



Methodist
Church

Partnership News

12 November 2006

Remembrance Sunday

Methodist Church & the Church of England in Partnership at both
Putnoe Heights Church & St. Mark's Church



Church of
England

Church Services Today

8.30 Holy Communion at ST MARK'S ONLY

9.30am St Mark's - Remembrance Sunday

Preacher - Rev Dr Sam Cappleman

Leadership - Mrs Janet Day

Intercessions - Mr Ian Farthing

11.00am Putnoe Heights - Remembrance Sunday

Preacher - Rev Dr Sam Cappleman

Leadership Team - Mr Dave Allen

Intercessions - Ministers

Joan is preaching at Clapham Methodist Church .

**3.00pm Partnership Commemoration Service
at St Mark's Church**

November 19th

8.30 Holy Communion at PUTNOE ONLY

9.30am St Mark's - Holy Communion

Preacher - Revd Bill Davies

Leadership - Mrs Delia Shephard

Intercessions - Mr John Tatman

11.00am Putnoe Heights - Holy Communion

Preacher - Revd Bill Davies

Leadership Team - Mr Alan Bayliss

Intercessions - Mr Eddy Peck

Reading 1 : Daniel 12: 1-3

Reading 2 : Acts 12:1-19

Reading 3 : Luke 19:1-10

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 Church this week have been given by Stephen and Pauline Clare to celebrate their recent wedding anniversary, and by Doreen Denny in memory of her husband, Len.

We are always grateful for any donations for flowers perhaps to celebrate a special occasion, an anniversary or in memory of a loved one. Please contact Miss Marion Prior 303254 (St Mark's) or Miss Jennie Cooper 404950 (Putnoe Heights)

Prayer for Sunday

I believe in the sun,
even when it does not shine.
I believe in love,
even when I cannot feel it.
I believe in God,
even when he is silent.

*Prayer scratched on the wall of a prison cell in
Cologne during the Second World War.*

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Partnership Pastoral Support Team Co-Ordinator & Churchyards Administrator

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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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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

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Centre Manager Miss Wendy Rider 342613

Leadership Team - Mrs Janet Day 295592

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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.

Mini-Strikers Sport for Children at Putnoe aged 2-4 years. Contact Andy Carey 01908 313751 or 07766 142754, or www.ministrikers.co.uk

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. Penny Fulham 406045

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 the next 20 November Contact Mrs. 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. Mrs Olive Shotbolt 267203

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 Morag Tompkins 356895

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

2.15pm Putnoe Heights Women's Fellowship - Next meeting 14 November—Remembrance Contact Betty Wyatt 350188.

2.15pm Putnoe Heights Men's Fellowship. Next meeting Contact Lawrence 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. Mrs 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 14 November - The work of a verger. Contact Madge Walsh 359088

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 15 November 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 Ms 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. Please 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

1.30pm St. Mark's Church Toddler Group. Debbie Coppenhall 356828.

2pm - Putnoe Bridge Club. Gerald Palmer 345991

4.00 Story box Plus at Putnoe Heights for 4-11year 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

7pm Street Dance at Putnoe Heights. Contact Curtis Ritchie 349255 or 07984 525147

7.00pm Club 2000 at Putnoe Mrs M White 404992

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

7.30 - 9.30pm Embroiderer's 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

8.00 - 10pm Bedford Writers Circle at St Mark's 1st Thursday each month. Mr John 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 13-18 at St Mark's Church. Contact PCSO Rowland Gilbey 349179

Saturday

9.30 - 11.30am 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

5 - 7pm Bethesda Church . Contact Pastor Denis Baka 07944 749357

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 - 4pm 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 , 2007

Circuit Meeting -

St Mark's Leadership Team – 27th November

Putnoe Heights Leadership Team -

21 November at Joan's house

St Mark's Church Management Meeting -

12.30pm 6 December

Putnoe Heights Church Management - 13th Nov

Putnoe Church Council 11 June 2007

Pastoral Group Meeting – 31 January 2007

Churchyard Committee - 29 November 11am.

Putnoe Heights Mission Group Meeting –

Partnership Council - 20 January at St Mark's

Brickhill Parish Council - 30 Nov

Deanery Meeting , 16 November

Putnoe Heights Children & Youth—20 November 1pm

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

Remembrance Sunday

Verse of Scripture - John 5 v 13

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

Collect Prayer - Before we read we pray

Eternal God, in whose perfect realm no sword is drawn but the sword of justice, and no strength known but the strength of love: guide and inspire all who seek your kingdom, that peoples and nations may find their security in the love which casts out fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

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

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

Second Reading - Romans 8:31-end

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

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

Third Reading - 1 Corinthians Chapter 15:50 - end

I declare to you, brothers, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed-- in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality.

When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain.

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



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 (Please distribute Mission Praise)

1. Judge eternal, throned in splendour, 409
2. The National Anthem, 194
3. I vow to thee my country (Printed on Partnership News)
4. Blest are the pure in heart, 724
5. All my hope on God is founded, 635

Remembrance Sunday Meditation.

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 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. *Sam Cappleman*

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. Paul in his epistles assures us that our labour and our service on this earthly world are not in vain. We may not know what the future holds for us but we do know who holds the future for us. In the words of Paul, God invites us to leave behind the perishable world in order that we can inherit the imperishable through a life of obedience and service to Him.

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 what lay before them, but responded to the call to leave behind the security they knew to go and serve their country. For some there may have been a sense of anticipation of what lay before them, for others a strong sense of a duty to be undertaken for their monarch and country, and for yet others, perhaps a sense of anger, foreboding or even the futility of war. Whatever the reason, they went. And 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. They, and others too, remember loved ones lost, not just as a name, rank or number but as person, an individual with a special place in their lives, as a father, son, mother, daughter, brother, sister, wife or husband. 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 gave their lives in war, and all those who suffer by its consequences today.

But as we look back at the readings not only do we see that we are called to serve and assured of an eternal future, we see a God who speaks and acts in society, a God of compassion, a God who convicts people of their fallen nature and their need to turn to Him. God is not remote; He is incarnate in every part of our lives. Nothing can separate us from the love of God. He is a God who cares passionately about each one of us as. 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. A victory which is not earthly or perishable but is eternal and everlasting. As Christians death is not the end, or even the start of the end, merely an end to the beginning. *Sam Cappleman*

When you go home tell them of us and say, for your tomorrow we gave our today.

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

Hymn 3. I vow to thee my country.

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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News and Information

Mission Project Thank you to everyone who took envelopes and letters regarding the Kisiizi mission project last week. If you did not have the opportunity to take one last week please pick one up on your way out of church this morning if you would like to be involved. Please place completed letters and donations in the offertory plate each week or hand in to one of the church offices. We will keep you regularly posted on progress thorough out the project. Once again thank you for your support.

Bedford Festival of Music, Speech & Dance 3-10 March 2007. If any of our young people from the Partnership would like to enter the Bible Reading, to continue the success of this year, could they please see Liz, as we need to register shortly.

Salvo Brass will give a charity concert on Friday 17 November at Salvation Army Centre, Commercial Road, at 8pm. Tickets £5, in aid of Fisherman's Mission. This internationally renowned band is based in the East Midlands. More details from Paul Jarrett 01234 306149 or see the Poster.

Belief. Bedford Ecumenical Lay Institute for Education and Faith. In place of our Advent Course we are encouraging everybody to attend. Course leaflets are available in the foyer with details of some excellent sessions. The courses are held at St Andrew's Church in Bedford. Please take a leaflet and consider joining one of the courses this advent. The next module "Thinking about God" led by Rev'd Dr Ian McIntosh begins on 8 November at 7.45 .
Weds 8 Nov. God as Creator
Weds 15 Nov God in Jesus
Weds 22 Nov God and Suffering
Weds 29 Nov God the Holy Spirit
Weds 6 Dec God as Trinity

Card sales at Putnoe Heights continue to do very well. We have recently sent £50 to Riverbank Children's Ward at South Wing Hospital and we are now raising money for the British Diabetic Association. Cards for special occasions and Christmas can always be made to order. Telephone 267567. Thank you for your continuing support. Margaret and Claire Peck.

Friends of the John Bunyan Museum invite you to An Evening with Terry Waite CBE on Thursday 23rd November 2006. 6.45 Refreshments, 7.30pm talk. Bunyan Meeting Free Church, Mill St Bedford. Tickets £8, friends £6, from church or phone 342711

Christmas Fair at Priory Methodist Church, Newnham Ave. Saturday 18 November from 10am to 2pm. Many stalls crafts, books, paintings, gifts etc.

Light refreshments and lunches available. Admission 50p (children free).

Putnoe Provender will be open for business on Sunday December 3rd after Morning Service. Cakes, jams, marmalade, chutney and of course, Putnoe's celebrated Christmas Puddings will be on sale. All proceeds to Kisiizi Hospital All contributions gratefully received(we have freezer space). John and Sally Gunning 305925

Partnership Commemoration Service Today at 3.00pm at St Mark's Church our preacher this year will be The Reverend Dr Sam Cappleman.

Storybox at St Marks.

We would like to thank all the ladies who regularly support our under 5 group each week by making the sandwich lunch on a Thursday. This group has been going for two years now and some of our volunteers feel it is time to move on from the catering. So we are now looking for some new people to join us in the New Year. Please see Liz, Joan or Janet for more details. Also if any one feels they would like to join the storytelling rota please also ask for details. Our Storybox group at St Marks attracted approx 30 children with their carers each week and remains a very important part of our church work. Please support us. Thank you.

Putnoe Management Meeting will take place on Monday 13th at 7.30pm at Barry's home, 19 Bamburgh Drive

Footprints Annual Planning meeting

Wednesday 15 November at the home of Sue & Richard Butler, 1 Mitford Close. 7.30 p.m. A social cum business evening to round off the year. Please come along with suggestions for next year's programme. If you would like to volunteer to lead a walk next year but are unable to attend the meeting please contact Sue on 407264.'

Concord singers Christmas concerts. Saturday 16 December, 7.30pm, at St Mary's Church Cardington, in aid of the church organ fund. Tickets £8 including refreshments. Saturday 23 December, 7.30pm, at St Mary's Church Oakley. Tickets £7.50 including refreshments.

Bible Readings Next Week. We are fortunate to welcome as our preacher next week The Reverend Bill Davies. He served as Principal Methodist Chaplain to the Prison service for 18 years and will speak about Prisons Week. For this reason our Bible readings have changed—please see page 1.

This interesting opportunity has arisen for someone to work with BME communities across Bedfordshire. The hours are flexible and can be fitted around other commitments although some evening work will be needed. For an informal chat and to find out more information about the job, please ring Gill Cook on 01525 844402!

Available free! Greenhouse; seen some service but complete. No charge, but new owner to dismantle and take away. Available immediately. Contact Eddy or Margaret Peck T: 267567

On Friday 1st December (World AIDS Day) : there will be a half hour service of prayer, readings, quiet and the lighting of candles at 6.00pm at St Paul's Church, Bedford to which all will be welcome.

St Mark's Christmas Fayre will take place on Saturday 25 November. We would be grateful for help with the following:

Tombola Stall - Any new unwanted gifts.

Bookstall - Nearly new books and puzzles.

Cake Stall - Any cakes for the stall will be much appreciated. Please bring them to the church on the Friday or Saturday morning.

Refreshments - We would very much appreciate donations of tray bakes to sell with tea and coffee. Volunteers to help in the kitchen on the day would be very welcome. Contact Avril Williams or one of the Leadership team.

Brickhill is a no cold calling zone and leaflets and door stickers have been supplied to every home in the parish advising residents. These have numbers which you should call if people come to your door—such as the bogus caller hotline 08454 04 05 06. No cold calling zones have been proved to reduce

crime. There are many thieves around—especially active at this time of year and they are now operating across Brickhill and Putnoe. Many people have been conned into letting 'officials' or other people into their home. Follow the simple rules.

1. Never buy anything on the door step.
2. If you are elderly **never** open the door to anybody you do not know.
3. Always telephone the police to report suspicious people who call — you may prevent a crime.



Christmas Fayre Book Stall

We will be running a Church Book and puzzle stall on 25 November. Donations of all types of books and jigsaw puzzles (in good condition only please) will be very gratefully received. Please drop your books in to the office at St Mark's or ring Delia Shephard 273628 if you need them to be collected.

Christmas Voices. Friday 8 December 7pm at Putnoe Heights. (Please note early start) An evening of favourite poetry, prose and Bible readings with a Christmas theme. Tickets £3.00 to include a drink and mince pie. In aid of Kissisi. Requests for readings to be included to Joan Crossley or Sue Allen.

Appeal for cleaning team at Putnoe Heights. It involves 45 mins. once every 6 weeks for light cleaning duties on a Saturday morning. Please speak to us at church or telephone Bedford 261736. Peter and Joy Parker.

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.

Malcolm Donald Cracknell
Renato Marcello Montalbetti (Tony)

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



Rest in Peace



The Funeral of Mr Joseph George Waters will take place at Bedford Crematorium on Friday 17th November 2006 *(Royden)*

The funeral of Eric Arthur Mooring will take place at Bedford Crematorium on Friday 24th November at 2.30pm