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# Partnership News

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Ordinary 11



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## Partnership Church Services Today

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

**9.30am St. Mark's - Holy Communion**

Preacher - Revd Dr Sam Cappleman  
Leadership Team - Mrs Laura Farthing  
Intercessions - Mrs Pat Leusby

**11.00am Putnoe Heights - Holy Communion**

Preacher - Revd Dr Sam Cappleman  
Leadership Team - Mr Lawrence Wyatt  
Intercessions - Mrs Claire Peck

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**9.30am St. Mark's Church – Morning Worship**

Preacher - Mrs Sue Plant  
Leadership Team - Mr Mike Cooper  
Intercessions – Ministers

**11.00am Putnoe Heights– Morning Worship**

Preacher - Mrs Sue Plant  
Leadership Team – Mrs Wendy Nash  
Intercessions – Mr Edward Peck

**Bible Readings**

1. Genesis 21: 8-21
2. Romans 6: 1b-11
3. Matthew 10: 40-42

## Thank You

The flowers at Putnoe Heights this week have been given by The flowers at Putnoe Heights Church this week have been given by Harry and Margery Charie on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

The flowers at St Marks this week have been given by Penny Puttock to celebrate her mother's 86th birthday.

## Prayer for Sunday

Lord, let us be alert to you  
in the silence of our hearts.  
Let us be host to you in our homes.  
Let us discern you in our deeds of compassion.  
Let us welcome you in the guest at our table.  
Let us receive you in the intimacy  
of the upper room  
and finally let us behold you  
in the glory of your kingdom;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Evelyn Underhill, 1875-1941*

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# Regular Weekly Activities - A Guide To Our Churches

## Monday

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

Headteacher Mrs Janet Smith ☎326685

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

Headteacher Mrs. Helen Harpin ☎312634

*(See website for more details)*

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

**10.00am Bakers Barn Art Group.** St Mark's

Mr Kellie ☎721063

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

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

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

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

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

**4.15pm Kumon Maths** Putnoe Heights. Mrs Raksha Mistry ☎01908 392698

**6.00pm Brownies** St Mark's. Mrs C Mathew ☎826190

**6.15 pm Brownies** Putnoe. Sharon Tanner ☎07720712735

6.15 Pilates at Putnoe Heights Jane Butcher 300859

**7.30pm Sugarcraft Guild** St Mark's 1st week every month Pat Nicholson ☎353518

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

**7.15pm Yoga.** Putnoe Heights Lena Holland ☎244970

**7.30pm Whist Drive.** St Mark's 3rd & 5th week each month. Next meeting 16 June Judith Stanton. ☎823313

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

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

## Tuesday

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

**9.30am -12.30 & 4-9pm Slimming World** St. Mark's.

Helen Folbigg ☎351223

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

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

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

**2.00pm U3A Book Group.** St Mark's 3rd Tuesday of the month Mrs Berman ☎364723

**2.00pm Library Walk W.I.** Putnoe Heights, meets monthly. Mrs C Allen ☎363878

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

**2.15pm Putnoe Heights Women's Fellowship.** Next meeting 17 June Mr. Stimpson 'Kenya Orphanage Project' Betty Wyatt ☎350188.

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

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

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

**7.00pm Hearts in Beds Cardiac Support Group**

St Mark's 1st Tuesday ☎Parsons 351150

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

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

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

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

**7.30pm Putnoe Heights Ladies Tuesday Club** - Meets fortnightly. Next meeting 17 June 'Willing Warblers' Charity evening £5 including refreshments & lucky programme. Audrey Wilkins☎365068 or Margaret Gentle ☎309043

## Wednesday

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Luncheon Club.** Putnoe Heights fortnightly. Next meeting 18 June 2008 Putnoe Heights Office ☎365630

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

**1.00-3pm Police Surgery** at Putnoe Heights .

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

**1.45 Scots Society Whist** monthly .All welcome Nancy Barr 268147

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

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

**4.15pm Kumon Maths.** Putnoe Heights Mrs Raksha Mistry ☎01908 392698

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

**6.15pm Yoga and Relaxation** Putnoe Heights Racheall Monton ☎01234 297138

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

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

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

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

**7.00pm Putnoe Guild** Putnoe Heights monthly Janice ☎Loxley 347073

**7.00pm U3A Sky at Night** 2nd Wednesday of the month.

Mr Farish ☎824984

**7.45pm Badminton Club** Putnoe Heights All welcome.

Ken Marriott ☎214867

**8.00pm Tudor Reeds Folk Dance Club** St Mark's, 1st, 3rd & 5th Wednesday. Next meeting 18 June 2008 Graham ☎406359 or Alan 345312.

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

7.45 for 8pm God talk—women's group monthly meeting 11 June for worship and friendly chat at Wendy Nash's

Contact Majella Atkinson ☎325293

### Thursday

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

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

**9.40am Jo Jingles.** St. Mark's. Music & movement for pre-school children. Jayne Phillips ☎01582 485333

**9.45am Yoga** Putnoe Heights Lena Holland ☎244970

**9.45am Chat and Play** weekly at St. Mark's. A group for Mums & toddlers. £1.75. More details from St. Marks

Office ☎342613 or Emma Strangwick ☎211070

**12pm Storybox** weekly at St Mark's welcome the under 5's and their carers to join them between 12 noon and 1pm for a sandwich lunch followed by a Bible based story and singing. Lots of fun. Contact Emma Strangwick ☎211070

**1.30—3.00pm NHS Baby Clinic** St. Mark's 267444

**1.30pm Toddler Playtime.** Putnoe Majella Atkinson ☎325293.

**2pm Putnoe Bridge Club.** Gerald Palmer ☎345991

**5.30pm Police Surgery.** St Mark's Foyer.

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

**6.15pm Brownies.** Putnoe Heights Helga Nash ☎218521

**6.15pm Bedford Junior Chess Club.** St. Mark's

Mr C Hill ☎772922

**7.00pm Club 2000** Putnoe Heights

Nina Ovenden ☎825059

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

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

**7.30pm Bedford Senior Chess Club** St Mark's Mr P Housden ☎376597

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

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

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

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

### Friday

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

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

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

**2.00pm U3A Gardening Group** Putnoe Heights Eve Whitehead ☎356875

**6.30pm –7.30pm Line Dancing. Beginners 7-8pm Improvers** St Mark's Christine Rushton ☎782360

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

**7pm Youth Club for age 10-15.** St Mark's Church.

Contact PC Dave Hawkey ☎349179

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

### Saturday

**9.00pm Stars School of Dance.** Putnoe

Esther Sancto ☎295862 or ☎07917 582468

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

1.30pm Young Embroiders bi monthly Terry Fletcher Tel 357198

**7.00pm Duplicate Bridge.** St Mark's Mrs Pillinger ☎212066

### Sunday

**9.30 - 10.30 Church and Sunday School** at St Mark's with crèche for under 3's

**11.00 - 12.00 Church and Junior** at Putnoe Heights for the under 9's and Young Peoples Fellowship (Y.P.F) for our young adults. A crèche is also available.

**1pm Tabernacle of Truth Church** Putnoe Heights Revd. Tarr ☎360188 or ☎07866775515

**6pm T.N.T.** Putnoe. For 9-12 year olds (fortnightly) join us for fellowship, fun, games & outings. Next meeting 13 July at 6pm. A trip to Wild Britain at Wilden. Adults £5.50, under 16's £4. Please see Liz ☎302349 if you can come ASAP.

## Diary Dates



**St Mark's Church Council –**  
17th June, 18 November

**St Mark's Leadership Team –**  
23 June

**Putnoe Heights Leadership Team –**

**Putnoe Heights Children & Youth Committee**

**Putnoe Heights Management Meetings** 14th July.

**St Mark's Church Forum Meeting -**

, 11 July, 9 September, 12 November all at 12 noon

**Putnoe Church Council -** 16 June, 6 October.

**Pastoral Group Meeting -**

**Churchyard Committee -**

**Putnoe Heights Mission Group –**

**Partnership Council -** May 13th at St Mark's

**Brickhill Parish Council Meetings -**

**Deanery Meeting -** 18 September, 13 November

**Circuit/Deanery Meeting**

**Woodland Burial Trustees -**

**Mission Group Meeting**

**Putnoe Heights Children & Youth–**

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

# Ordinary 11

## Opening Verse of Scripture- Psalm 100:5

The Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations

## Collect Prayer for the Day

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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 for ever. Amen.

## First Bible Reading - Genesis 18: 1-15

The LORD appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day. Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground. He said, "If I have found favour in your eyes, my lord, do not pass your servant by. Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree. Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way—now that you have come to your servant." "Very well," they answered, "do as you say."

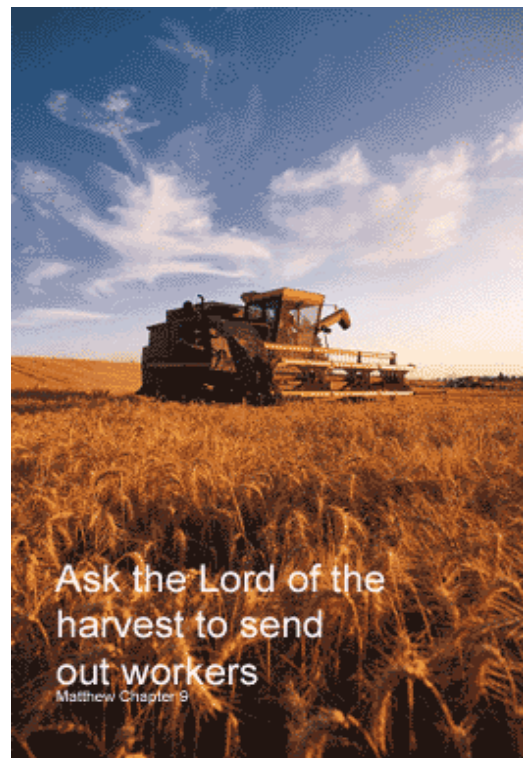
So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. "Quick," he said, "get three seahs of fine flour and knead it and bake some bread." Then he ran to the herd and selected a choice, tender calf and gave it to a servant, who hurried to prepare it. He then brought some curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared, and set these before them. While they ate, he stood near them under a tree. "Where is your wife Sarah?" they asked him. "There, in the tent," he said. Then the LORD said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son." Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him. Abraham and Sarah were already old and well advanced in years, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, "After I am worn out and my master is old, will I now have this pleasure?" Then the LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Will I really have a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too hard for the LORD? I will return to you at the appointed time next year and Sarah will have a son." Sarah was afraid, so she lied and said, "I did not laugh." But he said, "Yes, you did laugh."

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

## Second Reading - Romans 5:1-8

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person - though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

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



## **Gospel Reading - Matthew 9:35-10:8** Please Stand **'Glory to Christ our Lord'**

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." He called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out evil spirits and to heal every disease and sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. As you go, preach this message: 'The kingdom of heaven is near.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received, freely give."

(This is the Gospel of Christ **All: Praise to Christ our Lord**)

## **Post Communion Prayer**

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can know it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen

## **Hymns** (*Please distribute Holy Communion and Partnership News*)

Awake my soul, and with the sun, 632 (Tune Tallis Canon) Will you come and follow me (on Partnership News); Thy hand, O God, has guided (Tune Thornbury), 784; Forth in thy name, 381 (Tune: Song 34)

## **Commentary Putting theory into practice**

There is a story of a student who being so anxious to capture everything that his lecturers would teach him at university, when the professor in his very first lecture said, 'Good Morning', he wrote it down. In Matthew's gospel there are huge chunks of teaching where it's as if Jesus is going through the theory of the Kingdom of God. But there are also large sections where it is clear that Jesus is putting into practice what He has just taught, and encouraging the disciples to do likewise. Similarly in Romans, Paul has just given a lengthy explanation of justification by faith to the recipients of his letter and in today's reading which follows that discourse; he now begins to discuss what that means and what are the implications for the believers in their lives. Whether we take the example of Matthew or of Paul the message is clear. The Christian life is about hearing and understanding the work of God and then living out the reality in our lives. Earlier on just after the Sermon on the Mount Jesus says that anyone who hears His words but does not put them into practice is like a man who builds his house on sand. Alternatively, those that hear His words and put them into practice are like the man who builds his house on rock. Putting God's word into practice is therefore tied to having a solid foundation in our spiritual lives. Failure to do so would seem to indicate the opposite, that our faith becomes dry and academic and does not empower our daily lives. Jesus was clearly aware of the temptation the disciples would have to do nothing with the teaching but to reflect on the meaning of His words. But he wanted them to get active, with the dual benefit of strengthening their own faith whilst service God and their fellow men and women. He wanted them to step out in faith and be his active ambassadors in the world. He does not want his followers to adopt the Jewish trait of the time of dissecting the minutiae of the words He had spoken, rather than trying to live out what they meant. He sent them out as workers in the harvest. Did the disciples get everything right first time? Scripture would seem to indicate otherwise but they pressed on with the task, encouraged and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Likewise, Paul underlines that the concept of justification by faith, a key doctrine of the church, is not just an academic theory, it has a fundamental significance for our lives in that it gives us an eternal hope and future. A hope borne out of a restored relationship with God and an invitation to share in His glory. As we open ourselves to God's love being poured into our hearts, we are enabled to put our faith into action and step out in faith. Both Jesus and Paul know that the Good News would spread not just be people talking about it and debating its meaning but by the believers demonstrating God's love to the world around as justified, redeemed and empowered people, people who care for the world and those around them. And as the disciples and believers put their embryonic faith into action and stepped out into the harvest fields

so they were encouraged as they saw God's promises to them fulfilled as the lives that they touched were changed. We too are challenged and encouraged to step out into our harvest fields, the places where we live, study and work, so that we can put God's words into action. As we do, so our faith is strengthened. *Sam Cappleman*

## Meditation

The opening verse of today's gospel reading sets out Matthew's perspective on the three key strands of Jesus' ministry; firstly teaching about the Kingdom of God, often in the Jewish synagogues; secondly preaching and proclaiming by word and deed the Good News of the Kingdom; and thirdly making the Kingdom a reality on earth by healing every disease and sickness. Three facts of ministry which would turn the Jewish and Roman world upside down and each strand of which critical to the God's Kingdom breaking through on earth. How strange then that Jesus entrusted such an important mission to the disparate bunch of disciples we read about just a few verses later. The ambitious James and John, nicknamed the Sons of Thunder, not exactly the names of people you'd necessarily want on your pastoral team. Judas, the traitor, Simon Peter, enthusiastic but impetuous, Matthew, someone who had given up on his religion and people to serve the occupying Romans and make money through tax collecting. And so the list goes on. We all know when you're building a team it's critical to get the right people on the team and then get them into the right roles. But Jesus doesn't seem to care. Perhaps He was demonstrating in His words and actions that the Kingdom of God really is open to all, and all are welcome to join in the mission of making His Kingdom a reality here on earth, irrespective of their background, personality traits, strengths or weaknesses.

## Prayers for Sunday and the week ahead

God our Father, you sent your Son to us: grant that filled with your Spirit we may be renewed in faith, and inspired in hope and love, to spread the Gospel of your kingdom to all people; through Christ our Lord. Amen

Heavenly Father, we pray for those who have gone to other countries with the good news of Jesus; when their work is difficult and tiring, make them strong; when they are lonely and homesick, remind them that you are with them; when they are uncertain what to do, guide them. Keep us all diligent in our prayer for them. Amen

When we forget you love and your grace. loving God, and live our lives as though you are not here, relying on ourselves, forgetting to be thankful; speak to us, challenge us, nudge us and help us to remember that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Amen

Christ the good shepherd, who laid down His life for the sheep, draw you and all who hear His voice to be one flock within one fold, and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. Amen

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## A Hymn for Sunday

- 1 Will you come and follow me  
if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown,  
in you and you in me?
- 2 Will you leave yourself behind  
if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare  
should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer  
in you and you in me?
- 3 Will you let the blinded see  
if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free

- and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean,  
and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean  
in you and you in me?
- 4 Will you love the 'you' you hide  
if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside  
and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found  
to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound  
in you and you in me?
- 5 Lord, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
in you and you in me.

**Table Top Sale** on Saturday 28 June at 1.30 for buyers, 50p adults, accompanied children free. Tables can be booked in advance for £6 from Liz. If you could help or have any thing to donate please see Joan or Liz.

**'The Great Gappo'** (children's entertainer) joins Storybox and Storybox Plus on Monday 28 July at Putnoe Heights. Meet at 12 for a sandwich lunch. Tickets £2 in advance from Liz. All welcome.

**Tuesday Club Annual Charity Evening** Tuesday 17 June at Putnoe Heights at 7.30pm. A concert of folk songs and poems by 'Willing Warblers' in aid of Christian Family Care. The cost is £5 including refreshments and a lucky programme.

**St Mark's Coffee Shop.** The St Mark's Coffee shop will remain open throughout June, however the Leadership Team are reviewing the continued provision of this facility and will make a decision on Summer Opening over the next few weeks.

**Living Life to the Full** - an evening for women. Sat 5th July. 7pm -10pm. Woodside Church, Dover Crescent. Speaker Bev Murrill. £5 per person. For more information and to book visit [www.kingsarms.org/girlsnight](http://www.kingsarms.org/girlsnight) or call 07935 326130 (book by 3rd July)

**Cleaning Help Wanted** We are always receiving calls from people who need help cleaning. If you know a suitable person, please tell Charlie and he can match cleaners up with grateful employers.

#### **Red Cross Open Gardens –**

**Sunday 15 June** Many of the inhabitants of Pavenham High Street will be opening their gardens to the public in aid of Cancer Research UK from 1.30pm until 6pm on 15<sup>th</sup> June. Apart from some beautiful and varied gardens, there will be attractions for children, a plant stall and teas There is an admission charge which gives access to all the gardens, and a courtesy bus will run the length of the High Street all afternoon. For further details please contact Sue or Richard Butler on 354183

**Sunday 22 June 2008** Time: 1.30-5pm  
Howbury Hall, MK41 0JB Directions: East of Bedford off the A428, approx 500 metres from the Elms Estate / MFI roundabout.

**Future Dates for your diary.** 'The partnership Summer Musical Workshops !!! - a mixture of story, music, dance, drama, crafts & fun. Tuesday 19 August 2– 4 pm 'Its Raining Cats and Dogs' aimed at the under 5's with carers. Tuesday 26 & Wednesday 27 August 10am—3pm 'The 7 Days of Creation' 5 years plus, all abilities . Full details to from Liz.

#### **Margot Partner**

A service of Thanksgiving for the life of Margot was held at Putnoe on Monday. Over one hundred friends from different parts of her life attended the service.

The widow of a Methodist minister and missionary, Margot became a member at Putnoe sixteen years ago. Margot was a

member of the Tuesday club, the house group that meets at the home of the Pecks and was a loyal and valued member of the Community. Margot will always be remembered as an intelligent and committed member of the Putnoe Church community and she will be sadly missed.



**Church Council Meetings—This Week**  
**Putnoe Heights Church Council** will take place on Monday 16 June at 7.30pm

**St Mark's Church Council** will take place on Tuesday 17 June at 7.30pm for coffee, 7.45pm start

**Tea and Tunes in the Park - Perfect for the over 50's** Thursday 19th June 2008 1.30pm - 4pm at Bedford Park. For more information, please call (01234) 227254 / 227363 / 221749

The day includes...

Music, tea dance and entertainment  
Taster sessions for dance, fitness & massage  
Games, walks & bowling sessions  
Information, advice and exhibition stands from local advice groups and services  
Tea, coffee and biscuits  
Come along and appreciate Bedford Park during National Love Parks Week. Please bring along any old photos of Bedford Park (pre 1985)

#### **Church Lunch Club** (alternate Wednesdays)

Would any members of St.Mark's or PutnoeHeights like to come. If you are interested, please give your name to - Margaret Standley, Jenny Emslay or Pam Kinsella. We would also welcome additional helpers, either on a regular or irregular basis. We also need drivers. With the bulding work in progress at Putnoe, our Autumn Session will not start until 1 October but don't leave it until then to let us know.

**Gwen Beswick** would like to thank everybody who has sent her cards and good wishes over recent weeks. They are all very much appreciated.

**Yarls Wood Befrienders** An increasing number of asylum seekers are being detained in custody pending the outcome of their request to be allowed to stay in the UK. About 400 women, including families, are being held in custody at Yarls Wood Immigration Removal Centre (just north of Bedford) at any one time. Some are detained for only a brief time before removal to the country they came from. A number however are kept for months; some for over a year.

Yarls Wood Befrienders are a group of about thirty trained visitors "of all faiths and none". We visit weekly on a 1:1 confidential basis as many detainees who ask for help as we can. Such comfort as can be given is mostly listening, sometimes helping them to contact families, sometimes helping to find or chase lawyers and independent doctors. Those in need of help so often feel insignificant or ignored by the authorities. Our emphasis is on caring; seeing each individual as a whole person with a right to be heard. For many, the Befriender is the one person who has taken time to support them and they are deeply grateful. But the more we do, the more we realise we need extra people and extra training to do this work better.

Although the material conditions of detention are not a major problem, the lack of a consistent quality of legal advice and health care gives cause for real concern. The detainees' ability to cope varies widely. They do not understand why the country they have turned to for help has responded by locking them up. Those with inner strength or faith can rise above the situation but many, already traumatised by the past, become depressed by the

present and are very fearful for the future.

We would be so grateful for your prayers, for any financial contributions you feel able to make and for any who are interested to know more, to get in touch. Please consider making a response to this deep need God has placed with us.

For more information please ring Heather Jones on 01234 708710 or email [admin@ywbefrienders.org](mailto:admin@ywbefrienders.org).

**'Behind Closed Doors'** a play about the issue of trafficking. In place of evening service at Priory Methodist Church 13th July 6.30pm.;

**Bedford Council of Faiths** film night on Friday, June 20th at 7.30pm in support of Refugee Week. Light Buffet 7.30pm on Friday 20th June At Priory Methodist Church, 'Turtles Can Fly' (15) is a beautiful film, and a good turnout will help us support Save the Children and No More Landmines with our donations.

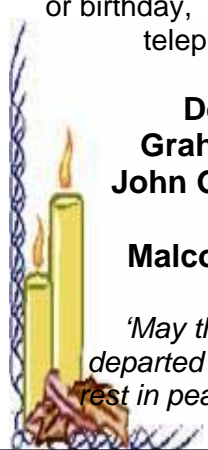
**Bedford Council of Faiths Moths Count evening.** An opportunity to visit Maulden Wood, join up for a picnic in our Sacred Space, then a short walk to take part in the count, which will be going on all over the UK around this time. We are meeting at 7.30pm on Saturday, June 14th in the lay-by of the north-bound carriageway of the A6 (signed To SnackBar). A fascinating event for all those interested in nature and the environment. Bring food, a torch and suitable clothing for an evening outside. Newnham Avenue, Bedford MK41 9QJ—Contact Heather Mitchell at [bcof@bcof.org.uk](mailto:bcof@bcof.org.uk), if you want to go

### 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.

**Doreen Joy Maxey  
Graham Neil McKechnie  
John George Francis Talbot  
Margot Partner  
Malcolm McNeil Campbell**

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



### Weddings

We publish the banns and pray for the marriages of .....

**Elvis Donald Veira and Julie Diane Gilbert**  
This the for the third time of asking.  
*Residents of this parish*



**St Mark's Coffee Shop Every Sunday in June 2.30pm until 5.00pm.**

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