



Methodist
Church

Partnership News

13 November 2005

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 Service of Holy Communion Both churches

9.30am St Mark's Church -Morning Worship

Preacher - Revd Neil Bramble-Chapman

Leadership Team -Mrs Avril Williams

Intercessions - Mr John Tatman

11.00am -Putnoe Heights –Morning Worship

Preacher- Revd Neil Bramble-Chapman

Leadership Team -Mrs Jenny Emsley

Intercessions – Mrs Claire Peck

**Commemoration service today
at St Mark's Church 3.00pm**

20 November

8.30 Service of Holy Communion Both churches

9.30am St Mark's Church – Holy Communion

Preacher - Revd Charles Royden

Leadership - Mr Ian Farthing

Intercessions - Mrs Pat Leusby

11.00am Putnoe Heights—Holy Communion

Preacher – Revd Charles Royden

Leadership Team - Mrs Wendy Nash

Intercessions - Mr T Wilkes

Next Week's Bible Readings

1 Reading Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-23

2 Reading - Ephesians1: 15-23

3 Reading Matthew 25: 31-46

Thank You

The flowers at Putnoe Heights Church this week have been given by Grace Foster and family in ever-loving memory of Bob.

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

Prayer for Sunday

Slow us down, O Lord,
So we may "let the land lie fallow,"
So we may take the time
To view your Creation with Reverence,
To see the needs of all Your family,
To share with our brothers and sisters,
To celebrate with them
the abundant life You offer,
As we create Sabbath time in our own lives
And in our communities.
Help us to become sensitive to
The rhythms of Your seasons
And to rest in the security
Of Your grace. Amen.



We Will Remember them...

Regular Weekly Activities - A Guide To Our Churches

Monday

9.30 - 12.00 pm Pre-school (See website for more details) Mrs Janet Smith 326685 (Putnoe Heights) or Mrs. Helen Harpin **312634** (St. Mark's).

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

10.00am Supple Strength at Putnoe Heights. Louise Woodcock 270302

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, no charge. Contact Liz on 01234 302349

4pm Story Box Plus at St.Marks for 4—11 year olds meet at 3.30. for refreshments & games, then till 5pm make props, sing & rehearse a short play to perform in church the 1st Sunday of each month. Lots of fun. Free. Contact Liz 302349

4.15 - 5.45pm Kumon Maths at Putnoe Heights. Contact Ms Raksha Mistry 01908 392698

6.00pm Brownies St Mark's. Mrs C Mathew 400987

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 21 November Moorfields & Sight Concern 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

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

10.00am Keep Fit at Putnoe Heights. Mrs Stileman 822230

1.30-3pm Toddlers Playtime at Putnoe Heights. Geraldine Skeel 406828

12 noon - 10.00 pm Slimming World at St. Mark's. Sessions start at 12, 1.30pm, 4pm, 5.30pm & 7.15pm Val Careless 345213.

2.00pm Library Walk W.I. at Putnoe Heights meets monthly. Contact Morag Tompkins 356895

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

1.30pm Body Control Pilates at Putnoe Heights. Stephanie Smith 357787

2.15pm Putnoe Heights Women's Fellowship - Next meeting 8 November—Remembrance .Betty

Wyatt 350188.

2.15pm Putnoe Heights Men's Fellowship. Next meeting 15 November Mr.C.Parry ' The Gunpowder Plot' 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. Mary Stubbs 406784.

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

6.45pm Guides at Putnoe Heights. Emma Holloway 293792

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

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

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

7. 45 pm Putnoe Heights Ladies Tuesday Club - Meets fortnightly.at 7.45pm Next meeting 15 Nov. Paramedics. Madge Walsh 359088

8.30-9.30pm St. Mark's - Qi Gong (Self help healing group) - Mr F Steele 355937

Wednesday

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

9.30am Bedford U3A at Putnoe Heights meets bi-monthly. Next meeting . Jenny Coggins 266379

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

Luncheon Club at Putnoe Heights fortnightly. Next meeting 16 November 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

4.15pm Kumon Maths at Putnoe Heights Ms Raksha Mistry 01908 392698

6.00pm Self Defence at Putnoe Mr James 07711 687449

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

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

7.00pm Archaeological & Local History Society meets monthly at Putnoe Heights. Next meeting . Sylvia Woods 365095

7pm Putnoe Guild meets monthly at Putnoe Heights. Pam Holley 771964

7.45pm Kick Boxing Junior classes at St Mark's. Contact Mr James 07711687449 or 07810234890

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

8.45-9.45pm St. Mark's - Qi Gong (Self help healing group) starting Mr F Steele 355937

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.*

9.45am Yoga at Putnoe Heights. Karen Simpson 244970

10.30am - 12.00am Fledglings at St Mark's

2.00pm - 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, no charge. Contact Liz Spavins on 1234 302349

1.30-3pm Toddler Playtime at Putnoe Heights. Geraldine Skeel 406828

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

2.30 Bedford Arts Society at St. Mark's. Celia Maddison 782901

2pm U3A Indoor Games at Putnoe Heights. Radmila Dancer 404811

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. 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 Heights. Helga Nash 218521

7.00pm Club 2000 at Putnoe Height. Pat Stidolph 345247

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

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

7.30 - 9.30pm Embroiderer's Guild St Mark's- 3rd Thursday of the month. Mrs K Sage 771525

Bibleway Church 7.30—9.30-Putnoe Heights Bible Studies every 2nd Thursday- Pastor Tarr 360188

7.45pm. Housegroup- Meets fortnightly at 3 Little Headlands. Newcomers always welcome. Betty Wyatt 350188

8.00 - 10pm Bedford Writers Circle meets at St Mark's 3rd Thursday each month. 1st Thursday as from January 2006 Mr John Broadhouse 740271

Friday

9.30am U3A Exercise at Putnoe Heights. Carole Maunder 301325

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

6pm Self Defence at Putnoe. Mr James 0771 687449 or 07810 234890

7. 30pm Bibleway Young Peoples meeting Contact Pastor Tarr 360188

Saturday

9.30am Stars School of Dance at Putnoe Heights. Contact Esther Sancto 272517

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

2.30pm Calligraphy Group at Putnoe Heights. Meets monthly next meeting. Philip Jones 350295

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 & 7-9pm Bibleway Church at Putnoe Heights - Worship. Contact Revd. Tarr 360188 Mob. 07866775515

6.00pm TNT (The Nearly Teens) meet fortnightly at Putnoe Heights for various fun activities. Contact Putnoe Office 365630

Diary Dates

St Mark's Church Council
8 February 2006

Circuit Meeting 16 March 2006

St Mark's Leadership Team -
2006 17 January, 21 February,

24 April, 6 June, 12 September

Putnoe Heights Leadership Team 21 November
meet at Putnoe Heights Church

St Mark's Church Management Meeting
2 November 2005. All meetings to start 7.00pm

Putnoe Heights Management - 14 Nov,
16 Jan 2005

Putnoe Church Council 6 February 2006

Deanery Synod 16 November 2005

Pastoral Group Meeting - 6 February 2006 2.00pm

Churchyard Committee - 31 November 2005 10am

Putnoe Heights Mission Group Meeting-
18 January 2006 7.30p.m. at 14 Flint Way..

Partnership Council - 24 January 2006

Brickhill Parish Council

Joint Deanery Circuit 18 January,

Annual Congregational Meeting 7 May 2006

Calendar dates appear also on our church website
www.ThisChurch.com.

Please advise St Mark's Church Office of the

Bible Notes

Ordinary 33 Year A 2nd Before Advent (Green)

Verse of Scripture (Psalm 121.1-2)

I lift up my eyes to the hills – from whence will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

A 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.



*Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called Sons of God*

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

Third Reading - Matthew 5: 1-12

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

Post Communion Prayer

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

Hymns (Please distribute)

1. H&Ps 28 o worship the king
2. MP 170 Give thanks
3. H&Ps 699 Lord of creation
4. H&Ps 776 make me a channel of your peace
5. H&Ps 705 take my life and let it be

Commentary

Today is Remembrance Sunday. It is a time when powerful memories come once again to the fore; memories of lost brothers in arms, memories of the horrors of war, memories of those who never returned. It is all too easy to gloat as victors, even 60 years on from the end of the Second World War. That gloating and rivalry will have been evident at yesterday's football international against Argentina, it will be evident next year with the Football World Cup in Germany. Yet gloating is not what we are about, we are here to remember and to work for peace. On holiday this year in France we met some German tourists at a B&B and shared Basil Fawlty's desperate attempts not to mention the War! In good humour, we were able to identify the common ground of seeking peace and reconciliation. We recognised the common bonds of humanity shared across international divides and were able to be friends, united as tourists and as people who desired peace.

Of course that peace cannot come at any cost. Sometimes in terms of lives lost, in terms of sacrifice made, in terms of what is lost, peace may be too costly. Or is it? Is peace our ultimate goal? If we look at the world today we see endless wars, acts of terrorism, mass destruction. The First World War was seen by many of that generation as the war to end all wars. Quite plainly it wasn't. War is a fact of human existence. Why? That is a complex problem. Fear, greed, envy, hatred, history, injustice and many other factors determine the start of war, but at the heart is an emptiness. It is an emptiness of the human spirit, something lacking deep within human beings. A large part of this emptiness is a lack of contentment, being OK with what we have, not constantly desiring what we do not possess.

The peace that we seek is both an absence of war and an infilling of the spirit, a gift of peace from the Holy Spirit, a gift of contentment, love, acceptance and justice. May this be the gift from God that we seek this Remembrance and perhaps as an early Christmas gift too. Neil Bramble-Chapman

Meditation

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

Prayers for Sunday and the week ahead

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict, and ask that God may give us peace:

For the service men and women who have died in the violence of war, each one remembered by and known to God; May God give peace, **God give peace**

For those who love them in death as in life, offering the distress of our grief and the sadness of our loss; May God give peace, **God give peace**

For all members of the armed forces who are in danger this day, remembering family, friends and all who pray for their safe return; May God give peace, **God give peace**

For civilian women, children and men whose lives are disfigured by war or terror, calling to mind in penitence the anger and hatreds of humanity; May God give peace, **God give peace**

For peace-makers and peace-keepers, who seek to keep this world secure and free; May God give peace, **God give peace**

For all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership, political, military and religious; asking for gifts of wisdom and resolve in the search for reconciliation and peace. May God give peace, **God give peace**

O God of truth and justice, we hold before you those whose memory we cherish, and those whose names we will never know. Help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world, and grant us the grace to pray for those who wish us harm. As we honour the past, may we put our faith in your future; for you are the source of life and hope, now and for ever. Amen.

Prayer of Supplication

Loving God, in a world where justice has not rolled down as waters, nor righteousness as a mighty stream, where knowledge floods in, but there is only a trickle of wisdom, we pray for this church. Turn our efforts to good, so that as our understanding increases, our sense of responsibility will deepen, and we will complete our time here having made the world more habitable, and ourselves more humane. We pray this, O God, in the power of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer of Petition

Almighty God, surrounded by a host of demands, we seek direction for our lives. Give us patience in the face of provocation. Sustain our hope that disturbed relationships can be improved. Sway us away from indifference and indolence. Show us the way we can produce love in action in our families. Encourage us when we are afraid of the demands of your righteousness. Amen.

Almighty God, keep us mindful of all your benefits and heedful of our high calling, that we may yield ourselves in new obedience to your holy will, and live henceforth as those who are not their own, but are bought with a price; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

A Hymn for Sunday

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks, because He's given Jesus Christ His Son.

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks, because He's given Jesus Christ His Son.

And now let the weak say I am strong, let the poor say I am rich,
because of what the Lord has done for us.

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And now let the weak say I am strong, let the poor say I am rich,
because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks. (Finish)

2005 Partnership Advent Course

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| 28 November | The Right Reverend Christopher Herbert, Bishop of St Albans |
| 5 December | Professor Paul Crossley 'Poetry and the Bible' |
| 12 December | The Reverend Charles Royden 'Christmas and the New Testament stories' |
| 19 December | The Reverend Dr Sam Cappleman 'The Second Advent of Jesus' |

All take place at Putnoe Heights 7.30pm—9.00pm. Please put these dates in your diary and consider inviting friends who may appreciate considering the meaning of Christmas.

News, Views and Information

St Mark's Week Offering Envelopes

Replacement sets of numbered weekly offering envelopes are now available in the Church foyer. There are a number of ways in which you can make regular offerings:

1. Numbered Weekly Envelopes, as mentioned above. These are predated for each Sunday, in order that regular weekly offerings can be made.

2. By Standing Order. This method ensures regular payments are made to St Mark's, directly into the Church's bank account. St Mark's standing order mandate forms are available.

3. Pew Gift Aid Envelopes. These can be used if you are a tax payer, but require the declaration to be completed on a regular basis.

Whichever method is used, if you are a tax payer, we are able to claim an additional 28% from the Inland Revenue on all gifts that are made - provided that you have completed a declaration.

We are very grateful for the generosity shown by everyone at St Mark's. However, it is vital for the ongoing work of our Church, that we review the amount we are able to give, and that we make our gifts on a regular basis.

For further details on any aspect of giving to St Mark's please see either Jim Williams or John Day. Thank you once again.

Partnership Youth and Children's Choir at St. Mark's & Putnoe Heights. We will start rehearsal next Sunday 13 November during Junior Church sessions in preparation for the Gift service on 4 December, the Christingle on 11 & the Crib service on 24 December. Liz 302349.

Bedfordshire Festival of Music, Speech & Drama. If any young person would like to enter this in March 2006 under the class of '5 minute Bible Reading' representing St. Mark's or Putnoe Heights please see Liz. All entries must be in by 10 December. Joan & I will help you with choice of passage & practice.

Autumn Craft Day Saturday 19 November at Priory Methodist Church from 9.45 to 4.30. £3 per half day session. Information & booking forms from Pam Seymour 305695.

Commemoration Service. The Partnership Commemoration Service for the Faithful Departed takes place at St Mark's Church today—Remembrance at 3.00pm. This annual service is open to everybody and we hope that you will feel able to come, especially if you have a special memory for somebody who has died.

We really need your books - There will be a second hand book stall at the Christmas Fayre. We would be most grateful for any books, jigsaws or games (good condition only please) Please bring them to St Mark's Church or we can collect (ring the office to make arrangements). Delia Shephard.

Partnership Council. Members of the Partnership Council are invited to lunch at the Vicarage on Sunday

18 December. Please arrive from 1.30pm
It would be helpful for catering to know if you are able to come.

World AIDS Day 1 December service of prayer support and remembrance at St Paul's Bedford at 6.30pm (don't be put off by the Christmas Tree Festival which closes at 6.00pm) HIV/AIDS is on the increase in the UK. This annual reminder is not untimely

Bark Sale. Bark is available for purchase at St Mark's. A donation of £1 will be welcomed for a bag. Just time to get things tidy in the garden before the cold weather.

Hazeldene Heights Pre-school are holding a Nearly New Toy Sale on Friday 18th November 7.00-7.45pm at Putnoe Heights. Admission 50p.

Putnoe Provender—Sunday 4th December
We shall be open for business on 4th December after the Morning Service. All offerings of cakes, jam, marmalade, chutney, fruit, vegetables etc. will be gratefully received. The ever popular Putnoe Christmas Puddings will also be on sale. Proceeds will be shared 50/50 between St Mark's Autism Bedfordshire Appeal and Putnoe Heights Church. Please give this your full support. John and Sally Gunning (305925)

Mission Coffee Morning Saturday 26th November 10.a.m. to 12 noon at the home of Stephen and Pauline Clare 35 Brecon Way. Cakes - Raffle. Proceeds to Mission Fund.



**St Mark's
Christmas
Craft Fayre**

**Saturday 19
November
11am—4pm**

The Christmas Fayre is just one week away!!!

On the table in the foyer are some A5 flyers. We would be grateful if they could be delivered to your road as a way of advertising the event. Your support in this would be very much appreciated. Many thanks.

St Mark's Church Christmas Craft Fair — We are all looking forward to another Christmas Fayre spectacular. Help, both in the kitchen and in the fayre itself, would be appreciated. If you can spare an hour on that day please speak with Avril Williams or one of the Leadership Team. Cakes for the Church stall will be very welcome.

Confirmation at St Marks and Putnoe We would like to offer confirmation classes to adults and younger members of our Churches starting in January, possibly during part of the Morning Services. This would be a combined Anglican and Methodist teaching programme and will conclude with an Ecumenical Service of Confirmation on 12 March at 11am at Putnoe Heights, by the Bishop of Bedford & a representative of the Methodist church. If you are interested please speak to one of the Ministers.

Bed: Rock 2005 Presents live in Concert. Sunday 20 November 2005 at 7.30pm. Esquires Nightclub, Greyfriars, Bedford. Ages 13+ Tickets £10 in advance £12 on door. Hotline 08702 861537. Visit www.bedrock2005.org.uk

Footprints Annual Planning Meeting. Wednesday 15th November, 7.30 pm, at the home of Alison and Warwick Holden, 16 Swindale. Please park at St. Mark's. Ideas welcome for next year's walks and activities. The last walk of 2005 will be a town Walk to appreciate the Bedford Christmas Lights, starting from the top of the Castle Mound at 4.30pm on Sunday 27th November. All are welcome to join us. Sue Allen Tel 407264

Come and Sing with John Bell, of the Iona Community. The songs of The Wild Goose publications are strong on Peace and Justice and Support for the world's poor. Thursday 17 November 2005. 4 - 6pm Music workshop for musicians and worship leaders (£5.00) 6- 7 Punjabi supper (£5.00), 7 - 9 Big sing for all (Free). Register with Rosemary Buckle 328745 or email rand@harland-buckle.co.uk

Visual Prayer. The Bishop of St Albans has produced a CD entitled "Visual Prayer". It contains ten commentaries and meditations on great paintings such as Rembrandt's Presentation in the Temple. The CD will be launched on December 1st at the Abbey. Call Andy Crooks on 01727 853305 free tickets. The cost of the CD will be £10. More information at www.visualprayer.org.uk

Partnership Singers are invited to gather on Friday evenings for four weeks starting 25 November 7pm at St Mark's. We shall sing during the two Candlelit Carol Services, Saturday 17 December at St Mark's and Sunday 18 December at Putnoe at 6.30pm. Please ring me to indicate your availability on 01234 303254. New members welcome, especially men!!

Spectrum Tutorials

Individual tuition in GCSE AS and A Level Maths and Physics. If you would like help please contact Dr Tim Wilkes 349834

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Now is an excellent time to consider a new extension or conservatory in time for building in Spring

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.

**Alan William Charge
Christopher John Jackson**

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

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

Rest in Peace. Forthcoming funerals to be taken by our Ministers

The funeral of Terry Patterson will take place at Bedford Crematorium on Tuesday 15 November at 2.30pm Charles Royden