



Partnership News

10 March 2013
Mothering Sunday
Putnoe Heights & St Mark's Church



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

Today 10 March

9.30 St Marks – Morning Worship
Preacher – Mr Richard Ledger
Leadership - Mrs Elizabeth Bean
Intercessions – Mrs Delia Shephard
11.00 am Putnoe - Morning Worship
Preacher – Mr Richard Ledger
Leadership – Mrs Jean Kirk
Intercessions - YPG

Sunday 17 March 5th Sunday in Lent

9.30 St Marks – Holy Communion
Preacher – Mr Michael Carr
Leadership – Mr Mick Ovenden
Intercessions – Mrs Morag Stewart
11.00 am Putnoe - Holy Communion
Preacher – Mr Michael Carr
Leadership – Mrs Veta Hudson - Rae
Intercessions – Mr Alan Bayliss

Readings 1 Isaiah 43: 16-21 **2.** Philippians 3:4b-14
3 John 12: 1-8

Midweek Holy Communion at St Mark's Chapel every
Wednesday at 10.00am and at Sir William Harpur House
on first Monday of every month at 10.00am

Thank You

The flowers at St Mark's Church this week have been given by John and Janet Day in loving memory of their mums Joan and Marie and to thank all mums everywhere.

The flowers at Putnoe Heights Church this Mothering Sunday have been given by Margaret & Alan Massey in loving memory of their parents, Jessie and Wilf, and Mabel and Harry.

Prayer for Sunday

Today, we give thanks for the ministry of women, poured out in abundance in the unnamed and unsung lives of countless women, mothers and daughters and sisters, wise women and healers and teachers, farmers and factory workers and weavers, alone and together, in prayer and in action.

And we remember the women who have loved us, led us, inspired and moved us in the service of Jesus and of one another, giving thanks especially today for mothers everywhere and for our own mothers.

Nurturing God, we give thanks for women who minister in raising families; in offering hospitality, and in the creative work of motherhood. So we pray for the valuing of parenthood, the encouragement of its gifts, and the discovery of joy and beauty amid its challenges. Amen

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www.ThisIsChurch.com

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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

9.15 –3.45 pm Mon and Wed/ 9.15-12.15pm Tues/ Thurs/Fri. Hazeldene Heights Pre-school. See website for more details www.ThisChurch.com
Head teacher Mrs Laura Leggett 326685
8.30-5.30pm Pre-school Mon-Fri St Mark's
9.-3.45pm Top Marks Mon-Fri St Mark's
Headteacher Mrs. Helen Harpin **312634**
(See website for more details)
.9.45am - Body Control Pilates –Putnoe Heights
Stephanie Smith 357787 or 07973174430
10.00am Bakers Barn Art Group. St Mark's Mrs Berry 211955
10.30am U3A Play reading St Mark's (see contact details below)
2.00pm U3A Calligraphy at St Mark's 2nd week (see contact details below)
2.00pm U3A Relaxation & Meditation at St Mark's 1st & 3rd week starting 1st October (see contact details below)
12.15pm Story box Putnoe Heights We welcome the under 5's and their carers to join them between 12.15 and 1.15 for a sandwich lunch followed by a Bible based story and singing. Contact Carolyn Morris youth@thischurch.com 365630
1.30-2.45pm Chat & Make For babies and toddlers 0-5. Crafts, toys,songs,story and refreshments £1. More details email– chatandplay@hotmail.co.uk .
2pm U3A Music Appreciation (see contact details below)
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 01767699399 or 07720713738.
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 Boot Camp Putnoe Heights – Laura Amor 341152 / 07976259081
7.00pm Sugarcraft Guild St Mark's 1st week Pat Nicholson 353518
7.00pm Cancer Care Society. St Mark's. 1st Week. Mr J Dewhurst 01908 377020
7.15pm Guides. St Mark's. Mrs Gill Lake 218091
7.30pm Whist Drive. St Mark's 3rd & 5th week . Next meeting– 18 March Judith Stanton. 823313
7.30pm House group 30 The Ridgeway. The home of Eddy & Margaret Peck 267567
7.45pm Opus Choir at St Mark's Mrs Sutherland 269100
8pm 'Get Fit, Stay Fit' at Putnoe Diane Field 404976

Tuesday

9.30am Jo Jingles. St. Mark's. Music & movement for pre-school children. Renu Elston 07790206016
9.30am Candlewicking (Needlework). Putnoe Heights. Pat McCart 365507
9.30am -12.30 & 4-9pm Slimming World St. Mark's. Helen Skinner 07989080389
10am Autism Beds Adult Support Group. St Mark's. Sally Cripsley 350704
11.15am U3A Keep Fit Putnoe Heights (see contact details below)
1pm –2.30pm Drop in Wiggles and Jiggles 0-5 years, Putnoe Children's Centre. Please call Trudy Hamilton (centre assistant) for more information 340552
1.15pm U3A Cinema Grp. St Mark's (contacts details below)
1–3pm U3A Choir. St Mark's (contacts details below)

2.00pm U3A Book Group 1 St Mark's (3rd Wk) (see contact details below)
2.00pm U3A Book Group 2 St Mark's (2nd Wk) (see contact details)
2.00pm Library Walk W.I. Putnoe Heights, meets monthly. Morag Tomkins 356895
2pm U3A Photography Group 3 St. Mark's (1st Wk) (contact details below).
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.
4.00pm-6.15pm Stars School of Dance. Esther Richardson 295862 or 07917582468
6.15pm Pilates St Mark's Church Jane Butcher 0789187957
7pm—8.30pm Daisy Birthing Putnoe Heights Susie 07980447390
6.00-7.00pm Zumba at St Mark's. Contact Denise Worker 07900 232648
6.30pm MT Karate (all ages) Karen King 07941264885
7pm Keep Fit. St. Mark's Jan Gregory 328455
7.30pm Putnoe Heights Ladies Tuesday Club (Meets fortnightly). Next meeting '19 March Easter Activities Details Janet King 313946
8.15pm - 10.15pm Bedford Advanced Dancers Workshop St. Mark's 3rd Tuesday in month. Next meeting 26 March Shirley Sadler 01767 651767

Wednesday

9am -1pm Machine Knitting group at Putnoe Heights, fortnightly Changing to Fridays from 5 April (Same time an place.. Contact Marion Sutton 217647
9.30am Body Control Pilates. Putnoe Heights. Stephanie Smith 357787 or 07973174430.
9.30am Discover & Do (Childminders) St. Mark's. Clare Simmons 328380 or 07788824666
10am-2pm Open House at St Mark's for those with learning disabilities., their friends, family , carers and supporters 342613.
10am U3A Gardening Group 3 St Marks. (contact below)
10.00am Holy Communion. St. Mark's Chapel. A half hour service followed by coffee. All welcome.
10am U3A Card Making, St Marks (see contact details below)
10am U3A Diet and Nutrition- Putnoe (contact below)
11.15am U3A Keep Fit
12.30pm Luncheon Club. Putnoe fortnightly. Next meeting 13 March at Putnoe Heights Office 365630
1.00-3pm Police Surgery at Putnoe Heights (Fortnightly)
1.15pm Bridge Club for the Retired. St. Mark's. Mr Barnes 261811
2.00-4.00pm U3A Craft St Marks.(see contact details below)
2.00pm Fifty Plus Keep Fit Mrs Webster 856966
2pm U3A Gilbert and Sullivan
2.15pm - Fifty plus Keep Fit. Putnoe Heights Mrs Webster 856966
3.45.- 5.30pm Messy Church. St Mark's (3rd Wk). for children of lower school age and their carers. Bible-based story, crafts, singing and a meal. Next meeting 20th February Wendy Waters /401834
4.15pm Kumon Maths. Putnoe Heights Mrs Raksha Mistry 01908 392698
6.00 pm Brownies. St Mark's. Mrs C 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. Sylvia Woods 365095

7.00pm Putnoe Guild Putnoe monthly Mrs O Holt 266004

7.00pm Line Dancing Putnoe Mike Del-Boyer 348378

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 20 March. 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 1st week in the month. Jean Ross 771870

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.

9.45am Yoga Putnoe Heights Denise Green 244970

9.45am Chat and Play St.Mark's. A term time group for Mums & toddlers.0-5 Jo Garner 400071 or 07719670624

110-11.30am Gentle Yoga For more details contact Helen Nicholson Tel.03003004305

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 363283

1.30 - 3.00pm NHS Baby Clinic 1st and 3rd Thursdays St. Mark's 267444

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

2-4pm U3A Indoor Games. St.Mark's (contact below)

2.30 - 4.30pm Bedford Art Society St Mark's Mary Rich 272470

.5.00pm Weightwatchers. St. Mark's. Clare Martin 07805408811.

6.15pm Brownies. Putnoe Heights Lou Watkins .

7.00pm Club 2000 Putnoe Nina Ovenden 825059

7pm U3A Folk & Poetry St Marks (2nd and 4th week) (see contact details below)

7.15pm Putnoe Art Group Bob Wardale 406094

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

8 -10pm Bedford Folk dancers (formerly Barn dancers) Meet weekly at Putnoe Heights Different guest callers each week. All welcome, cost £2 Including refreshments. More details Ron 825574 or Shirley 01767 651767

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 Pat Cass 294220

8.00pm Brickhill Ladies Group St Mark's 1st and 3rd week in month Kay Logan 01234 309105.

Friday

10am -12.00 U3A Photography St Marks.(4th week)

(see contact details below)

10am - 12 & 1.15 - 3.15pm U3A Beginners French St. Marks (see contact details below)

2.00-4.00 pm U3A Whist St Marks. (contact details below)

2pm U3A Italian-Putnoe Heights (contact details below)

2pm U3A Gardening - Putnoe Heights

4.50pm-8.15pm Stars School of Dance Esther Richardson 295862 or 07917582468

6.00-7.00pm Zumba at St Mark's. Contact Denise Worker (07900 232648

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

7.45 - 10.45pm Bedford Astrology Club.St Marks(2nd week) 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 357198

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

6.45pm 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

10am—5.30pm Bedford Stamp Fayre. 1st Sunday Feb/ Apr/Jun/Aug /Oct/Dec. Contact P Harris 01623 621143

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.

7-9pm Tae Kwon Do St Mark's Adrian Felice www.bedfordtkd.com 07964356355



Messy Church Dates

Weds 20 March; Weds 17 April; Weds 17 May; Weds 19 June; Weds 18 Sept; Weds 16 Oct; Weds 20 Nov, Weds

U3A For information on the U3A groups meeting at St Mark's and Putnoe Heights Church please contact Yvonne Francis ☎405119

Diary Dates

St Mark's Church Council – 10 April, 11 June

St Mark's Leadership Team -

Annual Congregational Meetings 28 April 2013

Putnoe Heights Leadership Team - 3 June

Putnoe Heights Management Meeting

Putnoe Church Council - 19 February, 10 June, 24 Oct

Pastoral Group Meeting -

Churchyard Committee -

Brickhill Parish Council Meetings -

Commemoration Service Sunday 3 November 6.30pm

Circuit meeting -

Deanery Meeting -

Woodland Burial Trustees– AGM –Sunday 9 June

Putnoe Heights Children & Youth Meeting –

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

Mothering Sunday

Introductory Sentence - Isaiah 66.13

As a mother comforts a child so will I comfort you, says the Lord.

Collect Prayer

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bring together and to heal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

First Reading —Exodus 2: 1-10

Now a man of the house of Levi married a Levite woman, and she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him for three months. But when she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him and coated it with tar and pitch. Then she placed the child in it and put it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile. His sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him. Then Pharaoh's daughter went down to the Nile to bathe, and her attendants were walking along the river bank. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her slave girl to get it. She opened it and saw the baby. He was crying, and she felt sorry for him. "This is one of the Hebrew babies," she said. Then his sister asked Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?" "Yes, go," she answered. And the girl went and got the baby's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this baby and nurse him for me, and I will pay you." So the woman took the baby and nursed him. When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son. She named him Moses, saying, "I drew him out of the water."

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

Second Reading - Colossians 3:12-17

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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

Gospel Reading - John 19: 25b –27

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, "Woman, here is your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

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

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven; by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love: teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



Hymns *(Please distribute Hymns and Psalms and special Mothering Sunday Service leaflet)*

1. For the beauty of the earth 333
2. Give me joy in my heart 492
3. Love divine 267 (tune; Blaenwern)
4. Father in heaven (In Partnership News) (tune; Bunessan)
5. Now thank we all our God 566 (tune; Nun Danket)

Commentary

Today is about family love and support, and our readings give pointers and material for thought.

In Exodus 2 we see the love Moses' mother has for him. She is determined to keep him safe-even though that meant letting him go. Imagine her pain and sadness as she put him in that basket in the river. She wouldn't ever see him again! Except of course she did-and she could care for him and love him as he grew up. In John's gospel, despite being in agony on the cross, Jesus was more concerned about others than himself. He was still thinking about his mother and his beloved friend John, wanting to make sure that they would be alright after he was no longer with them.

Stephen Gaukroger in his book 'The Crucified King' comments as this reading: "The Greek term rendered *dear woman* in the NIV is hard to translate, but in the context of a family home it really means something as intimate as 'dear Mum'. Joseph was probably dead by now, and so Jesus was concerned that Mary would have trouble getting by without her eldest son. Looking down on her from the cross, he was saying to her, 'Dear Mum, I love you and I know you love me, and I appreciate all that you have done for me throughout my life. I am dying now, but I want you to be cared for in your old age. John here will take you home and care for you as if you were his own mother. And Mum, I want you to care for John and help him just as you have helped me all these years.' It really is amazing love that Jesus shows.

In Colossians Paul is suggesting that we need to live in step with one another. To co-operate, rather than get at each other's throats is the Christian way. It's Jesus' way! We can make Christ present in our divided world by showing qualities "that reduce or eliminate friction, ready sympathy, a generous spirit, a humble disposition, willingness to make concessions, patience, forbearance (C.F.D. Moule, 1968).

Forgiven by God, we should forgive; loved by God, we should love.

If we do that - or at least try to - who knows what the impact will be in all our relationships, with families and friends! And as for Christians living God's love together - well the world impact could be beyond imagining - it could be a real turning point *Richard Ledger*

Meditation

Love Changes Everything (Michael Ball)

Love, love changes everything
Hands and faces, earth and sky
Love, love changes everything
How you live and how you die
Love, can make the summer fly
Or a night seem like a lifetime
Yes love, love changes everything
Now I tremble at your name
Nothing in the world will ever be the same.

Love, love changes everything
Days are longer, words mean more
Love, love changes everything
Pain is deeper than before
Love will turn your world around
And that world will last forever
Yes love, love changes everything
Brings you glory, brings you shame
Nothing in the world will ever be the same.

Off in to the world we go
Planning futures, shaping years
Love comes in and suddenly
all our wisdom disappears
Love makes fools of everyone
All the rules we made are broken
Yes love, love changes everyone
Live or perish in its flame
Love will never let you be the same
Love will never let you be the same.

Mothering God who loves us passionately, we thank you for this love. We thank you too for the love of mothers for their children everywhere.

Where being a mother is hard give wisdom and strength;

where it is a joy and delight give hearts of thankfulness.

For those for whom this day brings sadness because of the loss of a mother, or motherhood, bring comfort.

And may the church as mother show forth your love to all We pray in the name of Jesus of Nazareth, who knew the care of his mother Mary. Amen

Prayers for Sunday and the Week Ahead

I thank you, O God, for the pleasures you have given me through my senses; for the glory of thunder, for the mystery of music, the singing of birds and the laughter of children. I thank you for the delights of colour, the awe of the sunset, the wild roses in the hedgerows, the smile of friendship. I thank you for the sweetness of flowers and the scent of hay. Truly, O Lord, the earth is full of your riches!

After Edward King, Nineteenth Century

In thy journeys to and fro
God direct thee;
In thy happiness and pleasure
God bless thee;
In care, anxiety or trouble
God sustain thee;
In peril and in danger
God protect thee.

Timothy Olufosoye, Nigeria

Father of all, the child born for us is the Saviour of the world. May he who has made us your children welcome us into your kingdom, where he is alive and reigns with you now and for ever. Amen.

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O God, as truly as you are our father, so just as truly you are our mother. We thank you, God our Father, for your strength and goodness. We thank you, God our Mother, for the closeness of your caring. O God, we thank you for the great love you have for each one of us. Amen

Mother Julian of Norwich (c. 1342-1415)

Thank you, Lord, for our mothers. We remember today their loving care, and their ceaseless love for us. May we show them by our gifts, our words and actions that we love them and care about them too.

Father, we thank you for the family of the church. Thank you for those who are true mothers within our Christian family. May they know your blessing and strength as they care for others.

God of intimacy, you surround us with friends and family to cherish and to challenge. May we so give and receive caring in the details of our lives that we also remain faithful to your greater demands, through Jesus Christ. Amen

Grant us, O God, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what you would have us do, that the spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices, and that in your light we may see light, and in your path we may not stumble; through Christ our Lord. Amen. *William Reed Huntingdon (1838-1909)*

Hymn for Sunday

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| 1. Father in heaven,
Thank you for mothers,
Loving and caring
All the day long;
Thank you for fathers
Working to feed us,
Mothers and fathers
Loving and strong. | 3. Thank you for Mary,
'Blest among women';
She whom you chose
To mother your Son;
Pattern of goodness,
Trust and obedience,
Help us to love you
As she has done. |
| 3. Guardian of truth,
The Church is our Mother:
Telling of Jesus,
Agent of grace,
Filled with his Spirit,
Making us brothers,
Joining his people
In every place. | 4. Parents and children
Praise God together.
Praise for homes
And all that he gives;
May we serve others
As serving Jesus,
Make every home
The place where he lives. |

St. Mark's Craft Stall Easter novelties will be on sale today at £1 each, after the morning service and then from the office.

Children's Easter Arrangements 2013

At Putnoe Heights Church Friday 29 March
Children's & Youth Good Friday Special Putnoe Heights Church. 12.15pm to 1.30pm
£1.00 Donation per child Easter Story, Crafts & Light Refreshments

St Mark's Church Council This will now take place on Wednesday 10 April at 7.30pm in the Chapel.

Church Annual Congregational Meeting will take place after church services on Sunday 28 April. 10.30am St Mark's and 12 noon Putnoe All are invited to attend.

A Circuit Quiet Day will be held on 20 March from 10.30 to 3.30 at Priory Methodist Church. Cost £3. Everyone welcome. Please see noticeboard in foyer for more details.

On behalf of Kisiizi Partners I am writing to thank Putnoe Heights Church for your kind and generous donation given in support of Kisiizi Hospital from your annual mission appeal. We very much appreciate your support and know that Ian Spillman will ensure the money is put to very good use. Many thanks. God Bless. Helen Smith Chair, Kisiizi Partners.

Kempston Musical Society present a Passiontide Meditation based on the gospel of St Mark, with music, at Priory Methodist Church on Saturday 16 March at 7.30pm. Admission £4.00.

Open House Coffee Morning to raise funds for Comic Relief, Wednesday 13 March at St Mark's 10.30 - 11.30am. We would welcome your support. Cheryl

Partnership Passover Remembrance Meal with Holy Communion. Maundy Thursday 28 March 7.30pm at Putnoe Heights. A worship service which combines the festival of Passover with a two course meal and Holy Communion. A collection will be taken to cover catering costs. Please add your name to the list (in welcome area at either church) if you would like to come.

"Life Is Taking Me" : A concert by Christian singer-songwriter Rory Malone. Rory is a talented young singer and acoustic guitar player (think Ed Sheeran!). His songs about life, love and relationships, faith and doubt, are beautifully crafted, and Rory's skilful use of his "loop-pedal" gives him huge range - from intimate ballad to massive multi-layered wall of sound. Come enjoy! 7.30pm Mar 22nd. Doors open 7pm. Christ Church, 117 Denmark Street, Bedford. Entrance: £2, including a drink from the Mocktail bar, access to a Chocolate Fountain, and other snacks!

Sad News It is with sadness that we have learnt this week of the death of Sarah Bassill, John & Pauline's daughter who died suddenly in hospital after a short illness. May our prayers be with the family at this sad time.

The Calvary Road Show The much acclaimed Gospel musical by Richard Tysoe. Performances 7.30pm, 10 March at Christ Church, Goldington Road, 16 March at The Holy Child & St Joseph, Midland Road and 17th March at St Paul's, Bedford

Action for Children All day collection at Bedford Station by several church members and others in the Circuit collected £161.93 for Action for Children on 1st March 2103. 59 stations around the country were similarly involved and in time we shall publish the total raised.

Easter Offering 2013 Envelopes will be in the vestibule on Palm Sunday for your use. Please give generously and return your envelope with enclosed contribution on Easter Sunday. With the enlarged circuit there are 2 venues for the Dedication Services to be held in May, and the theme will be Beyond the Harbour Wall.

Zimbabwean Supper with Christian Aid Sunday 24 March 6.30pm All Saints Church, Westbourne Road, Queens Park, Bedford, MK40 4LD. Join us for a Zimbabwean Supper with inspiring stories from Thelma Ntini, director of Christian Aid partner Debane Trust. Debane Trust are bringing water to the dry lands of Matabeleland South. Come and find out how the sandy landscape is becoming a fertile land for crops that feed families all year round. For more information please contact the Christian Aid office in Oxford oxford@christian-aid.org or 01865 246818

Easter Cards with an Easter Message and invitation to our services are now available for you to take and deliver in your road or to people who may be interested. for our service.

100 years of Mothering Sunday In 1913 Constance Penswick-Smith (1878-1938), the daughter of the vicar of Coddington, Nottinghamshire, caught the vision to celebrate Mothering Sunday. Later in 1921 Constance wrote a booklet asking for a full revival of Mothering Sunday, eventually founding The Society for the Observance of Mothering Sunday and spending more than 25 years promoting the celebration of the festival. Thanks mainly to Constance's efforts, Mothering Sunday - which has its roots in the pre-Reformation Church - has been widely observed and re-established across the Church of England, and celebrated in wider society.

The Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham has composed a new prayer for Mothering Sunday, which has been posted at www.prayoneforme.org:

Thank You to everybody who completed a form last week, especially for the email addresses which will be so valuable for enabling us to keep in touch and send out Partnership News—great if you ever miss a week in church ! Please do fill in a form this week.

Please complete a Church Membership Form

Our Annual General Church Meeting takes place on 28 April after the church service. It is really helpful and sometimes quite important for us to have accurate membership information for this meeting. Our churches pay a financial contribution to the Church of England or the Methodist Church for every member over 16 years of age. It is therefore important to have an accurate record of membership to enable us to pay our church share to the Church of England and the Methodist Church. It is also helpful to have up to date details if we need to make contact with you, perhaps when a pastoral situation arises.

If you consider yourself to be a member of this church, please would you kindly complete this form and return it to the church office, a minister or a member of the Leadership Team. You can also fax or Email your details. Please be assured we do not release your details to any other organisations.

It is becoming increasingly helpful to have a record of email addresses so please would you complete this. It is helpful and cost effective to communicate in this way and we will can send you copy of Partnership News each week which is helpful if you are unable to come to church for any reason. We will not share your details with anybody else.

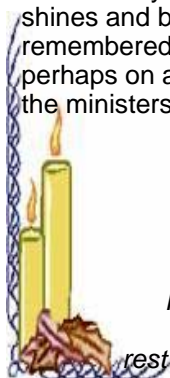
Name	<i>Please tell us the name by which you would like to be known, i.e. Fred, Betty etc.)</i>
Address	
Telephone	
Email	
Postcode	
Denomination	<i>Please simply say which denomination if any you have an attachment to, this might be the church in which you were baptised or grew up.)</i> C of E, Methodist, Other (please state)
Which Church you attend	<i>(Cross out which does not apply)</i> St Mark's, Putnoe Heights

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.

**Mary Appleton
Millie Meads
Sarah Bassill**

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



Forthcoming Funerals

Please remember these families and friends in your prayers.



The funeral of Mr Ernest Bevan will take place at St Mark's Church at 3.30pm on Monday 11 March followed by burial at St Albans Woodland Burial Ground