 20 advocates. In this passage Jesus' target audience are Christians but the principles are equally applicable to a wide range of adversarial situations. How different our personal lives and communities might be if we all used this approach to minor conflict. The media constantly reports on small disputes that escalate out of all proportion between neighbours; sports enthusiasts; people of different ethnic origins; and many more. It is encouraging that there are number of people, often those who have been personally affected by crime, who are trying to build bridges between communities and their adversaries. Let us all pray for these courageous people and ourselves that we too will find the openness of heart and mind to 'go and do like wise'. Wendy Waters

### Prayers for Sunday and the week ahead

Lord of boundless energy, you refuse to be beaten; always you reinvent yourself to achieve the impossible. Give us such confidence in your life running through us and through the world, that nothing will stop you achieving your joyous purposes of love, life hope and justice. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Loving God we pray now for the unity of the breathing world that we and all your creatures may live together in harmony and peace in the name of Jesus. Amen *Tony Burnham* 

O God, bring new life where we are worn and tired, new love where we have turned hard hearted; forgiveness where we have wounded; and the joy and freedom of your Holy Spirit where we are prisoners of our selves. *John Bell* 

### **Jesus Love**

Jesus' love is very wonderful,
Jesus' love is very wonderful,
Jesus' love is very wonderful,
oh wonderful love!
So high you can't get over it,
so low you can't get under it,
so wide you can't get round it,
oh wonderful love!

Putnoe Heights Tuesday Club is an open club that meets fortnightly and offers a warm welcome to There are hundreds of churches open throughout ladies of any age. Each meeting we have a speaker or activity and conclude with a cup of tea or coffee for just a £1. Our next meeting is on 9th September when our speaker will talk about her marathon run. Later meetings include armchair aerobics (great fun ), harvest, Christmas crafts and a singalong. We invite you to come along and join us at 7.30pm at Putnoe Heights. Further details from Audrey(365068) or Margaret (309043).

" 7 days of creation" This presentation by the young people of the Partnership will now be part of the All Age service at Putnoe on Sunday 7th September. Watch this space for a date at St Marks.

**New Term** Storybox for our pre schoolers restarts at Putnoe on Monday 8th September at 12.00 Storybox plus for our 5-9 year olds restarts at Putnoe on Monday 15th September 3.30 Junior Church and YPF restarts at Putnoe on Sunday 14th September. We look forward to welcoming back old and new members, why not bring a friend as we have an exciting term planned. Liz and Sam

Putnoe Heights Church will hold its Methodist Homes for the Aged day on Sunday 5 October. There will an opportunity to give to the work of MHA through envelopes which will be distributed on Sunday 21 & 28 September. Proceeds from the Harvest Lunch on 5 October will also be given to MHA.

**Band Concert** Kettering Salvation Army Band are playing at Bedford Congress Hall, Saturday 13 September 7pm. Tickets £5 available from Paul Jarrett Tel 306149 or on the door. We look forward to welcoming you for an evening "On the Crest of the Wave". Special feature: An appeal by the world famous chef Rick Stein in aid of the Fisherman's Mission.

Organ Recital 20 September at 3pm, Professor Ian Tracey (Liverpool Anglican Cathedral and Liverpool City Organist) will give a recital in Woburn Parish Church to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of Bedfordshire Organists' Association. The programme will include music by Bach, Handel, Schumann, Bossi, Franck, Howells, Cochereau and Peeters. Admission (pay on the door) is £10 concessions £5. Light refreshments will be served afterwards in the Crypt. Keith Goddard

**Leadership Teams** St Mark's Leadership Team will take place on 8 September. If you have any matters for discussion by the team then please speak with church leaders prior to the meeting.

Sponsored 'Bike 'n Hike' Saturday 13 September. the county that can be visited on your route to raise money for the Bedfordshire & Hertfordshire Historic Churches Trust. Sponsor forms can be obtained from Wendy Nash at Punoe

Putnoe Heights Harvest Lunch Sunday 5th October (note Harvest Festival Service will be held on Sunday 28th September). Tickets available for lunch from Putnoe Office, £5.00 per adult (£2.50 children under 10).

Planning your Future? Do you need information and advice on Wills, Probate & Planning a Funeral. To have a FREE 20 minute consultation with a solicitor on this date, book an appointment now. Bookings being taken for 17 September 15 October Ring 360510 Age Concern Bedfordshire

Interested in Learning How to Use the Internet? Come along to Bedford Library for a free, hour long, one-to-one tutorial session for beginners, given by friendly staff. You can choose to do "A basic introduction to the Internet" or "Starting your family history on the Internet. Sign up at the enquiry desk on the first floor of the library in Harpur Street, or give us a ring on 01234 350931 quoting your library card number. If you are not already a library member, joining is very straightforward.

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### **Benefits Advice Bedford Borough Council**

Don't lose out - claim the benefits you are entitled to! Just call in and speak to our advisor - no appointment required Salvation Army Coffee Morning 9:30 - 11:30 Wednesday 3 September Putnoe Library 10:00 - 12:00 Thursday 25 September Thursday 23 October Kempston Library 10:00 - 12:00 Tuesday 16 September Tuesday 21 September Bromham Library 14:00 - 16:00 Wednesday 24 September Wooton Library 10:00 -13:00 Wednesday 15 October Contact Customer Advisory on ☐ 221670 for further details

### If I were a butterfly

If I were a butterfly, I'd thank You, Lord, for giving me wings. And if I were a robin in a tree, I'd thank You, Lord, that I could sing. And if I were a fish in the sea, I'd wiggle my tail and I'd giggle with glee; But I just thank You, Father, For making me 'me'.

'Cause you gave me a heart And You gave me a smile, You gave me Jesus And You made me Your child, And I just thank You, Father, For making me 'me'.

If I were an elephant,
I'd thank You, Lord, by raising my trunk.
And if I were a kangaroo,
I'd just hop right up to You.
And if I were an octopus,
I'd thank You, Lord, for my good looks;
But I just thank You, Father,
For making me 'me'.

If I were a wiggily worm,
I'd thank You, Lord, that I could squirm.
And if I were a fuzzy-wuzzy bear,
I'd thank You, Lord, for my fuzzy-wuzzy hair;
And if I were a crocodile,
I'd thank you Lord, for my big smile.
But I just thank You, Father,
For making me 'me'.



## Back to Church Sunday 28 September

This year our harvest celebration will be a time for inviting to church new friends, or people we have not seen for some time. Please help us by giving names to any member of the Leadership Team

**Line Dancing** restarts at St Mark's Church on Friday 26th September. Classes are now being held in Large Hall (non carpeted) Beginners 6.30 -7.30pm. Improvers 7.30 -8.30pm. Contact 782360

**Join the World's Biggest Coffee Morning.** Autism Bedfordshire Adult Skills Group are holding a MacMillan Coffee Morning and Bring & Buy in Biffa Room, St. Mark's Church on Tuesday 23rd September 10.30 - 11.30am. All Welcome.

**Putnoe Heights will host a Circuit Service** on Sunday evening 9 November at 6.30pm, for Claire Peck's Commissioning as a Local Preacher.

### **Rest In Peace**

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

John Harding Barbara Edith Clorley Thelma Ayres

May the souls of all the faithful



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### **Rest in Peace**

There are no funerals this week