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Partnership News

8 November 2009

Remembrance Sunday



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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 - Morning Worship

Preacher - Revd. Dr. Sam Cappleman

Leadership - Mrs. Jean Bank

Intercessions - Mr. Chris Izzard

11.00am Putnoe Heights- Morning Worship

Preacher Revd. Dr. Sam Cappleman

Leadership - Mr. Lawrence Wyatt

Intercessions - Mrs. Sue Allen

3.00pm at St Mark's Commemoration Service for the Faithful Departed. Speaker Rev Scott Watts, Chaplain St John's Hospice

Sunday 15 November

9.30am St. Mark's - Holy Communion

Preacher - Mrs Wendy Waters

Leadership - Mr Mick Ovenden

Intercessions – Mr Ian Farthing

11.00am Putnoe Heights- Holy Communion

Preacher – Mrs Wendy Waters

Leadership – Mrs Wendy Nash

Intercessions – Ministers

Readings 1. Daniel 12: 1-3 2. Hebrews 10: 11-25

3. Mark 13: 1-8

Thank You

The flowers in church at St Mark's this week have been given by Elizabeth Bean and family in loving memory of Phil.

The flowers in the chapel at St Mark's have been given in memory of Charles Mingard.

Prayer for Remembrance Sunday

We remember in your presence all those who have died in war and those who still live with the pain of losing someone they love.

We remember people who, today, live in fear of their lives and those who fear the knock on the door or the telephone call that heralds bad news.

We remember politicians and others who hold positions of power and influence and whose decisions can lead to other people's life or death.

We commit ourselves not only to pray, but to seek and make peace in our relationships, in our communities, and in our world. **Amen**

We will remember them



Regular Weekly Activities - A Guide To Our Churches

Monday

9.15 -11.45 am Mon-Fri Putnoe Heights Pre-school
Headteacher Mrs Janet Smith ☎326685

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

9.30-3.15pm Top Marks Mon-Fri St Mark's
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.

9.45am - Body Control Pilates –Putnoe Heights
Stephanie Smith ☎ 357787 or 07973174430

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

10.30am U3A Play reading St Mark's J Birks ☎219607

12.00pm Story box Putnoe Heights 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

1.30pm U3A History Group St Mark's ☎ David Fowler 824474

2pm U3A Drama St Mark's 1st & 2nd week. Mr Ovenden ☎ 825059

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 or 07881730747

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

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

6.15 pm Brownies Putnoe. Sharon Tanner ☎ 07720713738.

6.15 Pilates at Putnoe Heights Jane Butcher 300859

7.30pm Sugarcraft Guild St Mark's 1st week Pat Nicholson ☎353518

7.30pm Cancer Care Society. St Mark's. 1st Week. Mr J Dewhurst ☎01908 377020

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

7.15pm Yoga. Putnoe Heights Denise Green ☎244970

7.30pm Whist Drive. St Mark's 3rd & 5th week . Next meeting October 19 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

9.30 12.30 Jo Jingles. St. Mark's. Music & movement for pre-school children. Renu Elston ☎01908 587299

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

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

10am -Bedford Arts Society starting at St Mark's Mrs Brown☎771676

10am Autism Beds Adult Support Group. St Mark's. Sally Cripsley ☎350704

11.15am U3A Keep Fit Putnoe Heights Sally Banks ☎ 870357

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

1.30pm U3A Cinema Group. St Mark's 4th Week in month . Mrs Beaumont ☎261461

2.00pm U3A Book Group. St Mark's 3rd Week Mrs Forrest ☎344043

2.00pm Library Walk W.I. Putnoe Heights, meets monthly. Morag Tomkins ☎356895

2pm U3A Photography (Group 3) St Mark's 1st Week. Janet King ☎313946

2.15pm Putnoe Heights Women's Fellowship. Next meeting November 10 Remembrance Betty Wyatt ☎ 350188.

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

2.15pm Tuesday Afternoon Housegroup. St Mark's Fortnightly. Mary Stubbs ☎406784.

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

6.30pm Creative Card making. Putnoe Heights Church. Carol Houghton 346718

6.30pm Yoga Putnoe Heights Veronica Lafferty ☎781466 or 07788750360

7pm Keep Fit. St. Mark's Jan Gregory ☎328455

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

7.30pm Hearts & Beds. Cardiac Support Group 1st Tuesday in the month. Brian Ibberson ☎403497

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

7.30pm Putnoe Heights Ladies Tuesday Club - Meets fortnightly. Next meeting November 17 Claire Peck Details from Audrey Wilkins☎365068 or Margaret Gentle ☎309043

Wednesday

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

10am Card Making, St Mark's Church. 4th week in the month. Contact Janet King 313946

12.30pm Luncheon Club. Putnoe Heights fortnightly. Next - 11 November 2009 Putnoe Heights Office ☎ 365630

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 Putnoe monthly .All welcome Nancy Barr 268147

2-5pm Police Surgery. St Mark's Foyer. ☎349179

1.30-4.30pm U3A Craft St Mark's 1st & 3rd week. Pat Holland ☎ 262823

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

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

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

6.15pm Yoga and Relaxation Putnoe Heights Racheall Monton ☎01234 297138 or 07910835994.
6-8pm Karate. St Mark's Karen King ☎079412 64885
7.00pm Bunyan Bridge. St. Mark's Brian Sallows ☎407725
7.00pm Archaeological & Local History Society Putnoe Heights monthly. Vanessa Aykac 268098 or 07917385987
7.00pm Putnoe Guild Putnoe Heights monthly Janice Loxley☎ 347073
7.00pm Line Dancing Putnoe Heights Mike Del-Boyer ☎348378
8.00pm Badminton Club Putnoe Heights All welcome. Ken Marriott ☎214867
8.00pm Tudor Reeds Folk Dance Club meet at St Mark's 1st,3rd & 5th Wednesday in month. Next Meeting 18 November. Everyone welcome. All dances called, only £1 including refreshments.. Ring Graham ☎406359 or Alan 345312. or Rosemary 405594 for more details
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. Sylvia Cohen ☎343424
Request for prayer can be written in the prayer diary on the information table. (No meeting on 9th April)
9.45am Yoga Putnoe Heights Denise Green ☎244970
9.45am Chat and Play St.Mark's. A group for Mums & toddlers. Emma Strangwick ☎211070
 11am-12noon Citizens Advice Bureau at Putnoe Heights.
12pm Storybox St Mark's welcome the under 5's and their carers to join them between 12 noon and 1pm for a sandwich lunch followed by a Bible based story and singing . Lots of fun. Contact Emma Strangwick ☎211070
1.30 - 3.00pm NHS Baby Clinic St.Mark's ☎267444
1.30pm Toddler Playtime. Putnoe Majella Atkinson ☎325293.
2pm Putnoe Bridge Club. Gerald Palmer ☎345991
2.30 - 4.30pm Bedford Art Society at St Mark's. Mary Rich ☎272470 Next meeting 24 September
4 - 7.00pm Police Surgery. St Mark's Foyer. ☎349179
6.15 pm Weightwatchers. St. Mark's. Mrs Margaret Ralph ☎01767 224978.
6.15pm Brownies. Putnoe Heights Caroline Morgan ☎07786508351
7.00pm Club 2000 Putnoe Heights Nina Ovenden☎825059
7pm U3A Folk & Poetry Group. St Mark's 2nd & 4th week in month. Doug Ovenden ☎825059
7.15pm Putnoe Art Group Bob Wardale ☎406094
7.30pm Bedford Embroiderers' Guild St Mark's 3rd week in month. Nadeen Salmon ☎301550
8.00pm Bedford Writers Circle. St Mark's 1st week in month. Mr Newton ☎01525 378193
8.00pm Magpies Women's Group St Mark's 2nd & 4th week Jean Birks ☎219607
8.00pm Brickhill Ladies Group St Mark's 1st and 3rd week in month. Pat Foulks ☎346505

Friday

9.30-12.30pm U3A Photography (Group 1) St Marks 4th week in month Val Scrivener ☎346397
9.00am Clubhouse St. Mark's for those with Learning

Disabilities. Karen Bywater ☎315460.
10am - 12 & 1.15 - 3.15pm U3A Beginners French St Mark's Joyce Fields ☎353086
12.15pm U3A Photography (Group 2). St Mark's 4th week in month. Sue Butler ☎354183
5pm Stars School of Dance Putnoe Heights Contact Esther Sancto ☎295862 or ☎07917 582468
2.00pm U3A Gardening Group Putnoe Heights Eve Whitehead ☎356875
6.15pm Yoga and Relaxation Putnoe Heights. Racheall Monton 297138 or 07910835994
6.30pm Line Dancing. St Mark's Christine Rushton ☎782360
 6.30 - 7.30pm Ladies Kick Boxing weekly at St. Mark's. Parker Lake ☎07984427854
7.45 - 10.45pm Bedford Astrology Club. St. Mark's. Carol Brown ☎01438 233385

Saturday

10.00am Theatretrain St Mark's. Dancing acting, singing. Kate Howard ☎01234 782414
Young Embroiderers bi monthly Putnoe Heights Terry Fletcher Tel 357198
2.15pm Society of Recorder Players at Putnoe Heights. G Parry 01462 674792
7.00pm Duplicate Bridge. St Mark's Mrs Pillinger ☎212066

Sunday

9.30 - 10.30 Church and Sunday School at St Mark's with crèche for under 3's
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.
1pm Tabernacle of Truth Church Putnoe Heights Revd. Tarr ☎360188 or ☎07866775515
6pm T.N.T. Putnoe. For 9-12 year olds (fortnightly) join us for fellowship & fun. Please see Liz ☎302349 .

Diary Dates

St Mark's Church Council – 9 Nov
St Mark's Leadership Team – 19 January
Putnoe Heights Leadership Team – , 8 Feb
Putnoe Heights Management Meeting 18 Jan 7.45pm
St Mark's Church Forum Meeting - 11 Nov, 12 Jan 2010,
Putnoe Church Council - 15 February
Pastoral Group Meeting - 19 January
Churchyard Committee - 26 January 2010, 11am
Putnoe Heights Mission Group—Weds 6th Jan at 14 Flint Way at 7.30pm
Partnership Council—TBA
Brickhill Parish Council Meetings -
Deanery Meeting 19 Nov,
Circuit/Treasurers Revue meeting at St. Mark's
Circuit Meeting 8 March at Oakley
Woodland Burial Trustees –
Putnoe Heights Children & Youth – 18th Jan

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

Remembrance Sunday

Opening Verses of Scripture John Chapter 5:13
Jesus said, There is no greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

Collect Prayer for the Day

Almighty Father, 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 forever. Amen



First Bible Reading Micah 4: 1-5

In the last days the mountain of the LORD's temple will be established as chief among the mountains; it will be raised above the hills, and peoples will stream to it. Many nations will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths." The law will go out from Zion, the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He will judge between many peoples and will settle disputes for strong nations far and wide. They will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore. Every man will sit under his own vine and under his own fig tree, and no one will make them afraid, for the LORD Almighty has spoken. All the nations may walk in the name of their gods; we will walk in the name of the LORD

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

Second Reading- Romans 8: 31-end

What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: "For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered." "No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord..

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

Gospel Reading—1 Corinthians 15: 50 –end

I declare to you, brothers, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed— in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain

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

Hymns (*Please distribute Hymns and Psalms and Special Service Sheet*)

1. Judge eternal, throned in splendour 409, 2. The National Anthem (In back of Hymn book)
3. I vow to thee my country; *On Partnership News* 4. Blessed are the pure in heart 724
5. All my hope on God is founded 63. O God our help in ages past 358

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. Amen

Remembrance Sunday Meditation Some of the bloodiest fighting of World War One took place in the Flanders and Picardy regions of Belgium and Northern France. The poppy was the only thing which grew in the aftermath of the complete devastation. McCrae, a doctor serving there with the Canadian Armed Forces, deeply inspired and moved by what he saw, wrote these verses:

In Flanders' Fields John McCrae, 1915

In Flanders' fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place: and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders' fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe;
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high,
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders' Fields.



Pagan Aston, 7, places a cross in memory of her father, Corporal Russell Aston

On the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918, the First World War ended. Civilians wanted to remember the people who had given their lives for peace and freedom. An American War Secretary, Moina Michael, inspired by John McCrae's poem, began selling poppies to friends to raise money for the ex-Service community. And so the tradition began.

A Hymn for Sunday

I vow to thee, my country—all earthly things above—
Entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love;
The love that asks no question, the love that stands the test,
That lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;
The love that never falters, the love that pays the price,
The love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.

And there's another country, I've heard of long ago—
Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;
We may not count her armies, we may not see her King;
Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;
And soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,
And her ways are ways of gentleness, and all her paths are peace.



Working with God for Peace

Micah knew all about war. He was a prophet around 860 – 750 BC in the Southern Kingdom of Judah. He was contemporary with Amos and Hosea in the Northern Kingdom of Israel and with Isaiah in Jerusalem in the Southern Kingdom. His message and vision (Micah 1 v 1) is for the two capital cities of these Kingdoms, Samaria and Jerusalem. For Micah, Jerusalem had become infected with the same sins and apathy of Samaria and Israel, exploiting the helpless, dishonesty in business and a religion which rather than making any real difference merely went through the ritualistic motions. God's judgement must therefore fall on the two cities in order for there to be restoration and redemption. But after that there can be a glorious future, where Jerusalem will become the spiritual and religious centre of the world and in Bethlehem there will be born a greater David who will rule over all people. In the first chapter of his book, Micah pictures an invading army, destroying all in its path and approaching the gates of Jerusalem. Micah was probably describing events from first hand experience, on 722 BC the Assyrians destroyed Samaria (in the North) and 20 years later attacked Jerusalem, only for the city to escape by a miracle. Micah almost certainly lived through both of these events and was deeply affected by them. In chapter 2 Micah then goes on to decry the fallacy of man made plans compared to the wisdom of God and His ways and in chapter 3 rebukes the leaders and prophets who have led the people into this situation before speaking in chapter 4 of the new hope that there will be when restoration and God's rule comes and God Himself will judge the disputes between strong nations far and wide. It is then, and only then, will the people beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Having witnessed the horrors of war Micah is clear that true peace can only come to the world when God's rule reigns supreme. In a world where many deeply desire peace we too need to remember that it is God alone who can bring true peace. God alone who is the author of peace. God alone who can bring true justice. Micah then goes on to explain that our role in this new world order is 'to act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God'. We are to work hand in hand with God to bring about the peace which he describes. As the world desires peace we do well to remember that true peace can only come when we do work hand in hand with God rather than try to engineer or create peace purely through diplomatic or political means. Politics and diplomacy can be an important supporting element for peace, as some would argue force is too, but true peace can only come when God is at the centre of all our efforts. Increasingly as many wars are now fought on so called religious rather than political grounds this is confusing for those with no religious belief and they have difficulty in understanding the fundamental role of God in world peace. Without God and His creation walking hand in hand there can be no ultimate and everlasting peace, justice or freedom.

Those we remember today were laying down their lives for the cause of peace, justice and freedom, often through the call of duty to a country or nation. They gave up their freedom so that others could have theirs. They fought injustice so that justice could ultimately triumph. We remember their sacrifice from the freedom that their efforts and commitment bought. They gave up their lives so that others could live in the freedom for which they fought. We remember them with gratitude for what they achieved and what their sacrifice enabled. With the current military engagements in Iraq and Afghanistan we are reminded daily that there is a heavy toll of human life in war. Many more are injured and impacted by the physical and mental damage war brings. Modern warfare is at the same time increasingly technological and increasingly fragmented, increasingly complex and increasingly diffuse in its aims and outcomes, increasingly widespread yet increasingly local and it must seem to many, as it seemed to Micah, that there is an army approaching their gates. We give thanks today for those who sacrificed so much, and for those who continue to do so day in and day out, in the cause of peace and freedom. We remember too that we will only turn our weapons of war into tools for peace when God is at the very centre of our lives and society and we are content to walk humbly with our God in obedience to Him. *Sam Cappleman*

Prayers for Sunday and the Week Ahead

We thank you, Lord, for all those who have died for their nation. Almighty God, our heavenly Father, in whose hands are the living and the dead: we give you thanks for all your servants who have laid down their lives in the service of their country. Grant to them your mercy, and the light of your presence, that the good work you have begun in them may be perfected; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Most gracious God and Father, in whose will is our peace: turn our hearts and the hearts of all people to yourself, that by the power of your spirit, the peace which is founded on righteousness may be established throughout the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

St Mark's Christmas Craft Fayre

There are only 2 weeks left to our Annual Christmas Craft Fayre on Saturday 21st November 2009. We would be grateful for help with the following:-

Tombola – Any NEW unwanted gifts\Christmas present etc. for our Tombola stall.

Raffle – Raffle books are now available as for Sunday 25th October. It would be appreciated if you could take a few books to sell to family and friends. We would also be grateful for any new items suitable for the raffle.

Cake Stall - Milly is kindly co-ordinating the cake stall again. If you are able to bake a cake for this stall please contact Milly via the Church Office.

Refreshments – We would very much appreciate donations of tray bakes 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.

Secondhand Book Stall - Delia has very kindly volunteered to co-ordinate the secondhand book stall again this year so please have a look in your cupboards for any unwanted books.

Indoor Plant Stall -This year we are planning to have an Indoor Plant Stall. If you have any indoor plants or have split any plants and would like to donate them to our stall we would be very grateful. Also if anyone is willing and able to run the stall for us please contact Avril Williams or contact the Church Office. All donated items for the above stalls can be bought up to Church anytime week beginning 16 November. **We will need lots of help on the day** especially when the Fayre finishes at 3.30p.m. Many hands make light work and it would certainly be appreciated.

This is one of our main fundraising events of the year and we are hoping to make it an even bigger success than last year, with your help I am sure we can achieve this.

Leaflets promoting our Christmas Craft Fayre on 21 November are available for house to house delivery after the service. Please take as many streets as possible to promote what is our biggest fund raising event. Any help you are able to give is very much appreciated.

Art Exhibition Putnoe Art Group hold their first one-day exhibition at Putnoe Heights Church on Saturday, November 14 10:30am – 4:00pm. In addition to the original watercolours there will be a display of needlecrafts. Refreshments will be available. Entry is free, all welcome.

London Road Methodist Church are hosting a concert given by The Miller Entertainment Group on Saturday November 14 at 7.30pm. Entry £3 on door.

Thank you to all who sponsored the Action –for – Children Swim-A-Long on Saturday 10 October at Dame Alice School. Seven swimmers took part and your generous response raised £426.70. Margaret Standley

Shoebox Appeal Thank you to everyone who supported the Shoebox Appeal. As a partnership we have sent over 100 packed boxes to Operation Christmas Child (70 more than last year). A special thanks goes to all the children for the packing.

TNT meeting The next TNT youth group will be on Sunday 6 December in the small hall at Putnoe between 6.00 and 7.30. where Margaret and Claire will be helping us make Christmas cards. All young people over 9 years welcome.

Mary and Joseph Our travelling Mary and Joseph will be looking for homes to visit during Advent. If you can provide accommodation for them one evening please see Liz at Putnoe.

Putnoe Heights Church invites you to join our mini Christmas Tree Festival

Collect a cardboard Christmas tree from the youth team and as an individual, family or church/ community group decorate the tree for us, telling us who you are, and we will display them in the church during December. Trees must be left at the church office before Sunday 6th December.

More details for collecting your tree from Liz on 01234 302349 youth @ thischurch.com

Advent Course

Putnoe Heights Church 8 p.m.

3 December Christmas According to Luke

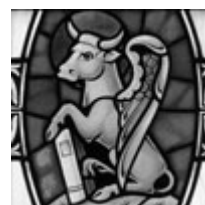
17 December Christmas According to Matthew



Traditionally the symbols attributed to the Gospel writers are Matthew a winged man, Mark a lion, Luke an Ox and John an Eagle. The image attributed to Matthew is a divine man. His Gospel is concerned to show the genealogy of Jesus from Abraham to

the King David (14 generations) and from David to the deportation into Babylon (14 generations) and from the exile in Babylon to the Messiah a further 14 generations. Matthew is seen as the Gospel of Christ's humanity and His humbleness and humility is highlighted throughout the book.

The image attributed to Luke is that of a winged ox. A calf or indeed oxen were used in sacrifices in the Temple. The opening of Luke's Gospel begins with the announcement of the birth of John the Baptist to his father Zechariah a priest in the Temple who was offering sacrifice there. The winged ox is seen as a reminder of the priestly character of Jesus and of his sacrificial death for the sins of all mankind.



From Rev Martin Hounsfield I am writing to you to let you know that I have today met with Jacqueline to discuss the matter of her health and her planned return to circuit ministry. She has recently seen her GP who has expressed concerns about her scheduled return on 16th November. Jacqueline shared this information with the Circuit Leadership Team at its meeting yesterday, where she stated her hope of coming back on a part-time basis. By this she envisaged taking up her preaching engagements as outlined on the Preaching Plan, including the Christmas services.

However, the Circuit Leadership Team was adamant that her health should not be jeopardised by a premature return to work. They have therefore directed Jacqueline that she should follow the medical advice of her GP. This she has, with some reluctance, agreed to do.

I am now re-working the Preaching Plan and her other commitments. I hope soon to be making contact with Senior Church Stewards in her section advising them of the appropriate measures I have taken. Needless to add, please remember both Jacqueline and Barry in your prayers and continue to support them as you are able. Yours in Christ, Martin Hounsfield

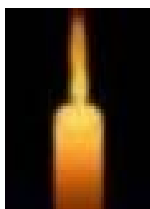
Climate Change Copenhagen and us

Speakers: Tony Juniper
Former Director, Friends of the Earth Patrick Hall
MP, Bedford & Kempston Chair: Hazel Mitchell
Secretary, Bedfordshire Climate Change Forum
7.15 pm Friday 20th November
Harpur Suite, Harpur Square, Bedford

Why is this important?

After 30+ years of uncertainty, reputable scientists and world leaders now agree that man-made Climate Change is a proven fact. The World Health Organisation claims that annually 150,000 people in the poorest countries die because of it. Increasingly lavish use of fossil fuel energy and heat is the cause. Man-made climate change can be prevented from getting worse, but it requires big reductions in greenhouse gas emissions world-wide in the next ten years, and even bigger changes before 2050. How is this to be done?

The UK government has led the way with a Climate Change Act which promises to cut UK emissions by 80 % by 2050. Other countries need to agree similar promises at the UN Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen this December. Sceptics argue that the speed of change in history is slow and the changes required are unlikely to be made before 2050. But hope replies, "Consider the many unforeseen changes that have successfully occurred in our lifetimes." Concerned people throughout the country, of all political parties and faiths, are beginning to rally to the challenge. It is hoped that this public meeting will gather a wide range of interest groups together.



Visit our online chapel

Light a Candle of Remembrance

We have now provided the opportunity to visit our online chapel and light a prayer candle. Please visit www.thischurch.com and click on the candle.

Mission Update

Thank you to all who took an envelope with them last Sunday for this year's mission project in support of the King's Arm project. Thank you too for those of you who have already returned them! If you were away last week or did not pick up an envelope with details how to support the project. and would like to do so, please pick one up from the back of church today.

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.

June Dunham
Charles Mingard

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



Forthcoming Funerals

St Mark's Church Council — takes place this coming Monday in the chapel at 7.30pm for coffee, 7.45pm start, all welcome

The funeral of Mr John William Parker will take place at Bedford Crematorium at 2.30pm on Tuesday 10 November

The funeral of John Tappenden will take place on Tuesday 10 November at 9.15am