



Methodist
Church

Partnership News

18 June 2006

Ordinary 11

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 Charles Royden
 Leadership Team - Mrs Janet Day
 Intercessions - Mrs Delia Shephard
11.00am Putnoe Heights - Holy Communion
 Preacher – Revd Charles Royden
 Leadership Team - Mr Alan Cooper
 Intercessions - Mrs Sue Allen

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8.30 Service of Holy Communion
9.30am St Mark's Church – Morning Worship
 Preacher - Revd Neil Bramble-Chapman
 Leadership - Mrs Delia Shephard
 Intercessions - Ministers
11.00am Putnoe Heights - Morning Worship
 Preacher– Revd Neil Bramble-Chapman
 Leadership Team - Mrs Wendy Nash
 Intercessions - Mrs Sylvia Cohen

Reading 1 : Job 38: 1 - 11
Reading 2 : 2 Corinthians 6: 1-13
Reading 3 : Mark 4: 35-41

Thank You

The flowers at Putnoe Heights Church this week have been given by Eddy and Margaret Peck to mark their wedding anniversary.

The flowers at St. Mark's this week have been given by Iris Perry, remembering her wedding anniversary.

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

Be a light, O Lord, to my eyes, music to my ears and contentment to my heart. Be sunlight in my day, food at my table and rest to me in the night. Take into your hands my body and my soul, my freedom and my life. Let me rejoice to be about your business and let me live to your praise and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

John Cosin, 1594-1672

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Please note that any items submitted for inclusion in Partnership News will automatically be posted on our website.

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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. Please also ask us if you would like a home visit for any reason.

Putnoe Heights Church Centre

Open 9am - 12 noon Monday & Friday
9am - 5pm Tuesday/Wednesday & Thursday
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Regular Weekly Activities - A Guide To Our Churches

Monday

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

8.30 - 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 Kumoni 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 19 June 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 20 June Social : Revd. W. Davis. Contact Betty Wyatt 350188.

2.15pm Putnoe Heights Men's Fellowship. Next meeting 20 June 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

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 27 June 'Charity work with families from Kosovo', 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 28 June 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

1.30pm - 3.00pm Clinic at St. Mark's 267444

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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 4-11year 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 , 11 Oct
Circuit Meeting -
St Mark's Leadership Team - 12 Sept
Putnoe Heights Leadership Team -
St Mark's Church Management Meeting - 21st June at 12.30pm
Putnoe Heights Management -
Putnoe Church Council 9 Oct
Pastoral Group Meeting -
Churchyard Committee - 30 August
Putnoe Heights Mission Group Meeting - .
Partnership Council - 19 Sept
Brickhill Parish Council -
Deanery Meeting St Mary's Eucharist 22 June, 14 September, 16 November
Putnoe Heights Children & Youth - , 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.

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Verse of Scripture Mark 4

"What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest seed you plant in the ground.

A Collect Prayer Before we read we pray

Generous God, you gather your people and lavish your gifts upon us , day by day. Grant that each experience of your pardon may enlarge our own love, until it meets the measure of your forgiveness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *Methodist Worship*



First Bible Reading - Ezekiel 17: 22-24

'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will take a shoot from the very top of a cedar and plant it; I will break off a tender sprig from its topmost shoots and plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it; it will produce branches and bear fruit and become a splendid cedar. Birds of every kind will nest in it; they will find shelter in the shade of its branches. All the trees of the field will know that I the LORD bring down the tall tree and make the low tree grow tall. I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. " I the LORD have spoken, and I will do it.

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

Second Reading - 2 Corinthians 5: 6-17

Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. We live by faith, not by sight. We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad. Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade men. What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your conscience. We are not trying to commend ourselves to you again, but are giving you an opportunity to take pride in us, so that you can answer those who take pride in what is seen rather than in what is in the heart. If we are out of our mind, it is for the sake of God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

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Third Reading - Mark 4: 26-34

He also said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come." Again he said, "What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest seed you plant in the ground. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds of the air can perch in its shade." With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

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

Commentary

The Kingdom of God is like a seed which grows all by itself once it is planted. The Kingdom, like a small seed, might appear tiny and insignificant, but the kingdom of God should not be judged by earthly standards.

This teaching is encouraging for us. It reminds us that God is at work in this world. We should not be disappointed by the lack of spectacular growth, because Jesus tells us that Kingdom growth is slow, like that of a plant. If we watch it we will not see it grow, indeed it is only if we go back after a time that we will notice that there has been change. There is most wonderful change and growth going on, but the growth of the kingdom is imperceptible. You have to look for it very carefully and to those who lack the eyes of faith, it will be impossible to see.

This might seem rather lacking in excitement, we live in a consumer culture and we expect immediate results. However we should not be too disappointed. Growth might be imperceptible, but yet it is also unstoppable. Just as growth is a fact of nature, so the growth of the kingdom is unavoidable.

For this reason God's Kingdom should never be despised, simply because it lacks human appearance of greatness. So Jesus uses the illustration of the mustard seed. It would be easy to despise such a small seed, it is insignificant. yet it has within it the potential for great growth, many, many times its apparent size. We should never judge God's work by its appearance, there is hidden energy at work which transcends the small appearance on the surface.

Jesus contrasts the smallness of the seed with the outcome of the growth which takes place from the potential stored inside that seed. There is an important message here, the Gospel has enormous power and potential, even if like a planted seed, the growth goes on without even the possibility of being seen! So we should be aware of the importance of the small beginnings and the small changes that we see. Some have assumed that in speaking of growth, Jesus is thinking about the growth of the church. The hymn 'The day thou gavest' has this message at its core. It speaks of the church keeping watch across the whole world, the voice of prayer never being silent, because the church is 'unsleeping'. The kingdom of God is seen to be growing numerically, adding numbers, 'hour by hour fresh lips are making thy wondrous doing heard on high'. This kingdom of the church, unlike 'earth's proud empires' will never pass away. It is glorious and triumphant and very 19th century, we could hardly imagine it being written today! Although there are some modern songs which use this kind of imagery, speaking about marching and victory and claiming land for Jesus. I am not sure what Jesus would have thought of it all. Jesus made it clear to his disciples that his kingdom was a spiritual kingdom. 'My kingdom is not of this world' he told Pilate. John (18:36). When we read the teachings of Jesus about the kingdom it is quite obvious that he had no intention of establishing a rival kingdom to Rome, the kingdom of God is about the change in a human heart. We all have the potential for change and growth, allowing our lives to become fit places for God to grow his kingdom. This growth can be painfully slow. We determine that we will be nicer to our husbands and wives and families, we promise ourselves that we will practice patience and be more joyful in daily living, then we let ourselves down. Yet the kingdom still grows, even if growth, like that of a plant is so slow that stare as we might we cannot see it. Only as we look back do we see how we have changed and recognise the potential for what we might become.

There is also an important message here about our efforts. If we just sow the seed it grows by a power greater than our own. We do our own seemingly insignificant part, and great significance can result. Our part may appear insignificant it is not, it is of enormous importance. Our efforts are not the whole story, it does not all depend upon us - BUT if we fail to sow how can the seed grow?

Each one of us can sow, play our seemingly small part, we can all plant and allow the process of growth to take place. Jesus is making the point that it is not just the spiritual giants, the Billy Grahams of this world who make a difference. It is each one of us playing our part. It involves the mother with three kids who makes the effort to get to church in the morning, just as much as it involves the minister who pretends he runs the place. Both are equally important, both plant their seeds.

The sowing of the tiniest seeds starts a process over which we have no control. God will take care of the process. The growth will happen at the right pace, first the blade, then the ear, then the full corn in the ear.

Charles Royden

Meditation A thought for our holidays

Once Abba Anthony was conversing with some brethren, and a hunter who was after game in the wilderness came upon them. He saw Abba Anthony and the brothers enjoying themselves and disapproved. Abba Anthony said: 'Put an arrow in your bow and shoot it.' This he did. 'Now shoot another,' said the elder. 'And another, and another.' The hunter said: if I bend my bow all the time it will break.' Abba Anthony replied: 'So it is in the work of God. If we push ourselves beyond measure, the brethren will soon collapse. It is right, therefore, from time to time, to relax their efforts. *'The Wisdom of the Desert'*

Prayers for Sunday

For the increase of the Kingdom of God, let us pray to the Lord.

Fill your church we pray with confidence in Christ as her Lord, that your people might make him known by teaching and daily living. Nourish the good seed of your word in us, that it may be fruitful and grow.

As Christ died for all, may his love renew us all as his new creation. Open eyes that are closed to your glory and the ears that will not hear the good news. May self-interest be changed to a true desire for the common good.

Guide us to discern the signs of your presence among us, in family life, in work, in all our dealings. Trusting in your strength, may we bring to fruition all that is your will for us.

Bless and comfort those whose work is hard and who see no results for what they do. Give them strength to persevere, in the knowledge that you are working in all things.

We pray for those who have left their earthly bodies and come home to you. Judge them with mercy, through the sacrifice of Christ.

That we may grow in the service of Christ, we pray in his name. Amen.

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts: may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymns for Sunday *Please distribute Holy Communion Booklets & Hymns and Psalms*

1. Awake my soul Tune Morning Hymn (632 Hymns and Psalms)
 2. All I once held dear (On Partnership News)
 3. I vow to thee my country (On Partnership News—Tune Thaxted)
 4. Now let us from this table rise (619 Hymns and Psalms Tune Tallis Canon)
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All I once held dear, built my life upon,
All this world reveres, and wars to own,
All I once thought gain, I have counted loss;
Spent and worthless now, compared to this.

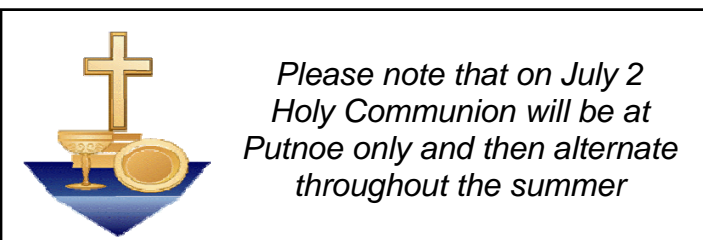
*Knowing You, Jesus, knowing you,
there is no greater thing.
You're my all, You're the best,
You're my joy, my righteousness,
and I love you, Lord.*

Now my heart's desire, is to know you more,
To be found in you, and known as yours.
To possess by faith, what I could not earn,
All-surpassing gift, of righteousness.

Oh, to know the power, of your risen life,
And to know you in, your sufferings.
To become like you, in your death, my Lord,
So with you to live, and never die.

I vow to thee, my country,
all earthly things above,
entire and whole and perfect,
the service of my love:
the love that asks no question,
the love that stands the test,
that lays upon the altar
the dearest and the best;
the love that never falters,
the love that pays the price,
the love that makes undaunted
the final sacrifice.

And there's another country,
I've heard of long ago,
most dear to them that love her,
most great to them that know;
we may not count her armies,
we may not see her King;
her fortress is a faithful heart,
her pride is suffering;
and soul by soul and silently
her shining bounds increase,
and her ways are ways of gentleness
and all her paths are peace.
Tune Thaxted



News and Information

“**God Talk**” is a house group which meets on Monday mornings at 10.30, for prayer, worship and fellowship. It is mostly for mums with children at school, and so doesn't meet in the school holidays. New members welcome. Ring Joan for details. 344536

Footprints Rambling Group weekend away in Cannock Chase, 23 & 24 September. Details now available from Sue Allen 407264.

Appointment of Rev Dr Joan Crossley
Congratulations to Joan on her appointment this week by the Circuit, to serve as a Methodist Minister. The vote was unanimous and we all look forward to sharing with and supporting Joan in her future ministry.

British Cardiac Patients Meeting at Putnoe Heights at 7.30pm on 22 June. Entertainment by 'Frame of Mind'. Come and enjoy the evening with us. Raffle, coffee or tea & biscuits. More information Eileen Marriot 303834.

Putnoe Junior Church The help rota until to September is now on the board. If you would like to join us one Sunday please sign up. Thanks for your support. Liz and Sam

Open Garden with cream teas & a raffle on Sunday 18 June from 3 - 6pm at the home of Pam & Bob Burn, 62 Church Lane. Entry £2.50. In aid of African Projects. All welcome.

Table Top Sale Thursday 22 June at William Harpur House from 2- 4pm. Entry 10p. More details Tel. 01234 346370.

Are you looking for an Infant School? Have you visited your nearest Church School with a view to enrolling your child for the September Term? Ravensden C of E School 771316 and Wilden C of E School 771313 both have places. Following these schools children would normally attend Alban Church of England School, Great Barford. In the event of a change in structure of the three tier system you can figure what changes may take place to enable a choice for parents favouring a church school.

Arthritis Research Campaign Appeal 4 - 11 June if you were out when our collector called or your area was not covered and you still wish to donate, there is opportunity to do so today. Donations can be left in an envelope in the basket in the foyer or handed in at the office at both St Mark's and Putnoe. Thank you very much for all your help. Marian Goddard, Hon Sec ARC Bedford.

Flowers. Anybody who wishes to donate flowers at Putnoe Heights Church during the next few months is invited to enter their name on the rota displayed on the noticeboard in the welcome area.

Partnership Junior Church & Storybox Plus Summer Activity Day. Thursday 24 August 9.30 to 3.30 at Putnoe. Join us in putting together 'Jonah Man Jazz', a short musical. We need musicians as well as singers & anyone who likes to make lots of fun. See Joan or Liz.

Barn Dance 4 November 6pm at Putnoe. Suitable for all ages. Details to follow. See Liz

New Rotas are ready this morning for both churches. Please check the rota to make sure your name has not been missed off, and make any swaps which are necessary.

Brickhill Parish Council Administrative Assistant The position is being advertised for the above position based at St Mark's Church. It will involve 20 hours per week assisting the Clerk in general administrative duties. The applicant will have IT skills and admin experience. Applications need to be ASAP by way of letter and CV to the Clerk, Delia Shephard. For more details of the parish council see brickhillparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Youth Work The youth group on Friday evenings at St Mark's is going well, attracting many young people. This produces a need for more leaders willing to come along and assist the police officers who are responsible for running the group. If you are interested in becoming involved, please see PC Dave Hawkey at St Mark's.



What is Telecare ?

We want everybody in our church to know that they are cared for. The ministry of pastoral care and visiting is a central part of the life of the church - it is one way we express our love and concern for each other. The ministers will always arrange to make a personal visit when we hear that somebody is ill or in hospital. The Ministers are supported in their work of caring for people by The Partnership Pastoral Support Team, a group of trained volunteers.

Sadly it is all too possible for somebody to be unwell for any reason and for us not to find out. If you are away from church for a few weeks, it may be that we are not aware that there is anything wrong, and we don't find out until it is too late. This can happen very easily, especially if you are elderly or living alone.

That is why our Church Councils have agreed to launch 'Telecare.' Anybody can register, of any age, individuals or families. Especially we hope that this will be helpful to the elderly and those who live alone. By joining Telecare you will be inviting a member of the Partnership Pastoral Support Team to contact you by telephone every couple of weeks, just to check and see that everything is alright. If they speak with you and there is a personal need, then they may ask if you would like a visit from a member of the Team or one of the Ministers.

Nobody will call on you at home, they will just make this brief telephone call to show we care. We will usually call during the day or early evening. Remember you can leave the scheme at any time.

Please help us to keep in touch with you by completing the form opposite and returning it to one of the Ministers or any member of the Partnership Pastoral Support Team.

The banns of marriage are published between Jason Paul Crowther and Fay Ann Groom both of this Parish. This is for the 2nd time of asking

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.

James Molyneaux

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 Mrs Thelma Jean Fallon will take place at Bedford Crematorium on Thursday 22 June at 11.30am Crossley

The funeral of Irene Vera Price will take place on Monday 19th June at 1.00pm at Norse Road. Crossley

The funeral of Edith Hansen will take place on Monday 26 June at 4.00pm at Bedford Crematorium. Royden

The funeral of Margaret Sylvia Worthington will take place 11.30am on Friday 30 June at Bedford Crematorium. Royden