



Methodist
Church

Partnership News

16 April 2006
Easter Sunday

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



Church of
England

Church Services Today

8.30 Holy Communion both churches
9.30am St Mark's Church - Holy Communion
Preacher - Revd Dr Sam Cappleman
Leadership Team - Mr Ian Farthing
Intercessions - Mr Chris Izzard
11.00am Putnoe Heights - Holy Communion
Preacher - Revd Dr Sam Cappleman
Leadership Team - Mr Alan Bayliss
Intercessions - Mrs Claire Peck

23 April—Second Sunday of Easter

8.30 Service of Holy Communion
9.30am St Mark's Church - Morning Worship
Preacher - Revd Charles Royden
Leadership - Mr Mike Cooper
Intercessions - Mr Mike Elliott
11.00am Putnoe Heights - Morning Worship
Preacher - Revd Charles Royden
Leadership Team - Mrs Sue Allen
Intercessions - Mrs Sue Allen

Reading 1 : Acts 4: 32-35
Reading 2 : 1 John 1: 1 - 2:2
Reading 3 : John 20: 19-31

Thank You

One of the arrangements at St Mark's this week is given by Milly Meads & the Appleton family to wish Iris Perry a very happy 80th Birthday.

The flowers at Putnoe Heights Church this week have been given by Dawn Allison & Sue Middleton in loving memory of their mother.

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

Prayer for Sunday

Lord Jesus,
risen from the dead and alive for evermore
Stand in our midst today as in the upper
room;
speak your peace to our hearts and minds;
and send us out into the world as your
witnesses,
to the glory of your name. Amen. John Stott



New every
morning is
God's
love

Alleluia!

Christ is risen

He is Risen indeed

Alleluia !

Regular Weekly Activities - A Guide To Our Churches

Monday

9.30 - 12.00 pm Mon-Fri Putnoe Heights Pre-school Mrs Janet Smith 326685

9.30 - 5.30 pm Mon-Fri St Mark's Pre-school Mrs. Helen Harpin 312634

(See website for more details)

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

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

12.00pm - 1.00pm Story box Putnoe Heights church welcome the under 5's and their carers to join them between 12noon and 1pm for a sandwich lunch followed by a Bible story, singing and activities. Lots of fun, donations. Contact Liz on 01234 302349

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

4.15pm - Rosemary Conley Diet & Fitness. Putnoe Heights. Miriam Adcock 01908 565044

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

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

6.15 pm Brownies Putnoe. Penny Fulham 406045

7.30pm Sugarcraft Guild meets first Monday every month at St. Mark's Mrs Pauline Parrott 768419

7.15 m Guides -St. Mark's. Mrs Gill Lake 218091

7.15pm Yoga at Putnoe Heights Church. Contact Karen Simpson 244970

7.30pm Creative Needles at Putnoe Heights. Jacky Hayward 307648. New members welcome.

7.30pm Whist Drive - At St Mark's each month the next 17 April Mrs. Judith Stanton. 823313

7.30pm Housegroup 30 The Ridgeway. The home of Eddy & Margaret Peck 267567.

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

Tuesday

9.30am Candlewicking (Needlework) at Putnoe Heights. Mrs Olive Shotbolt 267203

10.00am Keep Fit at Putnoe Heights. Mrs Stileman 822230

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

9.30am -12.30 & 4 - 9pm Slimming World at St. Mark's. Helen Folbigg 351223

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

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

2.15pm Putnoe Heights Women's Fellowship - Next meeting 25 April ' How Times Have Changed' No meeting on the 18 April. Contact Betty Wyatt 350188.

2.15pm Putnoe Heights Men's Fellowship. Next meeting 25 April with Members afternoon. Bible Study, Acts 13, Breaking New Ground. contact Lawrence Wyatt 350188.

2.30pm Mother Teresa Support Group. Meets fortnightly at St. Mark's. Wool and knitting needles provided. Mrs Maureen Watling 262225

2.30pm Tuesday Afternoon Housegroup. Meets fortnightly at St. Mark's. Mary Stubbs 406784.

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

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

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

7.30pm Dog and Puppy Training at Putnoe Heights. Contact Lynn Southwell 07974 743240

7.45 pm Putnoe Heights Ladies Tuesday Club - Meets fortnightly. Next meeting 18 April Gentle Exercise. Contact Madge Walsh 359088

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

Wednesday

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

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

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

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

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

Luncheon Club at Putnoe Heights fortnightly. Next meeting 19 April Putnoe 365630

1 - 3pm Police Surgery at Putnoe Heights .

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

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

4.15pm - 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. Janice Loxley 347073
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

Thursday

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

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

9.45am Yoga at Putnoe Heights. Karen Simpson 244970

1.00pm - 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, donations. Contact Liz Spavins on 1234 302349

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

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

2pm - Putnoe Bridge Club. Gerald Palmer 345991

2pm U3A Indoor Games at Putnoe 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 And it's free! Liz Spavins 302349

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

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

6.15pm Brownies at Putnoe Helga Nash 218521

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

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

7.00pm Club 2000 at Putnoe Mrs M White 404992

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

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

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

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

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

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

2pm U3A Gardening Group at Putnoe Heights.

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

7.30pm Youth Club for age 13-18 at St Mark's Church. Contact PCSO Rowland Gilbey 349179

Saturday

9.30 - 11.30am Stars School of Dance at Putnoe. Contact Esther Sancto 272517 or 07917 582468

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

2.30pm Calligraphy Group at Putnoe. 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 - 4pm Tabernacle of Truth 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 14 June, 11 Oct
Circuit Meeting

St Mark's Leadership Team - 24 Apr, 6 June, 12 Sept

Putnoe Heights Leadership Team - 2 May

St Mark's Church Management Meeting

Putnoe Heights Management - 15 May,

Putnoe Church Council 12 June, 9 Oct

Pastoral Group Meeting -

Churchyard Committee - 11 April

Putnoe Heights Mission Group Meeting- at 7.30 on 26 April at 14 Flint Way.

Partnership Council - 19 Sept

Brickhill Parish Council - 27 Apr,

Deanery Meeting St Mary's Eucharist 22 June, 14 September, 16 November

Annual Congregational Meeting 7 May 2006

Putnoe Heights Children & Youth - 26 Apr, 28 June

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


Easter Sunday

Verse of Scripture

This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it Psalm 118 v 24

A Collect Prayer - Before we read we pray

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in Him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with Him in glory; to



Anyone who is
in Christ,
is a new
creation

2 Corinthians 5

whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.
Amen

First Reading - Acts 10: 34-43 Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favouritism but accepts men from every nation who fear him and do what is right. You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, telling the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. You know what has happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him. "We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born. For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. Whether, then, it was I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

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

Third Reading - John 20: 1-18

When the reading is announced 'Glory to Christ our Saviour'
Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!" So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter, who was behind him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen. Finally the

other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) Then the disciples went back to their homes, but Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. "Woman," he said, "why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet returned to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

Post Communion Prayer

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen *Methodist Worship and Common Worship*

Hymns *Please distribute Holy Communion Booklets and Mission Praise*

Christ the Lord is risen today, 76; This is the day, 691; Jesus Lives! 373; Thine be the glory 689

Commentary Ashes to Glory

The journey through Lent has taken us from the Ashes of Ash Wednesday, through the Passion and the cross of Palm Sunday and Good Friday, to the Glory of the resurrected Christ on Easter Sunday. It is the story of our Christian lives, from Ashes to Glory. Later will come power as we experience Pentecost. Ashes, glory, power. It is the cycle of our Christian lives as we come to realise the ashes of our fallen nature; are drawn to the cross to confess our sins and fallibilities; and are restored to reflect and share in Christ's glory through the forgiveness of our sins and a new beginning in Christ. A cycle of our Christian lives as day by day and week by week we confess our sins from the ashes of our fallen lives; as we are forgiven in Christ; are bestowed with His glory; to be sent out in the power of the Holy Spirit to demonstrate God's incarnational and indestructible love for the world. Glory, an expression of the manifestation of the visible presence of God that inspires a response. Glory in our lives; the manifestation of the visible presence of God in our lives that inspires a response, from ourselves and from others. Ashes, glory, power.

At Easter, perhaps more than at any other time of the year, we are reminded of the new life we are given in Christ. We are called to share in the glory of the resurrected Christ. As Christians we are an Easter people. But the message of Easter also reminds us that without ashes there can be no glory. As Ash Wednesday is followed by Easter Sunday, so our glory follows the transformation of the ashes of our lives as we experience God's forgiveness. Unless we acknowledge who we are and our need to continually meet with the risen saviour we can never experience the glory which God has for each one of us. Ashes, glory, power.

The invitation of Easter is to experience once more that new life and glory which God offers us through His Son. Experience the glory through a Christ who is risen from the dead and is alive for evermore. The reading from Acts reminds us that God has no favourites, but accepts us as we are, irrespective of background, creed or nation, if we trust in Him. All who believe in Christ will receive forgiveness of sins in his name and experience His glory to be used in His service. Ashes, glory, power.

Easter is not just a story or a tradition which we have been passed down for us to repeat glibly and

unthinkingly each year. It is a message of cosmic significance which only truly makes sense if we are part of it. This is not to suggest that we change the resurrection accounts in the New Testament to make them fit our own worldviews, tendencies, experiences, desires and wishes but rather that we need to interleave our own story into the resurrection story that has come down to us from long ago so that we can experience in our own lives that life giving transformation from Ashes to Glory. Ashes, glory, power.

For Christians everywhere Easter is a special season, the time when we recall a Jesus that rose from the dead, leaving the stone rolled away from the entrance of the tomb so that the world could look in and see the empty grave. The unbelievable had happened. The transformation of a crucified Christ to a risen Lord. Gentle, yet powerful. From Ashes to Glory. The same transformation that happens in our lives each time we let the Easter Christ in as our risen Lord. From our Ashes to His glory, and on to power. The story and cycle of our Christian year and of our lives. Ashes, glory, power. *Sam Cappelman*

Meditation

No one saw it happen. The early writers are very forthcoming about that. If they had wanted, they could have sketched a real Spielberg scene: "The rocks seemed almost 'uneasy', trembling. Then they began to shimmer and quake etc. etc." But they were honest enough not to. All we have is the testimony of the people who claimed to have encountered Him alive after He had been demonstrably dead. What's more, they often went to horrifying deaths rather than deny that experience of Jesus risen. All they had to do was say, "We were fooled. We made it up to get a following." But they didn't. Something earthshaking had happened to them. That's undeniable. Good Friday, they cowered like rats behind the locked doors of the upper room. Then, in little more than a month, those same despicable turncoats were out on the streets! Preaching fearlessly of their experience. Daring imprisonment, ostracism, rejection from the Temple that had been the focus of their lives. Because they claimed to have experienced the inconceivable: a man come back from the dead. Every one of their martyrdoms was a death bed confession to that experience. I tend to believe those.

William J O'Malley in Lenten Prayers for Busy People

Prayers for Sunday and the Week Ahead

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

Risen Lord Jesus, as Mary Magdalene met you in the garden on the morning of your resurrection, so may we meet you today and every day: speak to us as you spoke to her; reveal yourself as the living Lord; renew our hope and kindle our joy; and send us to share the good news with others. Amen

Today we rejoice in the salvation of the world. Christ is risen; let us arise in him! Christ enters new life; let us live in him! Christ has come forth from the tomb; Let us shake off the fetters of evil! The gates of hell are open, the powers of evil are overcome! In Christ a new creation is coming to birth, Alleluia! Lord make us new, Alleluia! Amen

Living God, you have given us a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead: grant that we, being risen with Him, may fix our hearts on heavenly things and share eternal life. Amen

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

Easter Service

Minister Jesus Christ yesterday and today the beginning and the end Alpha and Omega all time belongs to him and all ages; to him be glory and power through every age and for ever. Amen.

**All By his holy and glorious wounds
may Christ our Lord guard and keep us. Amen.**

The candle is lit as the Minister says the following words

May the light of Christ, rising in glory banish all darkness from our hearts and minds

Minister The light of Christ

All Thanks be to God

Minister Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Minister Let us pray

**All Glory to you, O God: you raised Jesus from the grave,
bringing us victory over death and giving us eternal life
Glory to you, O Christ: for us and for our salvation
you overcame death and opened the gate to everlasting life
Glory to you, O Holy Spirit: you lead us into the truth
and breathe new life into us.
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit now and for ever. Amen.**

News, Views and Information

Easter Offering 2006 - The proceeds of your generous giving go to the Methodist Church Fund for World Mission, enables grants, training for Mission Partners and other projects to be made. Please return your contributions in the envelopes provided on Easter Sunday. Thank you. Margaret Standley

Bedford Festival of Music Speech and Drama is looking for volunteers to act as stewards during festival week in March 2007. The Festival is a registered charity and relies wholly on the support of volunteers to run this nationally renowned event. If you can spare a couple of days in March or would like to get more involved, please contact Viv Redford on 354211.

Kempston Musical Society outing to Peterborough Saturday 13 May 2006. A few seats remain on the coaches if interested. Contact Alan Bayliss 268101

Flower arrangers - thanks to the appeal in Partnership News, four new ladies have agreed to join the team and will make a start over Easter. We're grateful for this extra support and welcome their help. Marion.

James and Sophie Beswick will be competing in the first Junior Aquathon on 30th April to raise money for Putnoe Heights Church and St. John's Hospice. This will involve running in Bedford Park and swimming in Robinson Pool. If you would like to support them by being a sponsor, please see James and Sophie at church or Gwen and Peter as they will have sponsor forms. Alternatively please ring James and Sophie at home on Bedford 269887 or Gwen and Peter on Bedford 365652. Thank you in anticipation of your support,

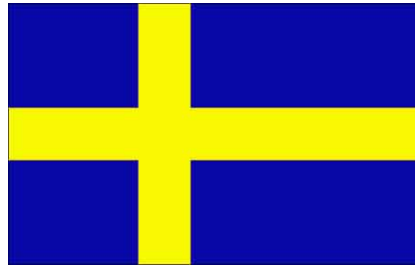
Medical Supplies For Kisiizi A big thank you to all who have given money or sponsored Hannah Cappleman on her Three peaks Walk to raise money for medical supplies for Kisiizi hospital. Hannah was due to have done the Three Peaks Challenge last weekend but due to bad weather and severe winter conditions persisting in Scotland, leading to the routes on Ben Nevis being unsafe, it has been postponed until 13 May 2006.

Thank you to those who have worked so hard to make our churches beautiful for Easter, especially for wonderful floral arrangements. Thank you also to Marion and the Partnership Singers.

London NW District Women's Network
Celebration Service Saturday 20 May at 2.30 pm at West London Mission, Hinde Street, London.

Partnership Council meets 18 April at 7.30pm in the Chapel.

St Mark's Boot Sale on Easter Monday- Items for the Church Stall at the first Boot Sale of 2006 will be gratefully received. Bric-a-brac, books, old tools, toys, household goods etc. Also tray bakes for the refreshment



Swedish Evening
Saturday 6 May at 7.30 at St.Mark's.
Tickets selling fast book them with Janet or Ian now.

Bedford Town Band celebrate St George's Day at Putnoe Height's Church with a concert at 3pm. Guest baritone Geoffrey Horton will sing four well loved pieces. Tickets cost £6 (£4 concessions) at the door or from Roger Nicholls (Bedford 357268)

Gwen and Peter's 'At Home' letter of gratitude from St. John's Hospice is on the table in the welcome area at Putnoe acknowledging the £274 raised.

Kempston Musical Society present Karl Jenkins Requiem and Hayden Nelson Mass at Kempston East Methodist Church. Saturday 29 April at 7.30pm. Tickets from Society members or at the door £7. Further details 01234 261072

British Cardiac Patients Association (Zipper Club) Meets at 7.30pm on the 4th Thursday every 2nd month at Putnoe. Next meeting 27 April with a concert of WW11 songs performed by the 'Melodians'. All welcome. Further information Eileen Marriott 303834.

Footprints. The next walk will be on Sunday 30th April. Meet at Old Warden Church at 2.30pm. Further details from Margaret & Eddy Peck T: 267267

"The Apostle of Bedford" Father John Priestley Warmoll (1830—1885) Bedford's first Roman Catholic Priest since the reformation. Talk by Jack Robbins (Bedford Archaeological & Local history society) Further details : Bedford 365095



From Pharaoh To Freedom Performed at Putnoe Heights

Amphill and District Churches Together Choir are putting on a performance Pharaoh to Freedom at Putnoe on 22nd April at 6.30 p.m. Entrance is free

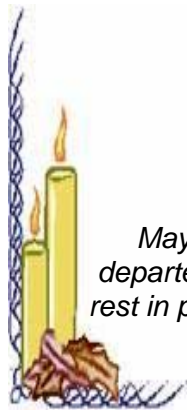
Putnoe Heights Mission Group Coffee Morning at the home of Eddy and Margaret Peck 30 The Ridgeway on Saturday 29th April 10.00am - 12 noon. Cakes, Raffle. Proceeds to Faith In Action to raise family business loans to set up mat and basket making businesses in Malawi.

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.

Peter Cooper

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



Rest in Peace

The funeral of Elizabeth Alice Dutt will take place at Bedford Crematorium on Friday 21 April at 1.45pm