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Partnership News

9 November 2008

Remembrance Sunday



Church of
England

Partnership Church Services Today

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

9.30am St. Mark's– Morning Worship
Preacher - Rev. Dr Sam Cappleman
Leadership Team - Mrs Morag Stewart
Intercessions-Mr Chris Izzard

11.00am Putnoe Heights– Morning Worship
Preacher - Rev. Dr Sam Cappleman
Leadership Team – Mrs Jean Kirk
Intercessions -Dr Tim Wilkes

3.00pm Commemoration Service St Mark's
6.30pm Service to commission Claire Peck as a Local Preacher at Putnoe Heights

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9.30am St. Mark's Church - Holy Communion
Preacher - Mrs Wendy Waters
Leadership Team - Mr Mike Cooper
Intercessions – Mr Ian Farthing

11.00am Putnoe Heights - Holy Communion
Preacher - Mrs Wendy Waters
Leadership Team – Mrs Jenny Emsley
Intercessions – Mrs Claire Peck

Bible Readings 1. Judges 4: 1-7

Thank You

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

The flowers at Putnoe Heights have been given by Claire and Richard Peck on the occasion of the commissioning of Claire as a Local Preacher.

Mrs Sam Ware [telephone 304058] has taken over the distribution of Sunday flowers from Putnoe Heights.

We are always grateful for any donations for flowers perhaps to celebrate a special occasion such as an anniversary or in memory of a loved one. Please contact Miss Marion Prior 303254 (St Mark's) or Sam Ware 304058 (Putnoe Heights) or add your name to the rota in the foyers.

A Prayer for Sunday

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 for ever. Amen. *Common Worship*



Regular Weekly Activities - A Guide To Our Churches

Monday

9.30-12.00pm Mon-Fri Putnoe Heights Pre-school

Headteacher Mrs Janet Smith ☎326685

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

Headteacher Mrs. Helen Harpin ☎312634

(See website for more details)

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

10.00am Bakers Barn Art Group.

St Mark's Mr Kellie ☎721063

10.45am U3A Playreading St Mark's C Birks ☎219607

11am - 12. The Right Track at St Mark's. Signpost information for people with learning difficulties. Gina Barton ☎07999859980

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

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

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

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

4.15pm Kumon Maths Putnoe Heights. Mrs Raksha Mistry ☎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 every month Pat Nicholson ☎353518

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

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

7.15pm Yoga. Putnoe Heights Lena Holland ☎244970

7.30pm Whist Drive. St Mark's 3rd & 5th week each month . Next meeting 19 November Judith Stanton. ☎823313

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

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

Tuesday

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

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

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

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

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

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

2.00pm U3A Book Group. St Mark's 3rd Tuesday of the month Mrs Berman ☎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 18 November Members Poetry please Betty Wyatt ☎350188.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

7.30pm Putnoe Heights Ladies Tuesday Club - Meets fortnightly. Next meeting 18 November Charity Eve More details from Audrey Wilkins☎365068 or Margaret Gentle ☎309043

Wednesday

9.15am Paint Tots St Mark's Jacqui Hanahan ☎824475

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

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

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

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

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

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

Luncheon Club. Putnoe Heights fortnightly. Next meeting 11 November 2008 Putnoe Heights Office ☎365630

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

1.00-3pm Police Surgery at Putnoe Heights .

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

1.45 Scots Society Whist monthly .All welcome Nancy Barr 268147

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

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

6.30pm Karate. St Mark's Karen ☎079412 64885

7.00pm Bunyan Bridge. St. Mark's Brian Sallows

☎407725

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

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

7.00pm Putnoe Guild Putnoe Heights monthly Janice ☎ Loxley 347073

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

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

8.00pm Tudor Reeds Folk Dance Club St Mark's, 1st, 3rd & 5th Wednesday. Next meeting 19 November. Everyone welcome. Graham ☎406359 or Alan 345312.

8.00pm Bedford Wine and Social Club St Mark's 1st week in the month. Mrs Gansfield ☎215016

7.45 for 8pm God talk—women's group monthly meeting for worship and friendly chat at Wendy Nash's Contact Majella Atkinson ☎325293

Thursday

9.30am Thursday Prayer Group. Putnoe Heights in the quiet room. Sylvia Cohen ☎343424

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

9.45am Yoga Putnoe Heights Lena Holland ☎244970

9.45am Chat and Play weekly at St. Mark's. A group for Mums & toddlers. £1.75. More details from St. Marks Office ☎342613 or Emma Strangwick ☎211070

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

5.30pm 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

7.00pm Club 2000 Putnoe Heights Nina Ovenden ☎825059

7pm U3A Folk & Poetry Group. St Mark's 2nd & 4th week of the month. Doug Ovenden ☎825059

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

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

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

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

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

Friday

9.30-12.30pm & 12.30 - 2.30pm U3A Photography Group St Marks 4th week Joyce Fildes ☎353086

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

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

2.00pm U3A Gardening Group Putnoe Heights Eve Whitehead ☎356875

6.30pm –7.30pm Line Dancing. Beginners 7-8pm

Improvers St Mark's Christine Rushton ☎782360

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

7.45pm Astrology Group St Mark's as from 11th January. Mr Kenworthy ☎402792

Saturday

9.00pm Stars School of Dance. Putnoe Esther Sancto ☎295862 or ☎07917 582468

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

1.30pm Young Embroiders bi monthly Terry Fletcher Tel 357198

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

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

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

Diary Dates



St Mark's Church Council –, 18 November

St Mark's Leadership Team – 24 November - Vicarage, 24 February

Putnoe Heights Leadership Team – 1 December

Putnoe Heights Management Meeting- 10 November, 19

January, 20 April, 13 July

St Mark's Church Forum Meeting -

12 November all at 12 noon

Putnoe Church Council - Monday 26 January, Monday 15 June, Monday 5 October

Pastoral Group Meeting - Tuesday 20 January 4.30pm

Annual Congregational Meetings 26 April

Churchyard Committee - 12 November at 11am

Putnoe Heights Mission Group –

Partnership Council -

Brickhill Parish Council Meetings -

6th November

Deanery Meeting - 13 November

Circuit/Deanery Meeting

Woodland Burial Trustees

Mission Group Meeting - Weds 7th January 2009 at 7.30pm Sylvia 14 Flint Way 343424

Putnoe Heights Children & Youth – 1st December.

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 - Before we read we pray

Grant us, O God, a vision of our nation as she could become: where justice would be available to all; where each receives according to their needs and all offer according to their abilities; where all are treated as individuals of equal worth and none are stereotyped in the minds of others; where fear is forgotten because none threatens the wellbeing of others; where all are united in common love for their land and generosity to other nations. Then give us, O God, your grace to bring these things to be. Amen Michael Counsell



First Bible Reading - Micah 4: 1-8

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 our God for ever and ever. "In that day," declares the LORD, "I will gather the lame; I will assemble the exiles and those I have brought to grief. I will make the lame a remnant, those driven away a strong nation. The LORD will rule over them in Mount Zion from that day and forever. As for you, O watchtower of the flock, O stronghold of the Daughter of Zion, the former dominion will be restored to you; kingship will come to the Daughter of Jerusalem (Reader: This is the word of the Lord – **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 -- **Thanks be to God**)

Gospel Reading - Matthew 25: 1-13

Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of

God. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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

Post Communion Sentence

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

Hymns (Please distribute special service sheet)

Commentary The battle belongs to the Lord

Today's readings speak of the hope and assurance we have as a Christian people that God is with us and for us on our journey to our eternal future, whatever we may encounter on the way. The prophet Micah speaks of a brighter and peaceful future where nation will not take up sword against nation, nor train for war anymore. Right now that journey to the eternal future seems more uncertain and difficult than it ever has in the recent past.

If we are to be prepared for the future, Matthew's gospel seems to suggest that we should stock up and lay in provisions to see us through emergencies and difficult times. Save up for a rainy day. Well, for many, it seems that the rainy days have now arrived - so what are our stocks and storerooms like, do they feel full or bare and empty? For Matthew part of that preparation and provisioning involves familiarising ourselves with what we are looking for so that we will recognise it and it will recognise us. The bridesmaids have not prepared themselves for the party, they are just going through the motions, and when they get to the door they are seen for the gatecrashers that they are. Better preparation would have led to a much different outcome. They, and we, it would seem, are to spend time familiarising ourselves with God and His ways so that we can recognise Him and He us. Spending time looking back over God's dealings with us so that we can truly be prepared and have that sure and certain hope of the heavenly banquet that ahead despite all the uncertainties that may lie in between. The resources we have in our storerooms reflect only what we have put in them beforehand. Henri Nouwen writes, 'When our gratitude for the past is only partial, our hope for a new future can never be full... ...If we are to be truly ready for a new task in the service of God, our entire past, gathered into the spaciousness of a converted heart, must become the source of energy that moves us toward the future'. On Remembrance Sunday perhaps more so than at any other time of the year we are reminded of the importance of looking back. Looking back with gratitude for those who would lay down their lives for their country so that others could have a hope and a future. We remember so that we do not forget. And as Christians we know that even death, be it in wartime or peacetime, is not the end, or even the start of the end, merely an end to the beginning. That is our hope and future whatever uncertainties lie along the way.

There is a parallel between our readings and the many men and women who we remember today who were also called up for service. They too probably had no precise idea of the uncertainties that would lie before them, but responded to the call to leave behind the security they knew to go and serve their country. For many there would be no return. For those that did return, the experience would leave them changed for life, with memories they would, or could not forget, possibly no matter how hard they tried. They can recall friendships forged in the heat of battle, bonds, fashioned by a common experience, which even death cannot break. For all who live through war, or are influenced by it, as we all still are to some extent, it was, and is, a life changing experience. And it is right that we remember those who have given their lives in the wars and conflicts of the world, and all those who suffer by their consequences today.

Economically the future does look uncertain. The political landscape of the world is changing radically. But as we look back as Matthew encourages us to do, we see can see that we can be prepared and assured of an eternal future. It is God Himself who continues to offer hope and a future despite all the economic turmoil, political change and military conflicts around the world. In the heat and aftermath of battle this may not always be easy to see, especially where death has indeed left its sting. But through Christ we have the ultimate victory over death. We have a hope and a future through the one death that offers not just life but eternal riches to all. In looking back today we are remembering the past, but we are also preparing for our future.

Remembrance Sunday Mediation

Many countries have a special day to remember those that fell in their wars. In France this is Armistice Day, and in America, Veterans Day. In Britain we commemorate those who fought, and are still fighting, in wars for their country on Remembrance Day which is always held on 11 November. It was on this day that World War One ended in 1918, when the armistice was signed in Compiègne, Northern France, at 5am. Six hours later, the fighting stopped, and in commemoration this there is a two minute silence in the UK at 11am, every 11 November. The period of silence was first proposed by a Melbourne journalist, Edward George Honey, in a letter published in the London Evening News on 8 May 1919, which subsequently came to the attention of King George V, who on 7 November, 1919, the king issued a proclamation which called for a two-minute silence: 'All locomotion should cease, so that, in perfect stillness, the thoughts of everyone may be concentrated on reverent remembrance of the glorious dead.' In our increasingly busy lives it is important too that we pause and remember those who have died in the cause of freedom, and pause and remember too He who died to give eternal life so that we all could be truly free.

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

Church Lunch Club (Alternate Wednesdays) would welcome any members of St Mark's or Putnoe Heights. If you are interested, please give your name to Margaret Standley, Jenny Emsley or Pam Kinsley. We would also welcome additional helpers, regular or irregular. We also need drivers.

Putnoe Tuesday Club are holding their annual Charity Concert at Putnoe Heights Church on Tuesday 18 November at 7.30pm. You are invited to join us for this concert by Kempston Musical Society in aid of Bedford Guild House. Admission is £6 (including Refreshments) from Putnoe Church office, Diane or Alan Bayliss 268101. Raffle £1.

TNT next meet Sunday 16 November at 4pm at Putnoe invite all to join them for Christmas Musical preparations. Please bring your voices and instruments

1st Putnoe Brownies are having a Christmas fair Monday 17 November at 6.30pm. Proceeds to Asthma UK and Islands Branches

Putnoe Christmas Competition We invite you to design the front of the Christmas Service information leaflet that will be posted through doors in the Putnoe area. 50p entry to church funds. Liz.

Mary and Joseph have asked me to let you know they be travelling through Putnoe area during Advent and are looking for overnight stops. If you are able to entertain them for the evening please see Liz Spavins

New John Bunyan Museum To celebrate the 10th anniversary of the museum and the formation of the 'Friends', we are having a fabulous concert by Collegium Reagle, a group of choral scholars from Kings College, Cambridge. Their repertoire extends from Thomas Tallis and William Byrd to Cole Porter. The event takes place in the Bunyan Meeting Free church on Friday 7th November at 8pm. Cost £10.

Footprints Walking Group are holding their meeting to plan for 2009 on Wednesday 19 November at 7.30pm at Claire & Richard Peck's 22 Brecon Way.

Weekly Offering Envelopes
New sets of sets of weekly offering envelopes are available in the entrance lobby from today. Regular giving is an essential part of the Church's income, and helps greatly in meeting the costs of running St Mark's. We are very fortunate that so many members of the congregation already give so generously to the Church in this way. You can make regular weekly or monthly gifts, either by

standing order or through the weekly envelope scheme. In addition, if you are a UK tax payer, you can Gift Aid your offering - and the Church can claim 20% tax back from the Government. This can also be done through the yellow Gift Aid envelopes on the chairs. If you would like to find out more please speak to Jim Williams after the service or contact him on 01234 360605. As always, thank you for your generosity.

Thank you to Judith Stanton and her Whist Drive supporters for their generous donation of £130

Thank You. We are grateful to everyone for such brilliant support and prayer at this tricky time and we cannot wait to show off Josiah William as soon as are able to be together as a family of four. With love from Graham, Alyson and Bethan Dean

Today, Sunday Evening at 6.30pm Claire Peck will have a commissioning service to become a Local Preacher in the Methodist Church. It would be great to welcome as many people as are able to come and support her. Preacher Charles Royden

St Mark's Christmas Craft Fayre

There are only 2 weeks left to our Annual Christmas Craft Fayre on Saturday 22 November 2008 at St Mark's Church.

We are trying to raise money to help pay for our hall and foyer refurbishments. We would be grateful for help with the following:-

Raffle – Raffle books are now available. It would be really appreciated if you could take a few books to sell to family and friends. They will be on the hymn book table after the service.

Tombola – Any NEW unwanted gifts/birthday presents etc. for our Tombola stall. Please bring any items up to the Church Office in the week beginning 17th November 2008.

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.

How you can help —

We need help delivering leaflets advertising the Craft Fayre. They are the table in the Foyer and we would be grateful if folks would take their road and deliver them in the next three weeks. Also if anyone is interested in helping on the day, please speak to Avril Williams or the Church Office. When the Fayre closes around 3.30 we would be grateful for helping in clearing up and getting the Church ready for Sunday Worship. Your support would be very much appreciated.

.Methodist Homes for the Aged. A total of £377.00 was raised at the Putnoe Heights MHA Sunday on October 5th. The envelope collection raised £187.00 and the Harvest Lunch added a further £190.00. Many thanks to all who contributed to this marvellous result. Sue Allen

Beds.C.C. Safeguarding Adults. A short introductory talk, given by Canon Roberts, will held on Wednesday 12 November in the new small hall after Lunch Club. It is regarding vulnerable adults living alone or in care accommodation. It will highlight abuse and how to recognise it and where to report it. All are welcome to attend.

Cleaner - If a reliable cleaner is required please contact Penny Puttock who can give information and references.

Need help with housework/shopping? So many people for whatever reason, suddenly feel need for a little help– if you need this help I will be only too pleased to speak with you. Please ring CAROL on 0783406653.

We Welcome Jean Kirk at Putnoe Heights Church as it is her first Sunday on duty as a member of the Leadership Team.

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.



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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.



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

Forthcoming Funerals



The funeral of Mr William McAndrew will take place at Bedford Crematorium on Monday 10 November at 1.45pm

The funeral of Mr William Ellis will take place at Bedford Crematorium on Wednesday 12 November at 12.15pm

The funeral of Mr John Richard Harley will take place at Bedford Crematorium at 1.45 on Friday 14 November.

The funeral of Mrs Margaret Smith will take place at Putnoe Heights Church on Wednesday 19 November at 11.30am, followed by committal at Bedford Crematorium at 12.15pm

The funeral of Terence George Readman will take place at Bedford Crematorium on Wednesday 19 November at 10.00am