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Partnership News

11 February 2007

Second Sunday before Lent



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Partnership Church Services Today

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

9.30am St Mark's - Morning Worship

Preacher - Rev. Dr. Sam Cappleman
Leadership - Mrs Avril Williams
Intercessions – Mr Warwick Holden

11.00am Putnoe -Morning Worship

Preacher - Dr. Sam Cappleman
Leadership Team - Mrs Sam Ware
Intercessions - Mr Eddy Peck

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9.30am St Mark's - Holy Communion

Preacher – Mr Chris Izzard
Leadership - Mrs Avril Williams
Intercessions - Mr Ian Farthing

11.00am -Putnoe Heights - Holy Communion

Preacher - Mr Chris Izzard
Leadership Team - Mrs Jenny Emsley
Intercessions - Dr Tim Wilkes

Reading 1: Exodus 34: 29-end

Reading 2: 2 Corinthians 3: 12- 4: 2

Reading 3: Luke 9: 28-36

Thank You

The flowers in St Mark's Church have been given by Judith Griffiths in memory of her husband Colin for his birthday on 14 February.

Welcome

We especially welcome to our service today the family of Mollie Hannah Mae Wharton and Taela Ashlee Rose Wharton who have been brought for baptism.

Prayer for Sunday

O Lord my God, I adore you as my first beginning and I long for you as my last end. Conduct me, therefore, O gracious Lord, by your wisdom.

Restrain me with your justice, comfort me with your mercy, and defend me with your power; and of your love, enlighten my understanding, enflame my will and purify my soul; for Jesu's sake. Amen

Richard Challoner, 1691-1781

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Please inform us if you know of anyone who is ill, bereaved, housebound, requires a visit, home communion or counselling services. Please also ask us if you would like a home visit for any reason.

Putnoe Heights Church Centre

Open 9am—5pm Monday to Friday

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Gift Aid Administrator - Mr John Hitt 404186

Junior Church Co-ordinator - Mrs Liz Spavins 302349

St. Mark's Church Centre (Open 9am - 5.00pm)

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Centre Manager Miss Wendy Rider 342613

Leadership Team - Mrs Janet Day 295592

Treasurer - Mr John Day 295592 treasurer@thisischurch.com

Gift Aid Administrator Mr Jim Williams 360605

Regular Weekly Activities - A Guide To Our Churches

Monday

9.30 - 12.00 pm Mon-Fri Putnoe Heights Pre-school Mrs Janet Smith 326685
8.30 - 5.30 pm Mon-Fri St Mark's Pre-school Mrs. Helen Harpin 312634
(See website for more details)
9.00 am Clubhouse at St. Mark's for those with Learning Disabilities. Karen Bywater 315460.
12.00pm - 1.00pm Story box Putnoe Heights church welcome the under 5's and their carers to join them between 12noon and 1pm for a sandwich lunch followed by a Bible story, singing and activities. Lots of fun, donations. Contact Liz on 01234 302349
2.30 - 4.30pm Bedford Arts Society at Putnoe Heights contact Malcolm Smith on 01234 400741 (weekly from 25 September 2006)
4pm Monday Club at St. Marks for 3—8 year olds meet at 3.30. for refreshments , between 4 & 5 Bible story, craft activities & songs. Lots of fun. Contact Liz 302349
4.15pm - Rosemary Conley Diet & Fitness. Putnoe Heights. Miriam Adcock 01908 565044
4.15 - 6.00pm Kumon Maths at Putnoe Heights. Contact Ms Raksha Mistry 01908 392698
6.00pm Brownies St Mark's. Mrs C Mathew 826190
6.15 pm Brownies Putnoe. Sharon Tanner 364710
7.30pm Sugarcraft Guild meets first Monday every month at St. Mark's Mrs Pauline Parrott 768419
7.15 m Guides -St. Mark's. Mrs Gill Lake 218091
7.15pm Yoga at Putnoe Heights Church. Contact Karen Simpson 244970
7.30pm Creative Needles at Putnoe Heights. Jacky Hayward 307648. New members welcome.
7.30pm Whist Drive - At St Mark's each month next 19 February Contact Judith Stanton. 823313
7.30pm Housegroup 30 The Ridgeway. The home of Eddy & Margaret Peck 267567.
8.00pm 'Get Fit, Stay Fit' at Putnoe Heights. Mrs Diane Field 404976

Tuesday

9.30am Candlewicking (Needlework) at Putnoe Heights. Judi Staughton 341821
10.00am Keep Fit at Putnoe Heights. Mrs Stileman 822230
1.30-3pm Toddlers Playtime at Putnoe Heights. Geraldine Skeel 406828
9.30am -12.30 & 4 - 9pm Slimming World at St. Mark's. Helen Folbigg 351223
2.00pm Library Walk W.I. at Putnoe Heights meets monthly. Contact Mrs C Allen 363878
2 - 5pm Police Surgery. St Mark's Foyer.
2.15pm Putnoe Heights Women's Fellowship - Next meeting 30 January 2007 Members ; Something Old, Something New. Contact Betty Wyatt 350188.
2.30pm Mother Teresa Support Group. Meets fortnightly at St. Mark's. Wool and knitting needles

provided. Mrs Maureen Watling 262225
2.30pm Tuesday Afternoon Housegroup. Meets fortnightly at St. Mark's. For details of next meeting contact Mary Stubbs 406784.

3.45 - 5.30pm Stars School of Dance at Putnoe Heights. Esther Sancto 272517 or 07917 0582468.

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

7.00 - 8.00 pm Keep Fit at St. Mark's - Jan Gregory 214107.

Tuesday - 7pm-9pm MT Karate [all ages] at Putnoe Heights. Please contact Karen King 07941 264885

7.00 - 10pm Card Makers Club meets fortnightly at St Mark's. Carol Houghton 346718

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

7.45 pm Putnoe Heights Ladies Tuesday Club - Meets fortnightly. Next meeting 30 January Hearing Dogs for the Deaf Contact Audrey Wilkins 365068 or Margaret Gentle 309043

8.30pm St Mark's Church Qi Gong. Contact Mrs D Steele 356384

Wednesday

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

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

9.00 a.m. Clubhouse at St Mark's for those with Learning Disabilities. Contact Karen Bywater 315460.

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

10am Sewing & Chat Putnoe Heights Contact Valerie Russell 01462 815966

10.30 am U3A Art Appreciation meets fortnightly at Putnoe Heights - For details of next meeting Contact Audrey Hancock 365915.

Luncheon Club at Putnoe Heights fortnightly. For details of next meeting 21 February 2007 contact Putnoe 365630

1 - 3pm Police Surgery at Putnoe Heights .

1.30 - 4.00pm. Bridge Club for the Retired at St. Mark's. Mrs Truss Boyce 781133

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

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

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

6.15pm - 7.45pm Yoga and Relaxation at Putnoe Heights. contact Racheall Monton 01234 297138

6.30 - 7.30 at St Mark's Karate contact Karen 079412 64885

7.00pm Bunyan Bridge at St. Mark's. Brian Sallows 407725

7.00pm Archaeological & Local History Society

meets monthly at Putnoe Heights. Contact Sylvia Woods 365095

7pm Putnoe Guild meets monthly at Putnoe Heights. Janice Loxley 347073

7.45pm Badminton Club at Putnoe Heights - all welcome. Ken Marriott 214867

Thursday

9.30am Thursday Prayer Group at Putnoe Heights in the quiet room. Sylvia Cohen 343424 *Request for prayer can be written in the prayer diary on the information table.*

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

9.45am Yoga at Putnoe Heights. Karen Simpson 244970

1.30pm - 3.00pm Clinic at St. Mark's 267444

12pm Story box St Mark's Church welcome the under 5's and their carers to join them between 12 noon and 1pm for a sandwich lunch followed by a Bible story, singing and activities. Lots of fun, donations. Contact Liz Spavins on 302349

1.30-3pm Toddler Playtime at Putnoe Geraldine Skeel 406828

12pm - Putnoe Bridge Club. Gerald Palmer 345991

4.00 Story box Plus at Putnoe Heights for 4-11 year old. Meet at 3.30 for refreshments & games. Then till 5pm make props, sing & rehearse a short play to perform in church on the 1st Sunday of each month Lots of fun And it's free! Liz Spavins 302349

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

6.15 pm Weightwatchers at St. Mark's. Mrs Margaret Ralph 01767 224978.

6.15pm Brownies at Putnoe Helga Nash 218521

6.15pm Bedford Junior Chess Club. St. Mark's Mr & Mrs Pike 823795

7.00pm Club 2000 at Putnoe Sheila Jakeman 261935

7.30pm - 11.00pm Bedford Senior Chess Club at St Mark's Mr P Housden 376597

7.30 - 9.30pm Embroiderers' Guild at St Mark's 3rd Thursday of the month. Mrs E Rigby 344442

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

7.45pm Housegroup meets fortnightly Contact Betty Wyatt 350188

8.00 - 10pm Bedford Writers Circle at St Mark's 1st Thursday each month. Mr Broadhouse 740271

Friday

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

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

2pm U3A Gardening Group at Putnoe Heights Contact Eve Whitehead 356875

7 - 10pm Bedford Arts Society meets fortnightly at Putnoe Heights from 8 September. Contact Malcolm

Smith 01234 400741

7.30pm Youth Club for age 10-15 at St Mark's Church. Contact PCSO Rowland Gilbey 349179

Saturday

9.00 - 12.00 Stars School of Dance at Putnoe. Contact Esther Sancto 272517 or 07917 582468

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

7.15pm - 10.30pm Duplicate Bridge at St Mark's Contact Ann or Peter 212066

Sunday

Junior Church with crèche for under 3's

9.30 - 10.30 at St. Mark's

11-12 at Putnoe Heights.

1 - 3pm Tabernacle of Truth Church at Putnoe Heights - Worship. Contact Revd. Tarr 360188 Mob. 07866775515

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

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

Diary Dates

St Mark's Church Council – 12 June

Circuit Meeting - 14 March

St Mark's Leadership Team – 9 May 07 at the Vicarage, 26 June Linda's

Putnoe Heights Leadership Team -

19 February 2007 at Wendy's house

St Mark's Church Management Meeting -

20 February 6.30pm

Putnoe Heights Centre Management -

Putnoe Church Council - 11 June

Pastoral Group Meeting – 8 May 07

Churchyard Committee - 14 February 07

Putnoe Heights Mission Group Meeting

Partnership Council - 20 February at St Mark's

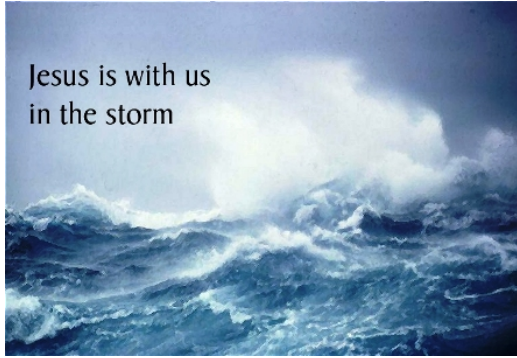
Brickhill Parish Council - 5 April 7 June, 5 July

Deanery Meeting -

Putnoe Heights Children & Youth– 23 April at

1.00pm

Calendar dates appear on our church website www.ThisChurch.com. Please advise St Mark's Church Office of the dates of your meetings.



2nd Sunday before Lent

Verse of Scripture -Psalm 65 v 3, 4

When we were overwhelmed by sins, you forgave our transgressions. Blessed are those you choose and bring near to live in your courts! We are filled with the good things of your house, of your holy temple.

Collect Prayer - *Before we read we pray*

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Bible Reading - Genesis 2: 4b-9 and 15 to end

When the LORD God made the earth and the heavens - and no shrub of the field had yet appeared on the earth and no plant of the field had yet sprung up, for the LORD God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no man to work the ground, but streams came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground- the LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. And the LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die." The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him." Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the beasts of the field and all the birds of the air. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds of the air and all the beasts of the field. But for Adam no suitable helper was found. So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and closed up the place with flesh. Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man." For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh. The man and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

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

Second Reading - Revelation 4

After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this." At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it. And the one who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian. A rainbow, resembling an emerald, encircled the throne. Surrounding the throne were twenty-four other thrones, and seated on them were twenty-four elders. They were dressed in white and had crowns of gold on their heads. From the throne came flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of thunder. Before the throne, seven lamps were blazing. These are the seven spirits of God. Also before the throne there was what looked like a sea of glass, clear as crystal. In the centre, around the throne, were four living creatures, and they were covered with

eyes, in front and in back. The first living creature was like a lion, the second was like an ox, the third had a face like a man, the fourth was like a flying eagle. Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all around, even under his wings. Day and night they never stop saying: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come." Whenever the living creatures give glory, honour and thanks to him who sits on the throne and who lives for ever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne, and worship him who lives for ever and ever. They lay their crowns before the throne and say: "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being."
(Reader: This is the word of the Lord - **All: Thanks be to God**)

Gospel Reading - Luke 8: 22-25

One day Jesus said to his disciples, "Let's go over to the other side of the lake." So they got into a boat and set out. As they sailed, he fell asleep. A squall came down on the lake, so that the boat was being swamped, and they were in great danger. The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Master, Master, we're going to drown!" He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided, and all was calm. "Where is your faith?" he asked his disciples. In fear and amazement they asked one another, "Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him."

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

Post Communion Prayer

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Hymns (Please distribute Hymns and Psalms and Morning Worship)

1. Thou whose almighty word, 29
2. I the Lord of sea and sky,
3. Praise the Lord, ye heavens adore Him, 15
4. All creatures of our God and King, 329
5. Lead us heavenly father, lead us, 68

Commentary Fantastic Readings

All of the bible readings set for today describe truly fantastic events. They are literally beyond human comprehension unless we suspend belief in the purely physical nature of our world. In Genesis, God takes a rib (or side) from Adam and brings forth Eve as the creation of man and woman is described. There are multiple plays on Hebrew words in this passage, God creates woman 'ishshah' from man 'ish', just as man, 'adam, was shaped from the dust of the ground, 'adamah. Hebrew too has no word for body, which is why these verses are now more accurately translated using the word flesh, which in itself has all the connotations of the weakness which would befall it later in the chapter. And though the world would fall, Revelation describes the glory of the heavenly world, a paradise of splendour and majesty where angelic beings worship at the throne of the lamb, the king of creation. Another fantastic story. The language of apocalyptic writings such as Revelation is richly symbolic and the importance of the visions described lie rarely in the immediate and literal meaning but rather in the imagery the writer intended to convey. It was written in a period of intense disturbance and persecution of the infant church as an encouragement against Rome and its empire (the Beast) who were being used by the real enemy, Satan, the great and only real enemy of Christ and His people. In our reading today the writer of Revelation, called John, describes God as the true and only Emperor, enthroned in heaven, surrounded by true worshippers. Revelation goes on to describe the judgement and ultimate annihilation that will come on those who persecute Christian believers and closes with an

account of the beauty of the New Jerusalem which is the church, on earth. The book is broader than even this basic meaning. It shows the unchanging realities on which our faith is founded, God's promise to be with His people, protecting them and saving them irrespective of the circumstances at any particular time in history or their personal lives. God's promise was the foundation of the confidence in Him we read in the Old Testament. The promise of the risen Christ that, 'I am with you always; yes, to the end of time', gives life to the church and Christians down the ages to the present time.

The gospel reading describes another fantastic event. The calming of a storm as Jesus demonstrates authority over the elements of nature and the creation. For the disciples in the boat this was no academic exercise in understanding the authority of Jesus, no tutorial on the power of Christ. It was a practical demonstration of the creation and the creator at work, demonstrating for them and us the irrefutable truth that God is with us whatever we happen to be going through at the time and whatever our fears. When we step out with God on our journey of faith, he will never leave us stuck in the middle of nowhere, isolated from Him, in danger of going under, but will be with us always as our creator and Father, saviour and friend. The Lord God, the almighty, the ruler of all, whom we worship with our lives at His throne. *Sam Cappleman*

Meditation

The fishing boats on Lake Galilee in Jesus' day didn't have keels. They were relatively flat-bottomed boats which could be easily pulled up on the beach to unload and used in the shallows along the shore. Great for flexibility, not good for stability in rough weather! The Sea of Galilee is a relatively small body of water about thirteen miles long and seven miles wide and prone to storms. If you were stuck in the middle of the lake in bad weather it was a terrifying situation to be in. Not surprisingly then, the disciples in the boat are petrified when one of these storms breaks upon them, fearing the worst. Only the strongest swimmer would ever be likely make it to the shore and even that was extremely unlikely from the middle of the lake. In a panic they wake Jesus, who in turn calms the storm, using the same tone and phrases as a teacher might use to get an unruly class under control. Different terrors haunt each one of us. The truth contained in the gospel passage is designed to calm all our fears and enable us to have inner peace. God Himself, through Jesus, invites our spirits to relax and let Him take care of the events that are raging beyond our control. *Sam Cappleman*

Prayers for Sunday and the week ahead

Father God, we all know what it is like to be gripped with fear, perhaps not just for a moment of time, but for weeks on end. Thank you for strengthening our faith, and the faith of the church. Thank you for sending Jesus to bring us to yourself. Thank you for sending the Holy Spirit to dwell with us and in us. Thank you that not a sparrow falls to the ground without you knowing it. Thank you for the comfort of your presence. Help us be assured of your presence with us always, not matter what we fear. Amen

Father forgive our unbelief. Teach us, and strengthen us so that our faith will appropriately reflect your greatness. Amen

When we fathom the life of things and of conditionality we reach the indissoluble, when we dispute the life of things and of conditionality we wind up before the nothing, when we consecrate life, we encounter the living creator God. Amen adap Martin Buber (1878 – 1965)

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight; and may the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen

News and Information

Book Sale Saturday 24 February from 10– 12 Noon.. Admission 30p ,refreshments & raffle. Please save your books & bring them to the church n Friday 23 between 7 & 8pm. Offers of help Appreciated either or both days. Sylvia Cohen 43424. In aid of Mission Funds.

Opening of the new church community centre at St Mark's. The new centre will hopefully be completed in the next couple of weeks and work is proceeding apace on the Garden of Remembrance. Whilst new users will begin using the centre immediately, there will be an official opening on March 9. We are delighted that the new centre will be opened by Mr Mike Bonney.

Putnoe Heights - £500 has been sent from Mission Funds to the Faith in Action Churches in Malawi to assist with the relief of the flooding and cholera there which has overwhelmed many villages - Sylvia Cohen 343424

The Chapel Chairs Would everybody who has bought a chair please give the wording which they would like on the plaque on their to Charlie, the leadership team or the Office.

Found -Yours? White pyrex plate with rose motif left after mission coffee morning at 30 The Ridgeway in December. Owner please contact Sylvia Cohen 343424



Are you willing?

This week every issue of Partnership News will contain a copy of the leaflet 'Are you willing.'

This leaflet encourages us to recognise that it is important for each one of us to have completed a will. Failure to do so can cause your loved ones untold misery. Be considerate. The leaflet also encourages us to consider remembering your church. A gift of this kind can transform the ministry of the church.



Lent Course 2007

The Lent course will take place as follows

- 28 February Heaven and Hell**
A Biblical perspective -a minister
- 7 March Professor Rev Dr Joan Crossley**
Images of heaven and hell in art
- 14 March Paul Crossley**
Medieval Images of heaven and hell
- 21 March Professor Paul Crossley**
Heaven and Hell in literature

Garden of Remembrance. The new pathways into the Garden may be used from Monday. New steps will be built for the entrance at the top of Calder Rise.

Special Church Council Meeting
A special meeting of St Mark's Church Council will take place on Thursday 15 February at 7.30pm in the chapel. The meeting will have an agenda of one item relating to woodland burial.

Wine Bluffs for Wine Buffs. 17 March at Putnoe Heights 7.30. An evening of wine tasting and food. In aid of NSPCC and Church funds. Tickets see Church Office/Jenny Emsley.

TNT and TXT will be having a talent competition next Sunday—prizes for the best / most original acts. Our judge for the evening Ms Kate Crossley.

Going Underground St Mark's Council heard this week of plans to develop underneath the church. By creating a lift inside the church, access could be made to the vault below. This would make ideal storage.





Putnoe Heights Church
 50th Anniversary Weekend
 16-17th June, 2007
 Putnoe Heights Church was
 opened and dedicated in June
 1957.

A weekend of celebration is being planned to include activities for families and a concert by Kempston Musical Society on Saturday with special services, including a Circuit service followed by a meal on Sunday. We would like to invite past members who have moved away so, if you are in touch with anyone who might be interested, please pass their names and details to Alan Cooper. Throughout the weekend, the church will be open with a display of 50 years of church history. If you have any photographs of weddings, christening or other events that we might borrow please contact Gerry Allen. Please help us to make the weekend a success.

St Albans to Taize 2007. Join this year's pilgrimage 21st - 30th July. If you are aged between 15 & 30 and would like to take part come along to a meeting on Saturday 31st March at Christ Church, Goldington Road, Bedford at 7.30pm.

Concert by Chapel Choir of Christ's College, Cambridge. Saturday 17 March at 7pm in St. Paul's Church, Bedford. Programme to include Scarlatti's Stabat Mater. Tickets £8 from : Heather Turnham 343477, /Central Box Office, /Classic Music, Lime St ,Bedford..

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.

Frederick William Jacks

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



St Mark's Coffee Rota. We would very much welcome volunteers to help make coffee on a Sunday morning. Please see Laura Farthing if you are willing to help.

Hymn for Sunday

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

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

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

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

Rest in Peace



The funeral of Mrs Glenys Hilary Northwood will take place at Bedford Crematorium on Tuesday 13th February at 12.15pm *Crossley*

The funeral of Mr Cecil Jack Woods will take place on Friday 16th February at 3.15pm *Royden*