



Partnership News

**Putnoe Heights & St Mark's Church
8 November 2015
Remembrance Sunday**



Sunday Services

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

8 November - Ordinary 31

9.30am St Mark's – Morning Worship
Preacher - Rev. Dr. Sam Cappleman
Leadership - Mrs. Wendy Waters
Intercessions - Mrs. Margaret Appleton
Organist - Mr Roger Wood
11.00 am Putnoe - Morning Worship
Preacher - Revd. Dr. Sam Cappleman
Leadership - Mrs Sue Allen.
Intercessions - Mrs Samantha Ware
Organist - Mr. Ben Mason.

15 November Second before Advent

9.30am St Mark's – Holy Communion
Preacher - Mr Richard Ledger
Leadership - Mr. Mike Cooper
Intercessions - Ministers
Organist - Mr Clive Simmonds
11.00 am Putnoe - Holy Communion
Preacher - Mr. Richard Ledger
Leadership - Mrs Jenny Snelson.
Intercessions - Mr Alan Bayliss
Organist - Mr Clive Simmonds
Readings 1. Daniel 12:1-3 2. Hebrews 10:11 - 25
3. Mark 13: 1-8
Mid Week Holy Communion at 10.00am at St Mark's
Chapel every Wednesday and at Sir William Harpur
House on first Monday of every month.

Thank You

The flowers at Putnoe Heights Church this week have been given by Derrick Wren in memory of his wife Betty on her birthday and by Dorothy Harlow in memory of her husband Ron



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

The flowers in the Chapel this week have been given by Gill Williams in memory of David on his birthday.

Prayer for Sunday

Almighty and eternal God,
from whose love in Christ
we cannot be parted,
either by death or life:
hear our prayers
and thanksgivings
for all whom we remember this day;
fulfil in them the purpose of your love;
and bring us all, with them,
to your eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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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.*

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Regular Weekly Activities - A Guide To Our Churches

Monday

Hazeldene Heights Pre-school. Sessional and Full Day care available—open Mon.—Fri. Full Day Care 8.30am to 5pm Sessional times 9am—12noon and 12.45pm - **3.45pm** For more info please contact Laura Leggett 01234 326685 or www.hazeldeneheights.com
8.00am-5.30pm Pre-school Mon-Fri St Mark's
8.00am-5.30pm Top Marks Mon-Fri St Mark's Manager Mrs. Helen Harpin 312634
(See website for more details)
9.00am-12noon St Mark's Pre-School Nursery Manager Mrs. Helen Harpin 312634
9.30-10.30am - Body Control Pilates –Putnoe Heights Stephanie Smith 357787 or 07973174430
10.00am Bakers Barn Art Group. St Mark's Mrs M. Berry 211955
10.00am-12 U3A Play reading Putnoe Heights Contact Hilary Holt 01234 342557
9.45am - 10.45am & 11.00am-12noon Pilates St. Mark's Liz Mason 07816522200
12.00 noon Storybox 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. Contact Carolyn Morris youth@thisischurch.com 365630
1.30pm Chat & Make. Term time for babies and toddlers 0-5. Crafts, toys, songs, story and refreshments £1. More details contact St Mark's Church Office on 01234 342613 or Janine 01234 297481
2.00pm U3A Music Appreciation Putnoe Heights Contact Hilary Holt 01234 342557
2.00pm U3A Italian Putnoe Heights– fortnightly contact Hilary Holt 01234 342557
4.15pm Kumon Maths Putnoe Heights. Mrs Raksha Mistry 01908 392698
5.30 - 8.30 NHS Eat Smart Think Active at Putnoe Heights. For more details contact Zoe Wilcox 07767311424
6.00pm Brownies St Mark's. Mrs C Mathew 826190
6.15 pm Brownies Putnoe. Sharon Tanner 07928483418 email firstputnoebrownies@hotmail.co.uk
6.15 Pilates at Putnoe Heights Jane Butcher 300859
6.15pm-8.15pm Fit for Life Yoga - Putnoe Heights Contact Jane Butcher 07891879571
6.30pm-8pm Cubs at Putnoe Ages 8 –10.5 Email:phxg.enquiries@gmail.com Tel Tom 07974566509
6.30pm Fit For All Putnoe Heights – Laura Amor 341152 / 07976259081
7.30pm Sugarcraft Guild St Mark's (1st week in month) Mary Daly 217127
7.00pm Cancer Care Society. St Mark's. (1st week in month) Mr J Dewhurst 01908 377020.
7.00-8.00pm Laughter Club at St. Mark's 2nd week each month) Cheryl Green 07729187399
7.15pm Guides. St Mark's. Mrs Gill Lake 218091
7.30pm Whist Drive. St Mark's (Weeks 3 & 5 in the month).. Next meeting–16 November Judith Stanton. 823313
7.30pm No Fear Bridge Club St. Mark's Mrs. Susan Ford 300218.
7.30pm House group 30 The Ridgeway. The home of Eddy & Margaret Peck 267567
7.45-9.15 Get Fit Keep Fit at Putnoe Heights Diane Field 01234 404976

Tuesday

9.30am Candlewicking (Needlework). Putnoe Heights. Pat McCart 365507

9.30am -12.30 & 4-9pm Slimming World St. Mark's. 9.30, 11.30, 3.30, 5.30, 7.30. Lorrie Pearson 340473
11-12.15am U3A Keep Fit Putnoe Heights Contact Hilary Holt 01234 342557
1.15pm U3A Cinema Group. St Mark's Contact Hilary Holt 01234 342557
1.30pm U3A Choir. St Mark's Contact Hilary Holt 01234 342557
2.00pm U3A Book Group 1 St Mark's (3rd Week in month) Contact Hilary Holt 01234 342557
2.00pm U3A Book Group 2 St Mark's (2nd Week in month) Contact Hilary Holt 01234 342557
2.00pm Library Walk W.I. Putnoe Heights, meets monthly. Morag Tomkins 356895
2.00pm U3A Photography Group 3 St. Mark's (1st Week in month) Contact Hilary Holt 01234 342557
2.30pm Mother Teresa Support Group. St Mark's (Alternate Tuesdays) Wool and knitting needles provided. Mrs Maureen Watling 262225
2.00-3.30pm Tuesday Afternoon Housegroup. St Mark's. A social and Bible Study group. Meets alternate Tuesdays. Mrs Jean Bank 355698
3.30-6.30pm Stars School of Dance at Putnoe Heights. Esther Richardson 295862 or 07917582468
6-7pm Supple Strength Yoga St Mark's Amanda Alcock 07769747393
7.15-8.15pm Pilates St Mark's Church Jane Butcher 07891879571
7.00pm - 8.30pm Daisy Birthing Putnoe Heights Susie 07980447390
7.30pm Ladies Tuesday Club at Putnoe Heights (Meets monthly Next meeting 10 November - Christmas Craft and AGM Details Diane Bayliss 268101
8.00pm Hearts in Beds Committee St Mark's (week 4 in month) Mrs N Aspey 309816

Wednesday

9.30am Body Control Pilates. Putnoe Heights. Stephanie Smith 357787 or 07973174430.
10.00-2pm Open House at St Mark's for those with learning disabilities., their friends, family , carers and supporters 342613.
10.00am U3A Gardening Group 3 St Marks. Contact Hilary Holt 01234 342557
10.00am Holy Communion. St. Mark's Chapel. A half hour service followed by coffee. All welcome.
10am U3A Card Making, St Marks Contact Hilary Holt 01234 342557
11.15am U3A Keep Fit at Putnoe Heights
12.30pm Luncheon Club. Putnoe fortnightly. Next meeting 18 November Contact Putnoe Office 365630
1.15pm Social Bridge Club St. Mark's. Mr Barnes 261811
2.00-4.00pm U3A Craft at St Marks. 1st week of the month. Contact Hilary Holt 01234 342557
2.00pm U3A Gilbert and Sullivan Putnoe Heights Contact Hilary Holt 01234 342557
2.00pm - Fifty plus Keep Fit. Putnoe Heights Mrs Webster 856966
3.45.- 5.30pm Messy Church. St Mark's (3rd Week in month). for children of lower school age and their carers. Bible-based story, crafts, singing and a meal. Next meeting 18 November Wendy Waters 401834 Jean Bank 355698
4.15pm Kumon Maths. Putnoe Heights Mrs Raksha Mistry 01908 392698
5.00–6.00pm Rainbows at Putnoe Heights Mrs Gill Lake 218091
6.00pm Brownies. St Mark's. Mrs C Warden 219731

6.15pm Yoga and Relaxation Putnoe Heights Racheall Monton 01234 297138 or 07910835994

6.00-7.00pm ATSK Karate at Putnoe Height Kevin Stark Tel.01234 353865

7.00pm-9.00pm Scouts at Putnoe ages 10.5-14; Email:phxg.enquiries@gmail.com Tel Tom 07974566509

7.00pm Bunyan Bridge. St. Mark's Colin Jackson 363398 or Brian Sallows 407725.

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

7.15pm Putnoe Guild Putnoe 3rd Wednesday in every month except August Mrs Jo Street 344600

8.00pm Badminton Club Putnoe Heights All welcome. Ken Marriott 214867

8.00pm Tudor Reeds Folk Dance Club at St Mark's (1st,3rd & 5th Wednesday in month). Next meeting will be 18 November Everyone welcome. All dances called, only £1 including refreshments. Rosemary 405594 or Graham 406359 for more details.

8.00pm Bedford Wine and Social Club St Mark's (Week 1 in the month) Jill Cooper 357960

Thursday

9.30am Thursday Prayer Group. Putnoe Heights. Valerie Capon 356306. Request for prayer can be written in the prayer diary on the information table.

10.30pm Spanish Holiday Survival at Putnoe Heights. Elena 01234 266968

9.45am Chat and Play St.Mark's. A term time group for Mums & toddlers.0-5 Contact St Mark's Church Office 01234 342613 or Janine 01234 297481

12pm Storybox . St Mark's welcome the under 5's and their carers to join them between 12 noon and 1pm for a sandwich lunch followed by a Bible based story and singing. Lots of fun. Contact Jaana Swaby 342613

1.00-2.30pm Wiggles & Jiggles Putnoe Heights. Drop in.

1pm-2.30pm Drop in (small hall) Next Steps 9-24months Putnoe Children's Centre.Please call Trudy Hamilton (centre assistant) for more information 340552. 2pm -

Friendly Chicago Bridge at Putnoe Heights £2 per session inc. refreshments. New members welcome. Contact Pat 01234 294220.

2pm U3A Current Affairs - Putnoe Heights Contact Hilary Holt 01234 342557

2-4pm U3A Indoor Games. St.Mark's Contact Hilary Holt 01234 342557

2.30 - 4.30pm Bedford Art Society St Mark's

3.15-5.15pm Social Care Solutions Drama Group Claire Creek 262650

5.45pm Weightwatchers. St. Mark's. Clare Martin 07768481499

6-7pm Supple Strength Yoga St Mark's Amanda Alcock 07769747393

6.15pm Brownies. Putnoe Heights Lou Brenna. 07919402797.

7.00pm Club 2000 Putnoe Audrey Halford 407284

7.00pm U3A Folk & Poetry St Marks (2nd and 4th week in month)Contact Hilary Holt 01234 342557

7.00pm Bedford Embroiderers' Guild St Mark's (3rd week in month). Carol Plant 01832710504

7.15pm Putnoe Art Group Bob Wardale 406094

7.30pm Magpies Women's Group St Mark's (2nd & 4th week in month) Rosemary McNeilage 405594

7.30pm Brickhill Ladies Group St Mark's (1st and 3rd week in month) Linda Stephen 409493

8.00pm Bedford Folk Dancers (formerly Barn dancers) Meet weekly at Putnoe Heights Different guest callers each week.Except August. All welcome, cost £2.50

Including refreshments. More details Ron 825574 or Shirley 01767 651767

8.00pm Bedford Writers Circle. St Mark's (1st week in month). John Broadhouse 01525 404014

Friday

9.30am -3.30pm Machine Knitting group at Putnoe Heights, 2nd week per month.. Contact Marion Sutton 217647

10am -12.00 U3A Photography St Marks.(4th week in month) Contact Hilary Holt 01234 342557

10am - 12 & 1.15 - 3.15pm U3A Beginners French St. Marks Contact Hilary Holt 01234 342557

2.00-4.00 pm U3A Whist St Marks. (2nd week in month) Contact Hilary holt 01234 342557

2pm U3A Gardening—Putnoe Heights Contact Hilary Holt 01234342557

4.50pm-7.00pm Stars School of Dance at Putnoe. Esther Richardson 295862 or 07917582468

6.30pm-8.00pm Beavers at Putnoe Ages 6-8 Email: phxg.enquiries@gmail.com Tel Tom 07974566509

7.00pm-9.00pm Meditation St Mark's.Cheryl Green 07729187399

7.45 - 10.45pm Bedford Astrology Club. St Marks(2nd week in month)Carol Brown 01438 233385

Saturday

9.00am Faith Temple Ministries St Mark's (1st week in month) Dawn Kelly 07863762593

10.00am Theatretrain St Mark's. Dancing acting, singing. Kate Howard 01234 782414

Young Embroiderers bi monthly Putnoe Heights Terry Fletcher 357198

2.15pm Society of Recorder Players at Putnoe Heights. G Parry 01462 674792

Sunday

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

10 - 5.30pm Bedford Stamp Fayre at St. Mark's. 1st Sunday Oct/Dec. Contact P Harris 01623 621143

11.00 - 12.00 Church and Junior at Putnoe Heights for the under 9's . A crèche is also available.

2- 4.30pm Indoor Bowls at St. Mark's 2nd & 4th Sunday. Ray Seymour 305695 or church office.



Diary Dates

St Mark's Church Council -
St Mark's Leadership Team -
Annual Congregational Meetings - 24 April
Putnoe Heights Leadership Team - 19 January
Putnoe Heights Management Meeting - 13 January
Putnoe Church Council - 26 January
Pastoral Group Meeting-
Churchyard Committee - TBA
Circuit meeting -
Deanery meeting -
Woodland Burial Trustees -
Putnoe Heights Children & Youth Meeting -
Messy Church Wednesday 18 November,
Wednesday 9 December 3.45pm

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

Remembrance Sunday

Sentence of Scripture

Jesus said, There is no greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends.

John 5 v 13

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 plowshares 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 our God for ever and ever.

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

Second Bible Reading - Romans 8:31-39

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.

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

Gospel Reading - 1 Corinthians 15 : 50-58

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.

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



Post Communion Prayer

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

Hymns for Sunday *(Please distribute service sheets and hymn sheets where required,)*

1. All my hope on God is founded, 63 - Tune Michael
2. The National Anthem, 194 Mission Praise
3. I vow to thee my country - Tune Thaxted
4. For the healing of the nations, 402 – Tune Rhuddlan
5. O God our help in ages past, 358 - Tune St Anne

Commentary Looking back to look forward

There is a sense in which Remembrance Sunday is a bit like a funeral service. Each have an important threefold theme and structure. At a funeral we look back at the life of the deceased person, often remembering them with fondness and gratitude for what they have done. Each of our memories of the deceased will be different, some will be clearer than others, but we look back and give thanks. Today we do that today as we remember all those who have given their lives for this country in war and in conflict. Some of whom we may have known, some of whom are distant relatives or names we know from our family. We remember all those with gratitude.

At a funeral, we are also marking a specific, current and important event in each of our lives, and especially those of the recently bereaved, the passing of a human life. Each Remembrance Sunday we similarly mark a specific event, it's another year further since the wars and conflicts that we are remembering and another year of relative peace which their sacrifice, at least in part, helped to bring about. And at a funeral we also look to the future as we commit the deceased to God, sure of a certain hope in the eternal future God has for each one of us. As we mark Remembrance Sunday we too look back as we remember, we mark a specific event in our current lives, another year passed, but also look forward with hope to an even more peaceful and equitable world and society.

In our Old Testament reading today from Micah, he too picks up this threefold theme. Micah is active around the 8th century BC, the same time as Amos and Hosea in the North and Isaiah in the South. Micah's message is to the capital cities of both regions; Samaria in the North (Israel) and Jerusalem in the South (Judah), and he denounces the things that have happened in the past, the exploitation of the helpless and the emptiness of their religion. He marks a current event in the judgement of those nations. And finally, he offers a future with fresh hope for the people of God as they repent and turn to Him.

The reading from Micah is an appropriate one for Remembrance Sunday as Micah speaks against a background of armed conflicts and had almost certainly witnessed war and its effects first-hand. In 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 appears to have been deeply affected by them. Micah decries the fallacy of human plans compared to the wisdom of God and His ways, and he rebukes the leaders and prophets who have led the people into this situation. The reading today speaks of the new hope that there will be when restoration and God's rule comes, and God Himself will judge the disputes 'for 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 explains 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, political or military means. Politics, diplomacy and

armed forces can be an important supporting element for peace, but true peace can only come when God is at the centre of all our efforts.

As Christians we should not seek to usurp Remembrance Sunday and make it into something it is not. We should not seek to hijack it and make it into some kind of religious ceremony. We should also be clear that real peace and genuine hope for the future can only come when God is allowed to reign supreme on the earth, and when His rule is over all. He invites us to join with Him in making His peace and hope known on the earth. To offer true hope to a world which seems increasingly in conflict with itself and determined to shatter itself apart with civil wars and unrest. A world which increasingly seems to focus on our differences rather than what we have in common, and on the individual rather than the community. A world which today marks and remembers the past, but continues to look to the future for the hope which God alone can offer. *Sam Cappleman*

Remembrance Sunday Mediation

On Remembrance Sunday we look back. Look back to the many conflicts that have troubled the world since the wars and remember with gratitude not only those who gave their lives but those who came back maimed and injured, many of them scarred for life so that the world could be a better place and that those that followed would have a more peaceful future.

If our gratitude to them is only partial, our hope for that new future they dreamed of can never be full. That is why it is important to remember them with gratitude today. Their suffering, hardship and sacrifice is also a salutary reminder that the world's hope cannot be based on human efforts but ultimately in God alone. Micah speaks of hope in a seemingly hopeless situation. Hope that, despite the invasion of Assyria and the exile in Babylon and all that will happen to the Jews in the coming years (some of which could never have been imagined as we reflect on more modern times) there will be a New Jerusalem where there will be peace, the resources of the world shall be shared, and God will reign supreme.

For Christians this hope is made real through the sacrifice of Christ. It is through His suffering, death and resurrection that we have a real and certain hope in the eternal future. As Paul says in Romans, *if God is for us, who can be against us?*

That is the hope in which we share. A heavenly hope which is not based on human decisions and interventions, or on governments and organisations, but on God through His Son Jesus Christ.

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

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we wait for the coming of your Son; then when He appears, He will not find us sleeping in sin, but active in His service and joyful in His praise, for the glory of your Holy name. Amen

Living God, you have given us a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead: grant that we, being risen with Him, may fix our hearts on heavenly things and share eternal life. Amen

God grant to the living, grace; to the departed, rest; to the people of every church and nation, peace and concord; and to us and all the servants of God, life everlasting; and may the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen

Messy Church Samaritans Purse Shoe Box Appeal 2015

Following the success previous years, by Messy Church and the wider congregation, we will be packing boxes our Messy Church



session on 18 November. We will be happy to accept donated items from now on. All items must be new. These include Toys, Educational supplies, Hygiene items, Other: Sweets sell by date at least March 2016. Gloves, scarves, sunglasses, hats, bangles, necklaces. Please do not donate: food (especially chocolate), no hand knitted stuffed toys, medicine, no war related items, no clothing other than those above, no fragile items, no liquids. No sharp objects, no novels. We do not need any empty shoeboxes this year. Please see the Messy Church notice board for further details of what can and cannot be put in the boxes. If you require further information please speak to Wendy Waters or Jean Bank.

Lenten Cathedral Pilgrimage 2016

We are organising an evening pilgrimage to St Albans Cathedral on Wednesday 16 March 2016.

Depart Bedford at 5.00pm. Cost is £7.50

Arrival at Cathedral and buffet 7.00pm

Pilgrimage and tour 7.45pm

Compline and procession to shrine 9.00pm

Depart St Albans 9.30pm

Arrive back in Bedford 11.00pm

If you would like to take part then please speak with Charlie so that we can book numbers and arrange transport.

Community Coffee Mornings at Putnoe

Heights Church at 10am on Wednesdays November 11 and 25, with the final one this year on December 9.

Partnership Quiz to be held at St Mark's Church on Saturday 28 November at 7.30pm. Do come and bring/make up a team. Tickets £7 includes Fish and Chip Supper. Please put this date in your diary.

Tickets available from Church Office.

Footprints Walk Sunday 8 November.

Please note change of date A 2.5 mile walk around Thurleigh on field paths and bridleways with a short distance on paved footpaths. The walk takes us by Thurleigh airfield and the reservoir built to take excess water from the runways. Meet at car park for the Playing Field

(Thurleigh Club) signposted to right of Keysoe Road, Thurleigh at 2pm. Ray & Pam Seymour 305695

The real advent calendar made by the meaningful chocolate company which also contains a 32 page Christmas Story activity book is now available in our Goldington road Tesco store. Carolyn has more details of this product.

Book review—Holiness and Mission by Morna Hooker and Frances Young. Learning from the experience and teaching of the Bible and the early church as it engaged in mission in the growing centres of population the writers give insight as to how the two concepts of holiness and mission, so often seen separately, are inextricably linked in the task of making God's kingdom known in our world today. A book which could be read as an Advent book, or studied and discussed in groups, this book is well worth a read as we seek to live out and share the gospel in our everyday lives. Sam Cappleman

St Mark's Weekly Offering Envelopes

Replacement sets of Weekly Offering Envelopes are available after the service this morning. If you do not current use the envelope scheme or would like to find out more about regular giving to the Church please contact Jim Williams tel. 01234 360605.

Open House are having a coffee morning on Wednesday 11 November 2015 at St Mark's Church to raise money for Children in Need from 10.00am to 1.30pm. Tombola, cake stall, lucky dip etc. Open House—supporting adults with learning disabilities. Please come and support this worthy cause. Thank you.

Thank you to all those who have been knitting for Kascare in South Africa. our first two parcels of 140 knitted squares that will make 4 children's blankets have been listed as received on their web site this week. Carolyn will now send the next parcel by surface mail. this takes several weeks. thank you to those who have donated to the cost of postage too.

Vicarage Christmas Party. Members of our Partnership Council are invited to the Vicarage on Sunday 22 December at 1.00pm. Please respond to Corinne if you are able to come and join us corinneroyden@gmail.com

St Mark's Christmas Craft Fayre 21st November 2015

It is hard to believe that our Craft Fayre is only 4 weeks away on Saturday 21 November 2015. We would be grateful if the A5 leaflets on the table in the foyer could be delivered to a street near you. This is a good way of advertising the event and encourage the local community to come to St. Mark's.

We will be having the usual Church stalls again and donated items will be greatly appreciated.

New Tombola:

New and unused items needed so please look in your cupboards etc. Any queries please see Ian Farthing or John Day.

Homemade Cake stall – If you would like to make a cake for this stall please see Milly Rollinson who is co-ordinating the stall

Secondhand Bookstall

Books in good condition plus any jigsaws (with all the pieces) please. All books can be brought up to Church week beginning 16th November

Indoor/ Outdoor Plant Stall

Co-ordinated by Wendy Waters

Refreshments

Donations of tray bakes to sell with our teas and coffees.

And of course the **Christmas Prize Draw**

Any new items suitable for raffle prizes would be really welcome. Raffle tickets are on sale and will be available from the table in the foyer. Please take a few home to sell to family and friends.

The posters are now ready so if you know of any locations where they could go please see Avril or the Office.

Please please help us with any of the above stalls, raffle tickets and A5 leaflets.

As always your help is very much appreciated as we could not run this large fundraising event without your help. Please contact Avril Williams on 360605

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

Pamela Vera Barnett
Alan William Charge
David Charge



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

Mission Update

A huge thank you to everyone who has contributed so generously to our Mission Project this year. Already nearly £2250 has been donated between our two churches. As we saw and heard, this will make a significant difference to many children and families who otherwise would be ensnared in poverty and lacking the opportunity to gain an education. Through this they are then able to develop employment prospects and have hope for the future. We will keep you updated on progress. Thank you once again for your generosity and for your prayers.

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Forthcoming Funerals



The funeral of Mr Richard George Marriott will take place at Bedford Crematorium on Friday 20th November 2015 at 1.45pm

The funeral of Mr Keith Bunday will take place on Friday 13 November at 10.45am