



Methodist  
Church

# Partnership News

16 March 2008

Palm Sunday



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## Partnership Church Services Today

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

**9.30am St Mark's –Holy Communion**

Preacher - Revd Dr Sam Cappleman  
Leadership Team - Mrs Avril Williams  
Intercessions– Mrs Morag Stewart

**11.00am Putnoe - Holy Communion**

Preacher - Revd Dr Sam Cappleman  
Leadership Team - Mrs Wendy Nash  
Intercessions -Dr Tim Wilkes

## 23 March - Easter Sunday

**9.30am St Mark's Church - Morning Worship**

Preacher - Revd Charles Royden  
Leadership Team - Mr Mike Cooper  
Intercessions – Mrs Pat Leusby

**11.00am Putnoe Heights – Morning Worship**

Preacher – Revd Charles Royden  
Leadership Team –Mrs Sam Ware  
Intercessions - Mrs Sue Allen

**Bible Readings.**

1. Acts 10: 34-43
2. Col 3: 1-4
3. Matthew 28: 1-10

## Thank You

The flowers in St. Mark's chapel are given by Mr. Marshall in memory of his wife Shirley and in the church by Linda & Edward Parry in memory of their parents.

The flowers at Putnoe have been given by the family of Rita and Nigel Platt in memory of Justin Platt on his birthday

We are always grateful for any donations for 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 Miss Jennie Cooper 404950 (Putnoe Heights) or add your name to the rota in the foyers.

## 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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*Please inform us if you know of anyone who is ill, bereaved,  
housebound, requires a visit, home communion or counselling services.  
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**Putnoe Heights Church Centre**

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**Treasurer** - Mr Ian Farthing 210892 treasurer@thisischurch.com

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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 17 March 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 18 March Devotional : Springtime 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 March 25th -Recycling- Liza Maguire..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 26 March 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 Yoga** St Mark's Dorothy Turner ☎721763

**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 AGM 19 March  
2008 Graham ☎406359 or Danny ☎401668.

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

### 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 for first child. More details from St.  
Marks Office ☎342613 or Emma Strangwick ☎211070

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

**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

**1.30pm 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 Mrs Cotchin ☎402089

**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 10  
February Liz ☎302349

## Diary Dates

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

**St Mark's Leadership Team** – 7th April, 13 May

**Putnoe Heights Leadership Team** – May 12th

**Putnoe Heights Children & Youth Committee** –  
21st April

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

**St Mark's Church Forum Meeting** - 11th March .  
5 May, 11 July, 9 September, 12 November all at 12  
noon

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

**Pastoral Group Meeting** -

**Churchyard Committee** - 11 June

**Putnoe Heights Mission Group** –Weds 26th  
March, 7.30 at 14 Flint Way

**Partnership Council** -

**Brickhill Parish Council Meetings** -

**Deanery Meeting** - 12 June, 18 September, 13  
November

**Circuit Meeting** - , 12 June

**Woodland Burial Trustees** - Sunday 6th April 2008  
in the Wren Room at 3.30pm

**Putnoe Heights Children & Youth**–

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

# Palm Sunday

## Opening Verse - Matthew 21

Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

## Collect Prayer for the Day

True and humble King, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory. Amen.

*Common Worship*

## First Bible Reading - Isaiah 50: 4-9a

The Sovereign LORD has given me an instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being taught. The Sovereign LORD has opened my ears, and I have not been rebellious; I have not drawn back. I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard; I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting. Because the Sovereign LORD helps me, I will not be disgraced. Therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame. He who vindicates me is near. Who then will bring charges against me? Let us face each other! Who is my accuser? Let him confront me! It is the Sovereign LORD who helps me. Who is he that will condemn me? They will all wear out like a garment; the moths will eat them up.

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

## Second Bible Reading - Psalm 118: 1-2,19-29

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. Let Israel say: "His love endures forever." Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter and give thanks to the LORD. This is the gate of the LORD through which the righteous may enter. I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation. The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; the LORD has done this, and it is marvellous in our eyes. This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. O LORD, save us; O LORD, grant us success. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD. From the house of the LORD we bless you. The LORD is God, and he has made his light shine upon us. With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar. You are my God, and I will give you thanks; you are my God, and I will exalt you. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever

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

## Third Reading - Matthew 21: 1-11 *Please Stand* When announced 'Glory to Christ our Lord'

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, tell him that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away." This took place to fulfil what was spoken through the prophet: "Say to the Daughter of Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'" The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. They brought the donkey and the colt, placed their cloaks on them, and Jesus sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest!" When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?" The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

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



## Post Communion Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ: you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation; give us the mind to follow you and to proclaim you as Lord and King to the Glory of God the Father. **Amen**

## Hymns ( Please distribute Mission Praise & Holy Communion)

1. All glory laud and honour **9**
2. Make way, make way **457**
3. We cry Hosannah **725**
4. Ride on, ride on in majesty **580**

## Commentary

The reading from Isaiah is taken from a section called the third servant song where Israel in exile is rejecting the prophet's message. The people are "weary" of Isaiah's constant preaching and droning on. But he is undeterred, God has given him the word and he will deliver it, even at the cost of personal suffering. In the same way, Jesus' passion was the outcome of His obedient delivery of the message of the kingdom, despite His people's rejection. The passion story in the gospel reading starts with a big parade, with lots of pomp and circumstance, everybody has turned out for the occasion. The disciples were very impressed, and even the Pharisees and the Sadducees realised that they had underestimated this simple Galilean teacher. Seemingly riding on this crest of public approval Jesus went to the temple, the very centre of the Jewish faith, and began to teach and preach. From Sunday to Thursday Jesus was unstoppable. His enemies tried to trick him several times -- but to no avail; each time He turned the tables on them and exposed their treachery. But on the Thursday it all changed. He was betrayed and arrested, and on Friday He was hung on a cross and killed. Today the palms - tomorrow the passion. We all know the taste of Palm Sunday, the sweetness of success and popularity, and we all know too the bitterness of Good Friday, of suffering, failure and rejection. What saves us from an endless round of ups and downs, from events over which we have no control, is our commitment to press forward in obedience to God and trust in God's love which ultimately brings about our Easter mornings. Knowing that the meaning of life is to be found in the knowledge and love of God and obedience to Him, whatever that takes. In our Lent course this year we have been looking at prophecy and how God speaks to His people through the obedience, words and actions of His faithful people. Jesus Himself was the fulfilment of the Old Testament prophecy which focused on the coming Messiah. Among the gospel writers Matthew alone quotes the passage from Zechariah where we read, 'See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey...' When Jesus rode into Jerusalem, many did not recognise Him as the Messiah they longed for. The crowds asked who it was that had such an impact as He rode into the city. What they were witnessing was not some war lord riding into battle to smash the opposition and take it captive but a radically subverted model of power, exercised in gentleness and compassion which would challenge the systems and structures of the political and religious world, and continue to do so throughout history. They were confused. Jesus proclaimed peace, not war; set people free rather than taking them captive; and restored rather than plundered. It's this subversive, radical power that Christ unleashes on the world through the events of the coming week, and continues through the imperfect, but forgiven and redeemed band of people called the Church. In Matthew the people call Jesus 'the prophet from Nazareth', which He was, but he was not merely one of the long line of Old Testament prophets. Neither was He just preaching social reform, as prophets such as Amos had done to Israel. Jesus was the last emissary from God, bringing with him God's final and decisive word to his people. The word with Matthew uses to describe the turmoil that was happening as Jesus rode into Jerusalem is the word that is used for an earthquake. It is used again at the time of Jesus' death and at His resurrection. All three events pivotal moments in history. The Bishop of St Albans reminded us that prophets today are those people who speak in the context of their society, speak out the truth and seek after peace. As we do, so we reveal more of God's decisive word, His Son Jesus, to all people and the cosmic impact of Easter week is felt once more.

*Sam Cappleman*

## **Meditation**

The Roman historian Josephus, tells us that each year over 1 million people went to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover at the time of Christ. That's a lot of people - especially when you think that the population of Jerusalem today is only about 650,000 and in Jesus' time it would be more like 65,000. The place would be heaving, and into all this excitement and fervour Jesus rides slowly into Jerusalem on a donkey. He's just one in a million Jews heading into the city. Yet out of this ordinary act for a Jew, extraordinary things were about to happen, because Jesus was no ordinary Jew. The crowds shout Hosanna 'Save (us)', and waved the fronds of palms, the sign of victory, the sign very familiar to the Roman army. And suddenly Jesus is more than just one in a million. As he rides slowly into Jerusalem He's surrounded by large crowds in front and behind Him, and although He is peacefully riding a placid donkey, it's like an earthquake hits the town. Jerusalem is literally to be shaken to its foundations. There's going to be a spiritual showdown, a confrontation, and all of the physical universe will be shaken to the core. Jesus' Galilean ministry is at an end, and shortly the journey to Jerusalem will be complete. The Messiah, the servant King of Isaiah, rides into town. Jesus, a man of supreme holiness, the perfect Israelite, the one who has come to set all people free has come to fulfil His calling. Sometimes we feel that we're just one person in a million others. We're just an ordinary person living an ordinary life, how can we possibly change the world, or even our small piece of it, or make a difference with our lives? With God, there are no ordinary people, there is no ordinary life, because Jesus was no ordinary Jew and we are no ordinary people. We may feel like we have no influence on the world around us but that's not the case. As we have compassion on those around us, as we speak our ordinary words, as we challenge the things which are not in line with God's will, just as when Jesus rode into Jerusalem, extraordinary things will happen. Now it may be that what we say and what we do won't be as earth shattering as the events of Holy Week were. But it could well be that in doing the ordinary, like taking a bus into town or a donkey into Jerusalem, we suddenly become one in a million for someone else, speaking out God's word and doing His will and shaking the world in our own way. *Sam Cappleman*

## **Prayers for Sunday and week ahead**

Heavenly Father, You gave your Son, Jesus Christ to show us the Way of justice, truth and peace. Help us hold his example before our eyes, in the way that leads to a better world on earth and eternal life in the Heaven. **Amen**

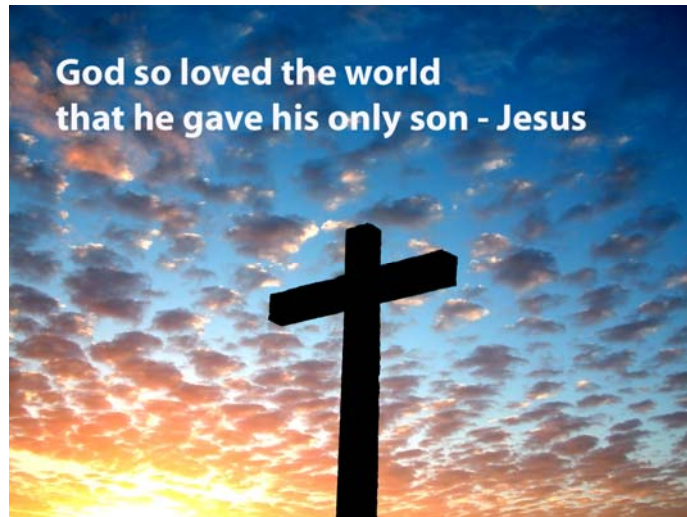
As we journey this week with Christ and celebrate the paschal mystery of his death and resurrection, let us earnestly pray to God for those following the way of the cross and for all peoples everywhere. Blessed are you, Lord our God, who sent your Son among us to bear the pain and grief of humankind. Receive the prayers we offer this day for all those in need in every place and as we near the holy mountain grant us strength on our journey. Glory to you for ever. **Amen**

O Lord, whose way is perfect, help us always to trust in your goodness, to walk in the way of faith, and to follow in the path of simplicity. Teach us to cast our cares on your providence, that we may possess a quiet mind and a contented spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Holy Father, you have shown us that the brave bearing of the cross is the beginning of wearing your crown: help us by your grace to bear patiently our pains and disappointments, as your beloved Son bore His; and to offer them to you as the pure gift of our faithfulness to our crucified Lord. **Amen**

As on this day we keep the special memory of our Redeemer's entry into the city, so grant O Lord than now and ever, He may triumph in our hearts. Let the King of Glory enter in, and let us lay ourselves and all we are in full and joyful homage before Him, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen** *Bishop Moule, 1841-1920*

# Easter Services



## St Mark's Church

### Good Friday Stations of the Cross Service

Friday March 21 at 9.30am  
Morning Family Worship  
(With Coffee & Hot Cross Buns!)

### Easter Day

Sunrise Holy Communion 6.00am  
Holy Communion 8.30am  
Family Communion 9.30am

## Putnoe Heights Church

### Maundy Thursday

Holy Communion Service  
Thursday 20 March at 7.30pm

### Good Friday Service of Meditation

Friday March 21 at 11.00am  
Morning Family Worship  
(With Coffee & Hot Cross Buns!)

### Easter Day

Family Communion 11.00am

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**Climate Change** Please take time to look at the display at the back of the church at St Mark's. Feel free to make any comments / suggestions as to what we can do as a church.

**Lunch Club at Putnoe Heights** would like to set up a list of drivers who could be called upon occasionally when regular drivers are unavailable due to holiday absence etc. If you could help in this way, please inform the Putnoe Church Office.

**District Women's Network** Spring Craft Day 2008 on 3rd May. 9.45am to 4.15pm at Priory Methodist Church. Booking Forms from Pam Seymour. Tel: 305695, to be returned by 23rd April.

**Footprints 'Peter's Walk'**. Many thanks to all walkers and friends who helped to make the lunch and walk in memory of Peter Beswick such a happy and successful day. Generous donations from walkers and well wishers totalling £262 have been given to St. John's, Moggerhanger.

**Cassie** - lively 5 year old German Shepherd dog needs a new home. Not suitable for children under 10 years old. Contact Donna on 0782 553 5103

**Music at St Andrew's Church** Saturday 10 May 2008 at 8.00pm. Ruth Palmer - violin Young Classical Brit Award Winner 2007 with Joseph Middleton - piano Winner of the Wigmore Hall International Pianist's Prize 2007 Strawberries and cream, and a glass of sparkling wine will be served on the Vicarage lawn during the interval (£2) Concert tickets: £7 (£5 concessions) from: St Andrew's Church Centre Office, tel: 01234 216881

**Tower Trips, Displays, Teas.** Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 April. Open weekend at All Saints Church, Odell. 2.00pm - 5.30pm. Take a trip up the tower for fantastic views across the Ouse Valley. Browse displays and archives. Tea and cakes. Join us for a special service on the Sunday evening at 6.00pm. Help raise money for our 'Tea and Toilet Project.'

**Wakey Wakey !** Don't forget that as usual Sam will be conducting a Sunrise Service of Holy Communion to welcome Easter. The service will start Easter morning at 6.00am

**Partnership Children's Good Friday Special.** This fantastic Easter event usually welcomes between 80 and 100 children with their carers between 12.15 and 1.30 at Putnoe. If you think you can help out with welcoming, craft activities, refreshments or furniture moving, please contact Liz or Joan. We are also having an Easter colouring competition with judging at the Good Friday special, 4 classes, under 5's, 6-10yrs, 11-18yrs and adults! Amazing prizes !! please see Liz for entry sheet

**Hazeldene Heights Preschool.** Come & share in the activities with the children in our Preschool at Putnoe Heights. Please talk to Linda Hoar if you can spare a few hours each month or would like to know more about the group. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Linda Hoar 782717

**Overnight stay in Theatreland?** Small studio flat for overnight stays close to Covent Garden. Sleeps two. £80 per night. Phone Bedford 346820

**Bark** Available from St Mark's, we appreciate a donation of about 50p a bag.

**Confirmations.** We will be preparing people for a joint Methodist/ Anglican Confirmation on June 1st. If you are interested in joining the Confirmation classes, (Sundays in May) please see Charlie or Joan.

**Rotas for the next quarter** are available today. St Mark's rota can now be downloaded from our church website and we hope to have Putnoe posted soon.

## Sad Loss of a Dear Friend



Church members will be extremely saddened to hear the news of the death of one of our dearest friends Millicent Meads. Milly has been a faithful member of St Mark's for as long as most of us can remember and will be greatly missed. Milly died peacefully at home cared for by her family after fighting courageously with her illness. Our thoughts and prayers will be with Margaret, Geoff, Joanne and Kevin, and her dear friends at St Mark's at this time of loss. The funeral will take place at St Mark's Church on Wednesday 26 March at 3.30pm

## St Mark's Coffee Shop Change

With the lighter nights it has been decided to move the time of the coffee shop a little later. It will now be 2.30pm - 5.00pm. Why not drop by for tea/coffee and cake for £1

## 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.

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



## Wedding

We publish the banns and pray for Andrew Paul Godfrey and Lisa Victoria Sledge. This is the third time of asking.



## Rest in Peace

The funeral of Mr Bert Aylott will take place on Tuesday 18 March at 1.00pm *Royden*