



# Partnership News

## Putnoe Heights & St Mark's Church

### 15 June 2014

### Trinity Sunday



#### Sunday Services

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

#### 15 June 2014 - Trinity Sunday

##### 9.30 St Marks – Holy Communion

Preacher - Revd. David Haseldine  
Leadership – Mr. Mick Ovenden  
Intercessions - Mrs. Wendy Waters  
Organist – Mr. John Mower

##### 11.00 am Putnoe – Holy Communion

Preacher – Revd. David Haseldine  
Leadership Team - Mrs. Sue Allen  
Intercessions - Mrs. Sam Ware  
Organist - Mr John Mower

#### 22 June - Ordinary 12 Feast of St. Alban

##### 9.30 St Marks – Morning Worship

Preacher - Revd. Canon Charles Royden  
Leadership – Mrs. Jean Bank  
Intercessions - Mrs. Mary Stubbs  
Organist – Miss Marion Prior

##### 11.00 am Putnoe – Morning Worship

Preacher – Revd. Canon Charles Royden  
Leadership Team - Mr. Martin Fannon  
Intercessions - Mrs. Sylvia Cohen  
Organist– Mr. Alan Bunker

**Readings** 1. Genesis 21: 8-12 2. Romans 6:1b-11  
3. Matthew 10:24-39

**Midweek Holy communion** at St. Mark's Chapel every  
Wednesday at 10am and at Sir William Harpur House on  
first Monday of every month at 10.00am.

#### Thank You

The flowers at Putnoe Heights Church this week have been given by Eddy and Margaret Peck in celebration of their wedding anniversary, Eddy's birthday and Fathers Day.

The flowers at St Mark's Church this week have been given by Duncan Ivett in memory of Heather whose funeral was on Friday.

*We are grateful when people make donations towards flowers perhaps to celebrate a special occasion such as an anniversary or in memory of a loved one. Please contact Miss Marion Prior 303254 (St. Mark's) or Ann Hitt 404186 (Putnoe Heights) or add your name to the rota in the foyers.*

#### Prayer for Sunday

Almighty and eternal God,  
you have revealed yourself  
as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
and live and reign in the perfect unity of love.  
Hold us firm in this faith,  
that we may know you in all your ways  
and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory,  
who are three Persons in one God,  
now and forever. Amen.  
*(Church of S. India)*

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# Regular Weekly Activities - A Guide To Our Churches

## Monday

**Hazeldene Heights Pre-school.** Sessional and Full Day care available—open Mon.—Fri. Full Day Care 8.30am to 5pm Sessional times 9am—12noon and 12.45pm - 3.45pm

For more info please contact Laura Leggett 01234 326685 or [www.hazeldeneheights.com](http://www.hazeldeneheights.com)

**8.30-12.30pm St Mark's Pre-School Nursery**

Headteacher Mrs. Helen Harpin 312634

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

**9.00-3.45pm Top Marks** Mon-Fri St Mark's

Headteacher Mrs. Helen Harpin 312634

(See website for more details)

**9.45am - Body Control Pilates** –Putnoe Heights

Stephanie Smith 357787 or 07973174430

**10.00am Bakers Barn Art Group.** St Mark's Mrs M. Berry 211955

**10.30am U3A Play reading** Putnoe Heights Contact Janet King 313946

**1.30pm Chat & Make.** Term time for babies and toddlers 0-5. Crafts, toys, songs, story and refreshments £1. More details contact St Mark's Church Office on 01234 342613 or Janine 01234 297481

**12.00 noon Story box** Putnoe Heights 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. Contact Carolyn Morris [youth@thisischurch.com](mailto:youth@thisischurch.com) 365630

**2pm U3A Music Appreciation** Putnoe Heights Contact Janet King 313946

**2.00pm U3A Italian** Putnoe Heights— fortnightly

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

**5.30 - 8.30 NHS Eat Smart Think Active** at Putnoe Heights. For more details contact Emily Taverner 01234 792013

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

**6.15 pm Brownies** Putnoe. Sharon Tanner 01767699399 or 07720713738.

**6.15 Pilates** at Putnoe Heights Jane Butcher 300859

**6.15pm-8.15pm Fit for Life Yoga** - Putnoe Heights Contact Jane Butcher 07891879571

**6.30pm Boot Camp** Putnoe Heights – Laura Amor 341152 / 07976259081

**7.00pm Sugarcraft Guild** St Mark's (1st week in month) Pat Nicholson 353518

**7.00pm Cancer Care Society.** St Mark's. (1st week in month) Mr J Dewhurst 01908 377020.

**7.00-8.00pm Laughter Club** at St. Mark's 2nd week each month) Cheryl Green 07729187399

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

**7.30pm Whist Drive.** St Mark's ( Weeks 3 & 5 in the month).. Next meeting— 16 June Judith Stanton. 823313

**7.30pm No Fear Bridge Club** St. Mark's Mrs. Susan Ford 300218.

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

**7.45-9.15 Get Fit Keep Fit** at Putnoe Heights Diane Field 01234 404976

## Tuesday

**9 –1pm Bedford Stop Smoking** at Putnoe Heights. For more details please contact Olivia Tornyie 01234 276826

**9.30am Candlewicking** (Needlework). Putnoe Heights. Pat McCart 365507

**9.30am -12.30 & 4-9pm Slimming World** St. Mark's. Helen Skinner 07989080389

**10am Autism Beds Adult Support Group.** St Mark's. Sally Cripsley 350704

**11.15am U3A Keep Fit Putnoe Heights** Contact Janet King 313946

**1.15pm U3A Cinema Group.** St Mark's Contact Janet King 313946

**1.30pm U3A Choir.** St Mark's Contact Janet King 313946

**2.00pm U3A Book Group 1** St Mark's (3rd Week in month) Contact Janet King 313946

**2.00pm U3A Book Group 2** St Mark's (2nd Week in month) Contact Janet King 313946

**2.00pm Library Walk W.I.** Putnoe Heights, meets monthly. Morag Tomkins 356895

**2pm U3A Photography Group 3** St. Mark's (1st Week in month) Contact Janet King 313946

**2.30pm Mother Teresa Support Group.** St Mark's (1st & 3rd week in month). Wool and knitting needles provided. Mrs Maureen Watling 262225

**2.15pm Tuesday Afternoon Housegroup.** St Mark's (2nd & 4th week in month) Mary Stubbs 406784.

**4.00pm-6.15pm Stars School of Dance** at Putnoe Heights. Esther Richardson 295862 or 07917582468

**7.30-8.30pm Pilates** St Mark's Church Jane Butcher 0789187957

**7pm - 8.30pm Daisy Birthing** Putnoe Heights Susie 07980447390

**7.00pm Keep Fit.** St. Mark's Jan Gregory 328455 (Unfortunately Jan has had to cancel her sessions at the moment, but hopes to re-start in September.

**7.30pm Ladies Tuesday Club** at Putnoe Heights (Meets fortnightly) 24 June 'Jaffa Orchard'. At 3pm. Details Janet King 313946

**8.00pm Hearts in Beds Committee** St Mark's ( week 4 in month) Mrs N Aspey 309816

## Wednesday

**9.30am Body Control Pilates.** Putnoe Heights. Stephanie Smith 357787 or 07973174430.

**10am-2pm Open House** at St Mark's for those with learning disabilities., their friends, family , carers and supporters 342613.

**10am U3A Gardening Group 3** St Marks. Contact Janet King 313946

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

**10am U3A Card Making,** St Marks Contact Janet King 313946

**10am U3A Diet and Nutrition-** Putnoe Contact Janet King 313946

**11.15am U3A Keep Fit** at Putnoe Heights

**12.30pm –4pm St Mark's Nursery** Headteacher Mrs. Helen Harpin 312634

**12.30pm Luncheon Club.** Putnoe fortnightly. Next meeting 18 June Putnoe Heights Office 365630

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

**2.00-4.00pm U3A Craft** at St Marks.Contact Janet King 313946

**2pm U3A Gilbert and Sullivan** Putnoe Heights Contact Janet King 313946

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

**3.45.- 5.30pm Messy Church.** St Mark's (3rd Week in month). for children of lower school age and their carers. Bible-based story, crafts, singing and a meal. Next meeting 18 June 2014 Wendy Waters 401834 Jean Bank 355698

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

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

**6.15pm Yoga and Relaxation** Putnoe Heights Racheall

Monton 01234 297138 or 07910835994

**6-7pm ATSK Karate at Putnoe Height Kevin Stark Tel. 01234 353865**

**7.00pm Bunyan Bridge.** St. Mark's Colin Jackson 363398 or Brian Sallows 407725.

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

**7.00pm Putnoe Guild** Putnoe 3rd Wednesday in every month except August Mrs Jo Street 344600

**7.00pm Line Dancing** Putnoe Mike Del-Boyer 348378

**8.00pm Badminton Club** Putnoe Heights All welcome. Ken Marriott 214867

**8.00pm Tudor Reeds Folk Dance Club** at St Mark's (1st,3rd & 5th Wednesday in month). Next meeting will be 18 June Everyone welcome. All dances called, only £1 including refreshments. Rosemary 405594 or Graham 406359 for more details.

**8.00pm Bedford Wine and Social Club** St Mark's ( Week 1 in the month) Greta Cansfield 215016

### Thursday

**8.30am—12.30pm St. Mark's Pre School Nursery** Headteacher Mrs. Helen Harpin 312634

**9.30am Thursday Prayer Group.** Putnoe Heights. Valerie Capon 356306. Request for prayer can be written in the prayer diary on the information table.

**9.15am Spanish for beginners Plus.** at Putnoe Heights

**10.30pm Spanish Holiday Survival** at Putnoe Heights. Elena 01234 266968

**9.45am Chat and Play** St.Mark's. A term time group for Mums & toddlers.0-5 Contact St Mark's Church Office 01234 342613 or Janine 01234 297481

**12pm Storybox** . St Mark's welcome the under 5's and their carers to join them between 12 noon and 1pm for a sandwich lunch followed by a Bible based story and singing. Lots of fun. Contact Jaana Swaby 342613

**1.30 - 3.00pm NHS Baby Clinic** at St Mark's ( Weeks 1 & 3 in the month)Contact 897401

**1pm-2.30pm Drop in** (small hall) Next Steps 9-24months Putnoe Children's Centre.Please call Trudy Hamilton (centre assistant) for more information 340552. 2pm - Friendly Chicago Bridge at Putnoe Heights £2 per session inc. refreshments. New members welcome. Contact Pat 01234 294220.

**2pm U3A Current Affairs** - Putnoe Heights Contact Janet King 313946

**2-4pm U3A Indoor Games.** St.Mark's Contact Janet King 313946

**2.30 - 4.30pm Bedford Art Society** St Mark's Jean Paterson 307210

3.15-5.15pm Social Care Solutions Drama Group Claire Creek 262650

**5.45pm Weightwatchers.** St. Mark's. Clare Martin 07805408811.

**6.15pm Brownies.** Putnoe Heights Lou Brenna. 07919402797.

**7.00pm Club 2000** Putnoe Nina Ovenden 825059

**7pm U3A Folk & Poetry** St Marks (2nd and 4th week in month)Contact Janet King 313946

**7.15pm Putnoe Art Group** Bob Wardale 406094

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

**Bedford Folk Dancers** (formerly Barn dancers) Meet weekly at Putnoe Heights Different guest callers each week.Except August. All welcome, cost £2.50 Including refreshments. More details Ron 825574 or Shirley 01767 651767

**8.00pm Bedford Writers Circle.** St Mark's (1st week in month). John Broadhouse 01525 404014

**8.00pm Magpies Women's Group** St Mark's (2nd & 4th

week in month) Mrs Marie Cotchin 402089

**8.00pm Brickhill Ladies Group** St Mark's (1st and 3rd week in month) Susan Perugi 300219

### Friday

**8.30am—12.30pm St. Mark's Nursery** Headteacher Mrs. Helen Harpin 312634

**8.30am Diabetic Centre** St Mark's (1st week in month) Deborah Hennessey 792013

**9am -1pm Machine Knitting** group at Putnoe Heights, fortnightly . Contact Marion Sutton 217647

**10am -12.00 U3A Photography** St Marks.(4th week in month) Contact Janet King 313946

**10am - 12 & 1.15 - 3.15pm U3A Beginners French** St. Marks Contact Janet King 313946

**2.00-4.00 pm U3A Whist** St Marks. (2nd week in month) Contact Janet King 313946

**2pm U3A Gardening** - Putnoe Heights Contact Janet King 313946

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

**7.00pm-9.00pm Meditation** St Mark's.Cheryl Green 07729187399

**7.45 - 10.45pm Bedford Astrology Club.** St Marks(2nd week in month )Carol Brown 01438 233385

### Saturday

**9.00am Faith Temple Ministries** St Mark's (1st week in month) Dawn Kelly 07863762593

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

**Young Embroiderers** bi monthly Putnoe Heights Terry Fletcher 357198

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

### Sunday

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

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

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

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

**Messy Church Dates** 18th June.

## Diary Dates

**St Mark's Church Council** – 17 June, 14 October

**St Mark's Leadership Team** - 9 Sept

**Annual Congregational Meetings—**

**Putnoe Heights Leadership Team -**

**Putnoe Heights Management Meeting**

**Putnoe Church Council** - 10 July

**Pastoral Group Meeting** -

**Churchyard Committee** -

**Commemoration Service** - 2nd November

**Circuit meeting** – 19th June

**Deanery meeting** -

**Woodland Burial Trustees—**

**Putnoe Heights Children & Youth Meeting**

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

# Trinity Sunday

## Sentence of Scripture 1 Corinthians Chapter 13:12--13

Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

## Collect Prayer for the Day *Before we read we pray*

Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God, now and for ever. Amen.



## First Bible Reading - Isaiah 40:12-17, 27-31.

Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, or with the breadth of his hand marked off the heavens? Who has held the dust of the earth in a basket, or weighed the mountains on the scales and the hills in a balance? Who can fathom the Spirit of the LORD, or instruct the LORD as his counsellor? Whom did the LORD consult to enlighten him, and who taught him the right way? Who was it that taught him knowledge, or showed him the path of understanding? Surely the nations are like a drop in a bucket; they are regarded as dust on the scales; he weighs the islands as though they were fine dust. Lebanon is not sufficient for altar fires, nor its animals enough for burnt offerings. Before him all the nations are as nothing; they are regarded by him as worthless and less than nothing.

Why do you complain, Jacob? Why do you say, Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD; my cause is disregarded by my God"? Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary and his understanding no one can fathom.

He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

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

## Second Bible Reading - 2 Corinthians Chapter 13:11-13

Finally, brothers, good-bye. Aim for perfection, listen to my appeal, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints send their greetings.

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

## Gospel Reading - Matthew 28:16-20

*Please stand when the reading is announced - **Glory to Christ our Saviour***

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." **Praise to Christ our God**

## Post Communion Prayer

Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## **Hymns** *(Please distribute Special service of Holy Communion booklet and Hymn Sheets)*

1. Give to our God immortal praise *(Tune Truro)*
2. I wanna be a tree that's bearing fruit *(Music on CD)*
3. Thou whose almighty word *(Tune Moscow)*
4. With all my heart I thank You, Lord. *(772 Mission Praise)*
5. Go forth and tell! O church of God, awake! *(Tune Go Forth)*

## **Commentary**

Trinity Sunday has been observed by the church on this Sunday, the first Sunday after Pentecost in the West since the tenth century and was adopted officially in Rome in 1334. This is because it sums up all that has gone before in the church calendar.

We have seen the major events the birth, death, resurrection and ascension--and the demonstration of the power of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the church now tries to put these things together, and we have come up with that old theological relic, the Trinity.

Every year preachers across the world come up with corny examples to try and explain how God can be three Gods and one God at the same time. Most of their attempts would have been sufficient to have them killed as heretics in earlier times.

Some people will find the whole theology of the Trinity a barren wilderness. Some will find the language we use when we speak of Trinity as positively unhelpful. For example we use such male language for God, many would want to incorporate other images which point to a broader understanding of God as the mother of all that is. When we try and contain God within our language we inevitably must recognise and be aware that words are not sufficient.

The doctrine of the Trinity is a stumbling block for many, how can God be three and one at the same time ? It is a vain attempt to put into words the fact that

- God is the Gives life as creator,
- shares our life as Jesus
- and empowers our life as Holy Spirit.

Whilst we might want to abandon the doctrine of the Trinity, and it is not a word which we find in the Bible, nevertheless we do need to keep on explaining the fact that God has revealed himself in different ways, he is not just the old man on the cloud. We have a God who in the person of Jesus walked and talked, lived and died with us and shared all that we are will become.

So too, salvation is not about what we know, or understand, it is about opening our hearts and minds to the presence of God within us as Holy Spirit.

Trinity is very important. We baptise in the name of the Trinity, it is a sign of orthodoxy - adherence to good belief. But what does it mean to be a Trinity Christian?

### **God the Father**

It means that we recognise the transcendence of God, his majesty or other wordliness. This is the message from Isaiah this morning.

*Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips.*

We see in God a holiness which means that God is affronted by human sin. It is no use pointing the self righteous finger at others we are all exposed by God's holiness.

### **God the Son**

Yet we also have begun, through the life of Jesus to understand a little of the fact that God is love. Forget all of the theologies of the atonement, we have to come to terms with the fact that in the life of Jesus we see God in human form and he approaches the weak and lost and sinful, forgives them instantly of their sin and offers them new life, even before he has died.

### **God the Holy Spirit**

We have embarked upon a journey of discovery. Recognising our complete inability to comprehend God, we have nevertheless opened our lives to draw close to God and have experienced something of the reality of God's life in our lives. This is what all of this language in John 3 is about when it speaks of being born from above, or born anew.

Put all of this together and you are left with a Christian Trinity !

But Trinity Sunday is not a day for theological conundrums. It is a day in which looking at God we learn something about ourselves and this affects us and changes us. In the passage from Isaiah we read *Then one of the seraphs flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"*

When Isaiah learned something about the holiness of God, he learned something also about himself, his

sinfulness, and having learned this he understood the possibility and the importance of change. This is what Jesus in the passage from John 3 is teaching us, about the possibility of change, so radical that it can be called new birth. Each person can be transformed.

Let me leave you with a story

I wonder if any of you have watched the dog whisperer? He is Cesar Milan and he takes deviant dogs, monster dogs and helps change them into good dogs. There is a lovely story about somebody who was the original dog whisperer. He is known now as Saint Francis of Assisi born 1181 he was a friar and the founder of the Franciscans, he is known as the patron saint of animals,

The story is told of the Wolf of Gubbio. During the time when St. Francis of Assisi was living in the city of Gubbio, a large, ferocious wolf was terrorizing the area, devouring not only livestock but also human beings. One day, St. Francis decided to go and meet the wolf. Despite being advised against going, Francis headed to a spot in the wood where he knew the wolf would be. When he saw Francis, the wolf came charging at him with his jaws wide open. Francis made the sign of the cross and stated, "Come here, brother wolf." The wolf immediately closed his jaw and sat down at Francis's feet. Francis looked down at the wolf and chastised the wolf.

"Brother wolf, you have done much evil. You have killed people and animals alike without permission from God. But, if you promise to no longer commit acts of evil, God will forgive you. Are you willing to promise to no longer attack any human beings?" The wolf lifted up his paw and placed it on Francis' hand, consenting. For the remainder of his days, the wolf kept his word. In fact, the wolf became a pet to the town. The town's people fed the wolf every night and were constantly astounded by the change in his character. And, when he passed away, the once feared wolf was mourned greatly by the residents of Gubbio.

Following Trinity Sunday we now have many weeks of Ordinary Sundays when we will wear green and get on with living our Christian lives without fanfare, we have left behind us the special festivals of Christmas, Easter, Pentecost. From now on the Sunday readings will encourage us to live changed lives, to be 'born again' transformed by God's Spirit.

## **Prayers for Sunday and the week ahead. Praying the Trinity**

### **1. God as Creator**

As Christians we cannot believe that the world was the work of anybody other than our God. We look at it and it is marvellous and we believe that God made it. But it is more than a belief in some thing which we read. When we look at creation we feel God and his creating power. Today we give thanks to God

Thank you God that you have made all things and made them well

That you have given to us all things richly to enjoy

For the beauty and the bounty of this fair earth and for the creating power alive in this universe which make all things new. For this we thank you God

But forgive us when in pride, or selfishness or anger we misuse your gifts

### **2. God as Jesus who died for us**

We read about Jesus but when we read the story it isn't just a story, it comes across to us as powerfully as if it happened yesterday. We read that Jesus lived and walked this earth, we remember the history of his birth, but there is more than that, we feel the life of Christ today, we seek daily to bear his cross and to live his risen life -

Thank you Jesus for your redeeming power. That you loved us and gave yourself for us:

That you gave your life a ransom for many, a ransom for us.

That you were obedient to death, even the death of the cross.

We thank you O Christ. Forgive us if we treat your love lightly as a little thing, and if we ever fail to try to love you as you love us

### **3. God as the Holy Spirit**

The Holy Spirit calls us to be God's people, joins us together as one body in the name of Jesus. It is by the power of the Holy Spirit working in our lives that we know God. It is the Holy Spirit who draws us on in the Christian life.

Thank you Holy Spirit for the guidance you have given to us. For the knowledge you have brought to us. For your continual upholding, strengthening, protecting power. We thank you Holy Spirit of God. Forgive us when we try to live the Christian life alone and have failed to seek the divine help which we might have had from you.

Father, you sent your Word to bring us truth and your Spirit to make us holy. Through them we come to know the mystery of your life. Help us to worship you, one God in three Persons, by proclaiming and living our faith in you. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. Amen.



**St Albans  
Woodland Burial  
Trust  
Consecration of  
Woodland**

Thank you to all of those who came to the consecration service on Saturday 14 June. The new woodland extension is now open and available for use.

**John Bell, from the Iona Community.**

There is now a CD recording available of the afternoon session John Bell led at Priory last month. They cost £1.50 each, please let me know if you would like a copy and I will arrange the order and collection. Yours in Faith, Deacon Jane Mills.

**Opus 18 Community Choir.** Come & join us for "A Summer Celebration" at St. Andrew's Church, Bedford on Saturday 12 July at 7.30. Tickets £6 (children £3) to include refreshments, from St. Andrew's Church Office. Proceeds to St. John's Hospice, Moggerhanger & Swaziland Schools.

**Easyfundraising.** A total of £139.50 has been raised with easyfundraising. Nearly half of this has been by myself. For some reason we have very few people registered and this is something of a mystery. This is a very easy way for us to raise money whenever you shop online at places like John Lewis or Mark's and Spencer. When you sign in through easy fundraising the church just gets a small percentage of the cost of what you buy, you pay exactly the same and occasionally benefit from discounts and special offers. Why not go to [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) and register - to support St Marks and Putnoe Heights church you know it makes sense! *Charlie*  
**Friends for Life Meeting** for Ministers and Pastoral Visitors in the Holt Room at St Andrews at 6.30 on Tuesday July 1. *For more details contact Joanne Barrow 01234 213038*

**Bedford Town Band** A little bit of America comes to Putnoe Bedford Town Band are celebrating American Independence Day with a concert at Putnoe Heights Church. Not on the 4th July but on the Saturday 5 July. Come and listen to some familiar tunes and some that may not be so familiar. Tickets at the door £5 & £8 See the website at <http://bedfordtownband.org.uk>

**Thank you** Val & Gwyn Morgan would like to thank all friends for their very kind messages & offers of help, accepted where needed, during their recent crisis. Val is home & making good progress.



**A Pilgrimage Walk** is planned from St Paul's Church in Bedford to St Albans Cathedral. The main pilgrimage will take place over four consecutive days, from Thursday 17 July to Sunday, 20 July. If there is sufficient demand from those who cannot make the midweek walk, a pilgrimage could be arranged for the weekend of July 12 & 13. For more information please

contact [Celebrate100festival@gmail.com](mailto:Celebrate100festival@gmail.com)

**Route Day 1 – 14miles** Bedford St Pauls, along River Ouse then to John Bunyan's birthplace near Elstow. On to join John Bunyan Trail (JBT); JBT to Medbury Farm, then cross-country to All Saints Wilstead & All Saints Houghton Conquest; Marston Vale Trail to St Andrews Ampthill, then JBT to Flitwick station; **Day 2 – 11 miles** East to Greenfield & rejoin JBT at St John the Apostle Pulloxhill, then South to Sharpenhoe; Continue on eastern JBT to St Margaret's Streatley, Keech House, and Legrave station. St Lukes is nearby **Day 3 – 15 miles** Ickniel Way Path to St Lukes, Dunstable Priory, Dunstable Downs [Robertson Corner]; Cross-country to St Mary the Virgin Kensworth, St John the Baptist Markyate; Hertfordshire Way to St Leonard Flamstead and St Mary's Redbourn ; **Day 4 – 5 miles** Herts Way / Ver River Walk to Verulamium and the Abbey. The starting and ending points of the pilgrimage are at railway stations, with the exception of Redbourn which has a bus service.

**Thank you** for all the support. A few remaining plants were donated to the Plant Week at the Retirement Centre. Our small regular monthly fund raising activities, including Bring and Buy Stall, Easter Chicks, Car Boot Stall and Plant stall, have now raised £360 since March. The next event, for your diary, is an afternoon tea on July 20th. Details to follow soon.

**Footprints Summer Evening Walk and Meal** will be on Thursday June 26, and led by Alan Kirk. Please meet at The Pheasant (Avon Drive/Kimbolton Road) at 6pm, and pre-order your meal at the bar. There will be a walk from the pub to Renhold and return (about 1 1/4 hours) – no stiles and mainly paths. A table is reserved for us in the name of Kirk and we should be sitting down by 8pm. The extensive menu can be viewed by going to [www.itsallaboutgoingout.com](http://www.itsallaboutgoingout.com) ; select 'venue' and type in 'pheasant'. Click on The Pheasant Bedford, and there is a link to the full menu.



Spanish wine to wash it down. Also included is an optional four-mile stroll through rolling Hertfordshire countryside while crossing River Lea and the Brocket Hall estate before returning to Lemsford Mill along the Ayot Greenway. The event is open between 10am and 5pm each day, but for more information call freephone 0808 178 2879 or book your ticket by logging onto [www.ramblersworldwideholidays.ticketsource.co.uk](http://www.ramblersworldwideholidays.ticketsource.co.uk)

### The Alban Pilgrimage 2014



**Commemorative Book** - A Book has been produced by the Diocese to commemorate 100 years. Copies are available this week for the special price of £4. They will be available after the service and from the church office during the week

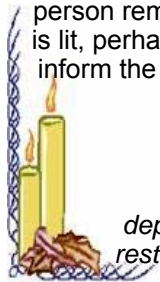
**A Great Evening** with Bedford Town Brass Band and The Zimbabwe Community Singers at Priory Methodist Church on Saturday 28 June at 7.30 pm. Tickets are £5 proceeds to Zimbabwe Victim Support Fund to relieve hunger and poverty, Reserve tickets on 01234 353523 or from Priory Church Office.

**Footprints:** Ramblers Worldwide Holidays is offering you the chance to sample some Spanish hospitality at a special 'Taste of Spain and her Islands' weekend. The company, which was founded in 1946, is based in Lemsford in Hertfordshire and offers activity vacations to suit all levels of walking experience and fitness. On Saturday and Sunday, June 28 and 29, it will team up with the Spanish Tourist Board for a special WalkFest in the grounds of Lemsford village's stunning watermill. Adult entry is £6.50 (children under 16 and car parking is free) and you can enjoy a tasty Paella meal supplied by the renowned London restaurant chain Iberica – <http://www.ibericalondon.co.uk> – plus a glass of a

There is a day of activities planned for next Saturday 21 June to celebrate St Alban.  
**10.00am** There will be a procession through the street of St Alban  
**12 noon** There will be a service of Holy Communion with the Preacher: The Most Rev'd Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church.  
**2.00pm** Orthodox Service and Veneration of the Relic at the Shrine of Saint Alban Organised by the Ecumenical Chaplaincy and the Fellowship of St Alban and St Sergius - all welcome.  
**3.00pm** Anointing for Healing in the Lady Chapel.  
**4.00pm** Festival Evensong and Procession to the Shrine Preacher: John Bell of the Iona Community  
 If you are interested and would like to know more, then please speak with Charlie

### 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



**Heather Ivett  
Maureen Fossey**

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



### Forthcoming Funerals

**The funeral of Lorenzo Troiano** will take place at Norse Road Cemetery Chapel at 10.00am on Tuesday 24th June.