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Partnership News

8 July 2007

14th in Ordinary Time



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Partnership Church Services Today

8.30am Holy Communion every Sunday on the 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday at Putnoe Heights Church. On the 2nd & 4th Sunday in St Mark's Chapel.

9.30am St Mark's - Morning Worship

Preacher – Mr Graham Follett
Leadership Team - Mrs Delia Shephard
Intercessions - Mr W Holden

11am Putnoe Heights - Morning Worship

Preacher - Mr Graham Follett
Leadership Team - Mrs Linda Hoar
Intercessions - Dr Tim Wilkes
Joan is at General Synod.

15th in Ordinary - 15th July

9.30am St Mark's - Holy Communion

Preacher – Revd Dr Joan Crossley
Leadership Team - Mrs Linda Parry
Intercessions - Mr Mike Elliott

11.00am Putnoe Heights - Holy Communion

Preacher - Revd Dr Joan Crossley
Leadership Team - Mr Alan Cooper
Intercessions - Mr Eddy Peck

Readings

- 1: Deuteronomy 30: 9 -14
- 2 Colossians 1:1 -14
- 3: Luke 10: 25 - 37

Thank You

The flowers at Putnoe Heights Church this week have been given by the family of Lynn Cooke, who wish to congratulate her on her graduation as a Doctor of Medicine with Honours.

We are always grateful for any donations for flowers perhaps to celebrate a special occasion, 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)

Prayer for Sunday

Boundless, O God, is your saving power; your harvest reaches to the ends of the earth. Set our hearts on fire for your kingdom and put on our lips the good news of peace. Grant us perseverance as heralds of your Gospel and joy as disciples of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. *Amen. Methodist Worship*

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Partnership Pastoral Support Team Co-Ordinator & Churchyards Administrator

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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—5pm Monday to Friday

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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

12.00-1.00pm 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

2.30-4.30pm Bedford Arts Society at Putnoe Heights
Malcolm Smith ☎01234 400741 (weekly from 25 September 2006)

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. Miriam Adcock ☎01908 565044

4.15-6.00pm Kumon Maths Putnoe Heights.
Ms Raksha Mistry ☎01908 392698

6.00pm Brownies St Mark's. Mrs C Mathew ☎826190

6.15 pm Brownies Putnoe. Sharon Tanner ☎364710

7.30pm Sugarcraft Guild meets first Monday every month at St. Mark's Mrs Pauline Parrott ☎768419

7.15 m Guides. St. Mark's. Mrs Gill Lake ☎218091

7.15pm Yoga. Putnoe Heights Karen Simpson ☎244970

7.30pm Creative Needles. Putnoe Heights.
Jacky Hayward ☎307648.

7.30pm Whist Drive. St Mark's each month next 16 July
Judith Stanton. ☎823313

7.30pm Housegroup 30 The Ridgeway. The home of Eddy & Margaret Peck ☎267567.

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

Tuesday

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

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

1.30-3pm Toddlers Playtime. Putnoe Heights.
Andrea ☎210177 or Majella ☎325293.

1.30pm U3A Cinema Group. St Mark's. Last Tuesday of the month. Mr Austin ☎365184

2.00pm U3A Book Group. St Mark's (3rd Tuesday only)
Mrs Burman ☎364723

2.00pm Library Walk W.I. Putnoe Heights, meets monthly. Mrs C Allen ☎363878

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

2.15pm Putnoe Heights Women's Fellowship - Next meeting July 10th—Bible Texts Betty Wyatt ☎350188.

2.30pm Mother Teresa Support Group. St Mark's Meets fortnightly. Wool and knitting needles provided. Mrs Maureen Watling ☎262225

2.30pm Tuesday Afternoon Housegroup. St Mark's Meets fortnightly. Mary Stubbs ☎406784.

3.45-5.30pm Stars School of Dance. Putnoe Heights.

Esther Sancto ☎272517 or ☎07917 0582468.

6.30 - 7.30pm Yoga Putnoe Heights.
Rachel Leontyne ☎783129

7.00pm Hearts in Beds Cardiac Support Group at St Mark's, (1st Tuesday) Contact Kate Parsons 351150
7-8pm Keep Fit. St. Mark's Jan Gregory ☎214107.

7-9pm MT Karate [all ages] Putnoe Heights.
Karen King ☎07941 264885

7- 10pm Card Makers Club meets fortnightly at St Mark's.
Carol Houghton ☎346718

7.30pm Tabernacle of Truth Church at Putnoe. Bible study & prayers. Revd.Tarr ☎360188 or 07866775515

7.30-10.30pm Chartered Management Institute St Mks
7.45pm Putnoe Heights Ladies Tuesday Club - Meets fortnightly. Next meeting 17 July Bring and Share.

Audrey Wilkins ☎365068 or Margaret Gentle ☎309043

Wednesday

9.00am Paint Tots at St Mark's Jacqui Harrahan ☎824475

9.30am Childminding Support Group. Putnoe Heights.
Mrs S Longman ☎313949

9.30am - Body Control Pilates. Putnoe Heights.
Stephanie Smith ☎357787.

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 ☎365915.

Luncheon Club. Putnoe Heights fortnightly. Next meeting 11 July 2007 Putnoe Heights Office ☎365630

1.00-3pm Police Surgery at Putnoe Heights .

1.30-4.00pm. Bridge Club for the Retired. St. Mark's. Mr Barnes ☎261811

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

4.15-6pm Kumon Maths. Putnoe Heights
Mrs Raksha Mistry ☎01908 392698

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

6.15-7.45pm Yoga and Relaxation Putnoe Heights
Racheall Monton ☎01234 297138

6.30-7.30pm Karate. St Mark's Karen ☎079412 64885
7.00pm Bunyan Bridge. St. Mark's

Brian Sallows ☎407725

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

7.00pm Yoga St Mark's Dorothy Turner ☎721763

7.00pm Putnoe Guild meets monthly. Putnoe Heights.
Janice ☎Loxley 347073

7.45pm Badminton Club. Putnoe Heights
All welcome. Ken Marriott ☎214867

8.00-10.00pm Tudor Reeds Folk Dance Club St Mark's,
1st ,3rd & 5th Wednesday. More details Graham ☎406359 or Danny ☎401668.

8.00pm Bedford Wine and Social Club St Mark's (1st week) Mrs Gansfield ☎215016

Thursday

9.30am Thursday Prayer Group. Putnoe Heights in the

quiet room. Sylvia Cohen ☎343424
Request for prayer can be written in the prayer diary on the information table.

9.30am-12.30 Jo Jingles. St. Mark's. Music & movement for pre-school children. Jayne Phillips ☎01582 485333

9.45am Yoga Putnoe Heights Karen Simpson ☎244970

9.45am-11.30am Chat and Play St. Mark's. A group for Mums & toddlers. £1.50 for first child + 50p for each extra child over 2 years. More details from St. Marks Office ☎342613 or Emma Strangwick ☎211070

1.30pm-3.00pm NHS Baby Clinic. St. Mark's ☎267444

12pm Storybox. St Mark's Church 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 ☎211070

1.30-3pm Toddler Playtime. Putnoe Andrea ☎210177 or Magella ☎325293.

2- 4.30pm Putnoe Bridge Club. Gerald Palmer ☎345991

5.30-7.30pm Police Surgery. St Mark's Foyer.

6.15 pm Weightwatchers. St. Mark's.

Mrs Margaret Ralph ☎01767 224978.

6.15pm Brownies. Putnoe Heights Helga Nash ☎218521

6.15pm Bedford Junior Chess Club. St. Mark's

Mr & Mrs Pike ☎823795

7.00pm Club 2000 Putnoe Heights

Sheila Jakeman ☎261935

7-9pm U3A Folk & Poetry Group. St Mark's (Fortnightly starting from 26th April) Contact Doug Ovenden ☎825059

7.30pm-11.00pm Bedford Senior Chess Club St Mark's

Mr P Housden ☎376597

7.30-9.30pm Embroiderers' Guild St Mark's

3rd Thursday of the month. Mrs E Rigby ☎344442

7.30-9.30pm Tabernacle of Truth Church Putnoe Heights Bible Studies every 2 Thursday- Pastor Tarr ☎360188

7.45pm Housegroup meets fortnightly

Betty Wyatt ☎350188

8.00-10pm Bedford Writers Circle. St Mark's 1st

Thursday each month. Mr Broadhouse ☎740271

8.00-10.00pm Magpies Women's Group St Mark's (2nd & 4th weeks) Mrs Cotchin ☎402089

8.00pm Brickhill Wives St Mark's (1st and 3rd weeks)

Mrs Woods ☎404702

Friday

9.30am & 12.30pm U3A Photography Group (4th week)

Joyce Fildes ☎353086

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

1.30-2pm Stars School of Dance Putnoe Heights Contact Esther Sancto ☎272517 or ☎07917 582468

2.00pm U3A Gardening Group Putnoe Heights Eve Whitehead ☎356875

6.30-9.00pm Line Dancing. St Mark's

A night of fun Christine Rushton ☎782360

7-10pm Bedford Arts Society fortnightly Putnoe Heights from 8 September. Malcolm Smith ☎01234 400741

7.30pm Youth Club for age 10-15. St Mark's Church.

Contact PCSO Rowland Gilbey ☎349179

Saturday

9.00- 12.00pm Stars School of Dance. Putnoe

Esther Sancto ☎272517 or ☎07917 582468

10.00am - 1.00pm Theatretrain St Mark's. Dancing acting, singing. Kate Randle ☎01234 782414

7.15-10.30pm Duplicate Bridge. St Mark's

Ann or Peter ☎212066

Sunday

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

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

1 - 3pm Tabernacle of Truth Church Putnoe Heights Revd. Tarr ☎360188 or ☎07866775515

6-7.30pm T.N.T. Putnoe. For 9-12 year olds (fortnightly) join us for fellowship, fun, games & outings. Liz ☎302349.

6 -7.30pm T.X.T Putnoe. for 13 + fortnightly, join us for fellowship, debate & discussion. Liz ☎302349

Diary Dates

St Mark's Church Council – 12 November

St Mark's Leadership Team – 12 September

Putnoe Heights Leadership Team –17 September

St Mark's Church Management Meeting -

Putnoe Heights Centre Management - 20 August

Putnoe Church Council - 8th October

Pastoral Group Meeting –

Churchyard Committee - 5 September 11am

Putnoe Heights Mission Group Meeting.12

September. 7.30pm at 14 Flint Way

Partnership Council -

Brickhill Parish Council Meetings

Deanery Meeting - 13 September St Paul's

Circuit Meeting

Woodland Burial Trustees - 3 September 7pm

Putnoe Heights Children & Youth–

Calendar dates appear on our church website

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



Telecare

It is extremely helpful to the Ministers to be able to have feedback, especially if somebody is poorly or in hospital. If you have not yet put your name down on the

Telecare scheme, please do

so. Additional members of the Pastoral Team are sharing the task of making telephone calls. Please do not be concerned if a new person calls.

14th in Ordinary

Opening Verse - 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

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

First Bible Reading— Isaiah 66: 10-14

."Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice greatly with her, all you who mourn over her. For you will nurse and be satisfied at her comforting breasts; you will drink deeply and delight in her overflowing abundance." For this is what the LORD says: "I will extend peace to her like a river, and the wealth of nations like a flooding stream; you will nurse and be carried on her arm and dandled on her knees. As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; and you will be comforted over Jerusalem." When you see this, your heart will rejoice and you will flourish like grass; the hand of the LORD will be made known to his servants, but his fury will be shown to his foes.

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

Second Bible 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**)

Third Bible 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

*The harvest is **plentiful**,
but the laborers are **few**;
therefore ask the **Lord**
of the harvest to send out
laborers into his harvest.*
Luke 10:2



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." (This is the word of the Lord—**Thanks be to God**)

Post Communion Prayer

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

Hymns (Please distribute Morning worship and Hymns and Psalms)

1. Glorious things of thee are spoken 817 Tune Austria
2. I the Lord of sea and sky (On Partnership News - 857 New MP)
3. Judge eternal 409
4. We have a gospel to proclaim 465
5. Go forth and tell 770

Commentary

Jesus loved children, he welcomed them and blessed them. Yet he expected his followers to become spiritual adults and take on the responsibilities appropriate for adult and mature Christians. Sadly many Christians do not mature in their faith, they remain as infants in their faith and refuse to face up to the duties which being a disciple bring. The words of Jesus in the Gospel passage today are a wake up call and a command by him that we must be a part of his mission imperative to the world.

People often think of their faith from the point of view of what they can get out of it. Prayer is sometimes seen as a way of asking God for things for ourselves and others; the gift of material blessings or good health. Such immaturity leads to great disappointment when we do not receive the things from God that we imagine his benevolence will prompt him to shower upon us. In the passage today Jesus gives a clue to the kinds of prayer that Christians should be concerned with—the mission of the church, commitment of Christian workers. The prayer we are encouraged by Jesus to make is for the spiritual needs of others to be met, not our own.

As I speak with other ministers from many different churches, it is clear that much of our time as churches is taken up with spiritual babies in our congregations. These are people who are more bothered with church furniture, the tunes which are set to hymns, or some concern about liturgical nonsense. Thankfully in our own churches at St Mark's and Putnoe Heights we are fortunate that these kinds of things are not issues which preoccupy us. However we still do need to take seriously this teaching of Jesus that our motivations and our prayers should be directed towards the important business of spreading the Gospel and changing the world, not making our church club run along the lines which most suit our personal tastes. There is a need to be personally self-critical in prayer, seeking God's direction as to how we might see his mission take root in our lives and the lives of others.

As Christians we are supposed to be 'new creations' people who accept a different set of priorities. Our own desires are to take a back seat and instead we are to set about serving our Lord. This message is a hard one to accept, especially in a society where people are used to getting what they want. However we must keep working at it, asking God to make known to us how we might serve.

This might seem a difficult path with the chances of our lives being changed in ways which we would find less appealing. Jesus knew this and he warned his disciples that he was sending them out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Undoubtedly those who offer themselves for service must be prepared to take risks and face a future which is outside their control. However it is only in this kind of service that we will ever find real fulfilment and satisfaction.

Corinne and I recently visited the Dead Sea, it is fascinating and interesting. At over 1300 feet below sea level it receives water from floods which occur around and from the River Jordan which flows into it. Evaporation takes places but there is no outlet. This means that the Dead Sea is a concentrated mix of 35% salt with many different and minerals. It is almost impossible to resist the tourist thing and get into the water to float and cover yourself with mud. Of course you will never see a fish, only microscopic bacteria have ever been found to live in the sea. The Dead Sea is a warning to us all of the dangers of stagnation. If we receive and have no outlet we too will become a place of death. If we are prepared to allow God's grace to flow through and out of us, then we will be fresh and alive. Failure to offer a 'grown up' commitment to God will mean that true peace will be elusive—we reap what we sow. *Charles Royden*

Meditation

Composer Giacomo Puccini wrote a number of famous operas. In 1922 he was suddenly stricken by cancer while working on his last opera, "Turandot," which many now consider his best. Puccini said to his students, "If I don't finish 'Turandot,' I want you to finish it for me." Shortly afterwards he died. Puccini's students studied opera carefully and soon completed it. In 1926 the world premiere of "Turandot" was performed in Milan with Puccini's favorite student, Arturo Toscanini, directing. Everything went beautifully until the opera reached the point where Puccini had been forced to put down his pen. Tears ran down Toscanini's face. He stopped the music, put down his baton, turned to the audience and cried out, "Thus far the Master wrote, but he died." A vast silence filled the opera house. Toscanini picked up the baton again, smiled through his tears and exclaimed, "But his disciples finished his work." When "Turandot" ended, the audience broke into thunderous applause. No one at the premiere performance ever forgot that moment.

A Parody "Butt prints in the sand". One night I had a wondrous dream. One set of foot prints there were seen. The foot prints of my precious Lord, but mine were not along the shore. But then some stranger prints appeared. I asked the Lord, "What have we here?" These prints are large and round and neat but Lord, they are too big for feet. My child he said in sombre tones. For miles I carried you alone. I challenged you to walk in faith but you refused and made me wait. You disobeyed, you would not grow; the walk of faith you would not know. So I got tired, I got fed up and there I dropped you on your butt. Because in life there comes a time when one must fight and one must climb. When one must rise and take a stand...or leave your butt prints in the sand.

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.

Father, may everything we do begin with your inspiration and continue with your saving help. Let our work always find its origin in you and through you reach completion. Amen

O Lord, save us from self-centredness in our prayers and help us to remember to pray for others. May we be so lovingly absorbed with those for whom we pray that we may feel their needs as keenly as our own, and intercede for them sensitively, with understanding and imagination. We ask this in Christ's name.

Congratulations. Two families at St Mark's this week became proud grandparents, Linda & Edward Parry and Alison & Warwick Holden. Members of the congregation will know both mothers since they were children in the congregations - Katie Holden and Helen Parry.

Isabelle Marie Wright

We are delighted to tell you she finally arrived on Wednesday 4 July 2007, 10.38am, 7lb 5oz. All doing well but tired as she is nocturnal!!!

Dylan James Mason

Granny and Pop are pleased to announce the safe arrival of Dylan James Mason to Katy and Ben at 11.44pm last night, Sunday 1st July. He weighed 7 lb 4 oz. Baby and parents are now very well, if exhausted.

TNT Sunday 8 & 22 July cooking/ rounders depending on weather 6.00 at Putnoe.

Two Day Summer Special—'Joseph and his Amazing Technicolor Dream-coat'. We invite all our young adults (under100yrs!)and children (over 5 years) throughout the Partnership, to join us at Putnoe Heights on Tuesday 21 & Wednesday 22 August between 9.30 and 3.30 for two days of fun. We will learn about Joseph and his family relationships through story, discussion, games, crafts and under the direction of Clive Simmonds put together the 20 minute musical performance. More details will follow. Liz
We would very much appreciate any adult help for either part of day.

Storybox plus now meets at Putnoe on a Monday afternoon between 3.30 and 5.00. If any children aged between 4 and 9 years old within the Partnership would like to join us as we "Follow the Year" please contact Liz

"The Great Gappo" children's entertainer at Putnoe Heights on Monday 23 July 12 -3pm .Sandwich lunch, games and crafts. Tickets £1 at Story Box & Story Box Plus or Junior church. £2 on the door. All welcome. See Liz or Emma.

YPF/Jnr Church—There will be no YPF or Jnr Church at Putnoe during August

Putnoe Heights flowers. Anyone who wishes to donate flowers for Sundays during the next few months is invited to enter their name(s) on the rota on the notice board in the welcome area at Putnoe.

Belief Courses A Day Retreat at Turvey Abbey on Saturday 24th November 2007. The suggested Fee

will be £30.00. For information contact Stephen Heap 01234 216181. Cheques payable to BELIEF. Getting to grips with Matthew's Gospel. Speaker - Dr Jeffrey John at St Andrew's Church, Kimbolton Road.. 23rd February.2008 Forms available from St Mark's Church Office

The Methodist Circuit are considering an extension of Rev. Dr. Joan Crossley's Ministry at Putnoe Heights Church for 3 years from August 2008-2011. The Leadership at both St.Mark's & Putnoe Heights would welcome your consideration on this matter. Please talk to us before 4 July, many thanks, Leadership Teams of Putnoe & St. Marks.

Luncheon Club. Seats still available on the coach for Luncheon Club's summer outing on 25th July to Town and Country Garden Centre, Shepreth for afternoon tea. Cost £5. Starting time 12.45pm from pick ups at Avon Drive, St. Mark's Church, Putnoe Heights Church and Madenbury House. Please contact St. Mark's Church office 342613 or Margaret Standley 305352.

Putnoe Heights Grass Cutting and Gardening. - Could anyone offer to do this on a regular basis? Otherwise there is a rota on the Notice Board in the Welcome Area for people to sign to do it weekly. Thank you.

We would be grateful for any help in stacking the chairs at St Mark's after morning service each Sunday. Many thanks

We are now serving 'Traidcraft' coffee and tea on Sunday mornings at St Mark's. There is a catalogue in the foyer if you should wish to purchase items. Please see Linda Parry.

Sunday morning coffee makers at St Mark's The coffee and tea is now kept in the large cupboard in the kitchen.

Footprints. The next date for a walk will be Sunday 1st July at 2.30pm. We do not have a venue or a leader arranged for that day but it will be possible to arrange a walk at short notice if required. Please let Sue know (tel 407264) if you are interested. A walk in memory of Peter Beswick will be organised later in the year after the holiday period. The summer party will be held on Saturday 21st July (new date) at the home of Claire and Richard Peck (tel 266408).

Luncheon Club which meets fortnightly at Putnoe Heights relies heavily on volunteer drivers to transport elderly folk to & from their homes. An additional driver is needed to start in early September. If you can help please ring Putnoe Church Centre 365630.



St Mark's Coffee Shop.

Thank you to Janet Day and Valerie Capon who ran our first coffee shop at St mark's last week offering home made cakes and refreshments. They welcomed many visitors and raised £30 in the process!

There will be a tea and coffee shop open at St Mark's every Sunday afternoon 2.30pm—5.00pm starting from 1st July. This will last at least until October, and depending upon the success of the venture it may be extended throughout the year and cover weekends. It will be held in the WREN room in the new centre. Initially we would like to try and cover every Sunday afternoon with volunteers. We would therefore be grateful for volunteers who would be willing to give a Sunday afternoon. Please sign your name on the rota in the foyer. We would like to have two volunteers on duty if possible each Sunday. And don't forget to come along and enjoy great teas

Acorn Vet Open Day. Acorn House Veterinary Surgery, Linnet Way is having an open day on Sunday 19 August 2.00pm—5.00pm. Tour the surgery, refreshments, cake stall, tombola - proceeds to local animal charities.

Putnoe Heights Mission Group are looking for new helpers to spur our work and contribute new ideas for fundraising. Date for your diary Saturday 4 August 10 - 12 noon coffee morning with Pam & Bob Burn at 1 Slater Close, Kempston. Offers of transport needed. If you can help please sign list at Church entrance on Sunday or contact Sylvia Cohen 343424.

A Hymn for Sunday

I, the Lord of sea and sky.
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin,
my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am Lord, is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you send me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my peoples pain.
I have wept for love of them,
they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them,
whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them,
my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide,
till their hearts be satisfied,
I will give my life to them,
whom shall I send?

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.



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

Wedding



We publish the banns and pray for the marriage of Jonathan Leighton Ingle of this parish and & Rebecca Elizabeth Philippa Francis of St Mary's this parish This is for the second time of asking.

Rest in Peace



The funeral of Mrs Jean Violet Williams will take place at Bedford Crematorium on Tuesday 17 July at 1.45pm *Royden*