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Partnership News

1 November 2009

All Saints



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Partnership Church Services Today

8.30am Holy Communion every Sunday

1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday at Putnoe Heights
2nd and 4th Sunday at St. Mark's Church

9.30am St. Mark's - Mission Sunday

Preacher - Ali Inwood – Kings Arms Project
Leadership - Mrs Laura Farthing
Intercessions - Mr Warwick Holden

11.00am Putnoe Heights– Family Worship

Preacher - Ali Inwood – Kings Arms Project
Leadership - Mrs Linda Hoar
Intercessions - Mrs Sylvia Cohen

Sunday 8 November Remembrance Sunday

9.30am St. Mark's - Morning Worship

Preacher - Revd. Dr. Sam Cappleman
Leadership - Mrs. Jean Bank
Intercessions – Mr. Chris Izzard

11.00am Putnoe Heights– Morning Worship

Preacher – Revd. Dr. Sam Cappleman
Leadership – Mr. Lawrence Wyatt
Intercessions –Mrs. Sue Allen

Readings

1. Micah 4: 1-5 2 Romans 8: 31-end.
3. 1 Cor. 15: 50-end.

Thank You

The flowers at St Mark's this week have been given by Richard Ledger in memory of his mother

The flowers at Putnoe Heights Church this week have been given by Rita & Nigel Platt and family in loving

Footprints Walk

Today Sunday 1 November. Meet at Cople Church at 2pm (please note earlier time) for a 4 mile walk. John & Sally 305925

Welcome

We especially welcome to Putnoe Heights Church the family and friends of Lucy Eleanor Darling who has been brought for baptism.

Prayer for Sunday

God, good beyond all that is good, fair beyond all that is fair. In you is calmness, peace and concord. Heal our divisions, draw us into your divine nature, and through the embrace of your love make us one in Spirit. Amen.

Dionysius of Alexandria (d. 264)

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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

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Regular Weekly Activities - A Guide To Our Churches

Monday

9.15 -11.45 am Mon-Fri Putnoe Heights Pre-school
Headteacher Mrs Janet Smith ☎326685

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

9.30-3.15pm Top Marks Mon-Fri St Mark's
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.

9.45am - Body Control Pilates –Putnoe Heights
Stephanie Smith ☎ 357787 or 07973174430

10.00am Bakers Barn Art Group. St Mark's Mr Kellie ☎ 721063

10.30am U3A Play reading St Mark's J Birks ☎219607

12.00pm 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. ☎Liz 302349

1.30pm U3A History Group St Mark's ☎ David Fowler 824474

2pm U3A Drama St Mark's 1st & 2nd week. Mr Ovenden ☎ 825059

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 or 07881730747

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 ☎ 07720713738.

6.15 Pilates at Putnoe Heights Jane Butcher 300859

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

7.30pm Cancer Care Society. St Mark's. 1st Week. Mr J Dewhurst ☎01908 377020

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

7.15pm Yoga. Putnoe Heights Denise Green ☎244970

7.30pm Whist Drive. St Mark's 3rd & 5th week . Next meeting October 19 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

9.30 12.30 Jo Jingles. St. Mark's. Music & movement for pre-school children. Renu Elston ☎01908 587299

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 Mrs Brown☎771676

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

11.15am U3A Keep Fit Putnoe Heights Sally Banks ☎ 870357

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

1.30pm U3A Cinema Group. St Mark's 4th Week in month . Mrs Beaumont ☎261461

2.00pm U3A Book Group. St Mark's 3rd Week Mrs Forrest ☎344043

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

2pm U3A Photography (Group 3) St Mark's 1st Week. Janet King ☎313946

2.15pm Putnoe Heights Women's Fellowship. Next meeting November 3. Rev Jeremy Arthern. Betty Wyatt ☎ 350188.

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

2.15pm Tuesday Afternoon Housegroup. St Mark's Fortnightly. Mary Stubbs ☎406784.

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

6.30pm Creative Card making. Putnoe Heights Church. Carol Houghton 346718

6.30pm Yoga Putnoe Heights Veronica Lafferty ☎781466 or 07788750360

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

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

7.30pm Hearts & Beds. Cardiac Support Group 1st Tuesday in the month. Brian Ibberson ☎403497

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

7.30pm Putnoe Heights Ladies Tuesday Club - Meets fortnightly. Next meeting November 3, AGM. Details from Audrey Wilkins☎365068 or Margaret Gentle ☎309043

Wednesday

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

10am Card Making, St Mark's Church. 4th week in the month. Contact Janet King 313946

12.30pm Luncheon Club. Putnoe Heights fortnightly. Next - 11 November 2009 Putnoe Heights Office ☎ 365630

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 Putnoe monthly .All welcome Nancy Barr 268147

2-5pm Police Surgery. St Mark's Foyer. ☎349179

1.30-4.30pm U3A Craft St Mark's 1st & 3rd week. Pat Holland ☎ 262823

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 or 07910835994.

6-8pm Karate. St Mark's Karen King ☎079412 64885

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

7.00pm Archaeological & Local History Society Putnoe Heights monthly. Vanessa Aykac 268098 or 07917385987

7.00pm Putnoe Guild Putnoe Heights monthly Janice Loxley ☎347073

7.00pm Line Dancing Putnoe Heights Mike Del-Boyer ☎348378

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

8.00pm Tudor Reeds Folk Dance Club meet at St Mark's 1st,3rd & 5th Wednesday in month. Next Meeting 4 November. Everyone welcome. All dances called, only £1 including refreshments.. Ring Graham ☎406359 or Alan 345312. or Rosemary 405594 for more details

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

7.45 for 8pm God talk - women's group monthly meeting for worship and friendly chat at Wendy Nash's Contact Majella Atkinson ☎325293

Thursday

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

Request for prayer can be written in the prayer diary on the information table. (No meeting on 9th April)

9.45am Yoga Putnoe Heights Denise Green ☎244970

9.45am Chat and Play St.Mark's. A group for Mums & toddlers. Emma Strangwick ☎211070

11am-12noon Citizens Advice Bureau at Putnoe Heights.

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 Emma Strangwick ☎211070

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

1.30pm Toddler Playtime. Putnoe Majella Atkinson ☎325293.

2pm Putnoe Bridge Club. Gerald Palmer ☎345991

2.30 - 4.30pm Bedford Art Society at St Mark's. Mary Rich ☎272470 Next meeting 24 September

4 - 7.00pm Police Surgery. St Mark's Foyer. ☎349179

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

6.15pm Brownies. Putnoe Heights Caroline Morgan ☎07786508351

7.00pm Club 2000 Putnoe Heights Nina Ovenden☎825059

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

7.15pm Putnoe Art Group Bob Wardale ☎406094

7.30pm Bedford Embroiderers' Guild St Mark's 3rd week in month. Nadeen Salmon ☎301550

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

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

8.00pm Brickhill Ladies Group St Mark's 1st and 3rd week in month. Pat Foulks ☎346505

Friday

9.30-12.30pm U3A Photography (Group 1) St Marks 4th week in month Val Scrivener ☎346397

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

10am - 12 & 1.15 - 3.15pm U3A Beginners French St Mark's Joyce Fields ☎353086

12.15pm U3A Photography (Group 2). St Mark's 4th week in month. Sue Butler ☎354183

5pm Stars School of Dance Putnoe Heights Contact Esther Sancto ☎295862 or ☎07917 582468

2.00pm U3A Gardening Group Putnoe Heights Eve Whitehead ☎356875

6.15pm Yoga and Relaxation Putnoe Heights. Racheall Monton 297138 or 07910835994

6.30pm Line Dancing. St Mark's Christine Rushton ☎782360

6.30 - 7.30pm Ladies Kick Boxing weekly at St. Mark's. Parker Lake ☎07984427854

7.45 - 10.45pm Bedford Astrology Club. St. Mark's. Carol Brown ☎01438 233385

Saturday

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

Young Embroiderers bi monthly Putnoe Heights Terry Fletcher Tel 357198

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

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. Please see Liz ☎302349 .



Diary Dates



St Mark's Church Council – 9 Nov

St Mark's Leadership Team – 19 January

Putnoe Heights Leadership Team – , 8 Feb

Putnoe Heights Management Meeting 18 Jan 7.45pm

St Mark's Church Forum Meeting - 11 Nov, 12 Jan 2010,

Putnoe Church Council - 15 February

Pastoral Group Meeting - 19 January

Churchyard Committee - 26 January 2010, 11am

Putnoe Heights Mission Group—Weds 6th Jan at 14 Flint Way at 7.30pm

Partnership Council—TBA

Brickhill Parish Council Meetings -

Deanery Meeting 19 Nov,

Circuit/Treasurers Revue meeting at St. Mark's

Circuit Meeting 8 March at Oakley

Woodland Burial Trustees –

Putnoe Heights Children & Youth – 18th Jan

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

All Saints

All Saints Day

Opening Verses of Scripture Colossians 1:12

Give thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.

Collect Prayer for the Day

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.



They will receive blessing
from the Lord and vindication
from God their saviour
Psalm 24:5

First Bible Reading Isaiah 25: 6-9

On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine the best of meats and the finest of wines. On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove the disgrace of his people from all the earth. The LORD has spoken. In that day they will say, "Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the LORD, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation."

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

Second Reading Rev 21: 1-6a

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life.

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

Gospel Reading John 11: 32-44

When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. "Where have you laid him?" he asked. "Come and see, Lord," they replied. Jesus wept. Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. "Take away the stone," he said. "But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odour, for he has been there four days." Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came

out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go." (This is the word of the Lord - **All:Thanks be to God**)

Hymns (*Please distribute Morning Worship and Hymns and Psalms*)

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| 1. Come let us join our cheerful songs, 810 | <i>Tune Nativity</i> |
| 2. O happy day, 702 | <i>Tune O Happy day</i> |
| 3. I will sing the wondrous story, 223 | <i>Tune Hyfrydol</i> |
| 4. Jesus good above all other, 732 | <i>Tune Quem Pasores Laudavere</i> |
| 5. For all the saints, 814 | <i>Tune Sine Nomine</i> |

Post Communion Prayer

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. (All Saints)

Today is Mission Sunday, the start of this year's special Mission Project

Mission Sunday is a time to look back at the Mission activities of the churches over the past year and to give thanks to God for His generosity to us and in turn thank all those who have been involved in supporting mission in our churches over the last year through their unselfish giving of money, time and effort. Through all of these efforts we have given over £5300 to Mission from the Partnership in the last year. To this needs to be added activities and giving such as Christian Aid and the many other unseen mission projects we are quietly involved in as individuals and groups. To all those involved, and to all those who gave so generously, either to specific projects or through the weekly offerings or standing orders, to those who organise and participate in coffee mornings and sponsored events, to those who work tirelessly and faithfully in the background for mission in our Partnership; thank you.

Looking forward, we will continue with our regular mission activities at each church. Please let one of the ministers know if you would like to be involved in a more practical way in our mission activities. This year for our mission focus we want to extend our support for the work at the King's Arms project in Bedford. Details of how individuals and groups can contribute and 'share' in this project are given in the letters to be found at the back of the church and we look forward to work together to take a significant and positive change to those in Bedford who are struggling and have become homeless and need our support to break away from the streets and move on into their own accommodation.

On this Mission Sunday we look back at the past year with gratefulness and look forward to the challenge ahead with excitement and anticipation. Our God is a generous God and we are called to be stewards of His Kingdom here on earth. And as we do so, we become part of God's ultimate mission, the restoration of His creation, whether in Bedford, Europe, Africa or beyond, a restoration which includes the whole earth and everyone on it. Now that's a mission challenge! *Sam Cappleman*

Mediation Some thoughts about the Kings Arms Project from Ali Inwood

Established in 1989, this year marks 20 years of King's Arms Project's work here in Bedford with the homeless and disadvantaged. The Project has always been a ministry of the church, and although we are now a well established professional charity we are still very much a church ministry. Throughout the history of the Project, our vision has been to see the fulfilment of God's promises for the poor, described in Isaiah 61: liberty to the captives; gladness instead of mourning; instead of despair - praise; instead of shame - a double portion; instead of dishonour - rejoicing. In other words our vision is 'to see lives transform'.

We work with people from a wide range of backgrounds who have become homeless and need our support to break away from the streets and move on into their own accommodation - living as a contributing member of their local community. Time and time again we have seen transformation in the lives of those the world has given up on. At King's Arms Project we don't believe there is any such thing as a hopeless case.

We work with rough sleepers and the homeless at many stages, supporting people with issues such as drug or alcohol addiction, literacy and educational needs, family breakdown, health and mental health needs, managing debt and finances and so on. The most important thing is tailor making our support to each and

every individual – not having a conveyor-belt approach but really building relationships and understanding each person we support, and working with them to discover the way forward.

We run:

- **Rough Sleepers Outreach Service** – our two support workers go out to find and engage with the ‘hardest-to-reach’ street homeless clients, helping them to access services and support. This is essential to make sure no one slips through the net.
- **Friday Night Meeting** – it’s basically ‘church on the street’ – a weekly hot two-course meal for 40 – 50 rough sleepers and homeless clients, or those with a homeless background. At this meeting we meet practical needs, build community and real relationships, and provide opportunity to hear a gospel talk and receive prayer. Often this is the first time people have heard about the God who loves them.
- **The Nightshelter** –18-bed overnight accommodation for rough sleepers. The aim is to meet the crucial needs of a bed, food, showers and safety while restoring dignity and offering support that gives residents the confidence and skills to move on. We have a visiting Doctor, housing clinics, and support to get help in any area – but most importantly it is a place where people can experience the acceptance and love and have hope for the future restored.
- **Barton House** – our 14-bed hostel provides supported accommodation for between 30 – 40 residents per year. Barton House becomes the resident’s home for up to 2 years and here they can address the issues that brought about their homelessness, as well as getting trained up for the future. Each resident has an individual support plan and keyworkers to help them do this. It is at Barton House that we run ‘Pathways’. This is an in-house training programme tackling essential lifeskills such as Literacy and Numeracy, DIY and Home Maintenance, Healthy Living and Eating and Computer Skills alongside courses that build confidence and encourage positive activities such as Outdoor Activities, Art, and Music.
- **Onward Floating Support**– This is intensive one to one support which goes out into the community with each person, helping them access and maintain suitable accommodation and assisting them to get back into meaningful occupation – be it education, employment or volunteer work. Onward works with the client at all stages of housing and often the longest period of support is once the client is in their own flat or house: supporting them to maintain their new accommodation and get back into living as part of their local community. Highly successful, Onward sees clients break away from addictions, crime and the cycle of homelessness and settle into a new way of living.

But of course, it takes money to do these things. Although we are funded from grants, awards and the Borough Council (Supporting People), we rely heavily on fundraising and most importantly: individual giving. It is this support that makes our work possible and allows us to really work out what we see the bible calls us to: to love the poor and poor in spirit.

Here’s a list to help you see where some of the money goes:

- £15 provides food for a week for a Nightshelter resident
- £25 provides food for a week for a Barton House resident
- £110 provides a place on one of our ‘Pathways’ Life Skills courses
- £136 per week to run the Friday Night Meeting for 50 guests – it costs £520 to run Friday Night Meeting for a month – just over £3000 to run it for 6 months.
- £250 provides floating support for a client for 1 month

A few Quotes about the Project:

“The King’s Arms Project is making such a positive impact on improving the life chances of homeless people” John Morris – Head of Housing Services, Bedford Borough Council

“They have been through the mill with me. But they’ve picked me up and put me back on my feet. I didn’t care how I looked and smelt...I told [staff] you’ll give up on me like everyone else, but she hasn’t...they don’t sit in judgement over you. I still can’t believe it is 3 years and 1 month they have stuck with me, that’s dedication – and I am hard work. I was impossible to work with. They never made me feel guilty. They treated me like a human being”. Male, age 47, Nightshelter and Onward client.

The Kings Arms Project is a major contributor to the Council’s multi-agency approach to tackling rough sleeping. We are grateful for their continued participation in working groups and forums whether at a strategic or operational level and for readily sharing their expertise in providing services for very vulnerable and marginalised people.’ Dawn Parker, Housing Needs Manager, Bedford Borough Council

Prayers for Sunday and the week ahead

For all the saints who went before us, Who have spoken to our hearts and touched us with your fire, We praise you, O God

For all the saints who live beside us, Whose weaknesses and strengths are woven into our own, We praise you, O God

Who challenge us to change the world with them, We praise you, O God *Janet Morley*

O Lord, in every age you reveal yourself to the childlike and lowly of heart, and from every race you write names in your book of life, give us the simplicity and faith of your saints, that loving you above all things, we may be what you would have us be, and to do what you would have us do. So may we be numbered with your saints in glory everlasting. Amen.

Father God, you have brought us near to the spirits of those who have been made perfect, and to an innumerable company of angels; grant us during our earthly pilgrimage to abide in their fellowship, and in the heavenly country to become partakers of their joy. Amen

Lord God, we thank you for calling us into the company of those who trust in Christ and seek to obey His will. May your Spirit guide and strengthen us in mission and service to your world; for we are strangers no longer but pilgrims together on the way to your Kingdom. Amen Prayer of the Inter Church Process (The Swanwick Declaration)

May almighty God grant you to be numbered with the saints in glory everlasting; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen

St Mark's Christmas Craft Fayre

There are only 3 weeks left to our Annual Christmas Craft Fayre on Saturday 21st November 2009. We would be grateful for help with the following:-

Tombola – Any NEW unwanted gifts\Christmas present etc. for our Tombola stall.

Raffle – Raffle books are now available as for Sunday 25th October. It would be appreciated if you could take a few books to sell to family and friends. We would also be grateful for any new items suitable for the raffle.

Cake Stall - Milly is kindly co-ordinating the cake stall again. If you are able to bake a cake for this stall please contact Milly via the Church Office.

Refreshments – We would very much appreciate donations of tray bakes to sell with tea and coffee. Ploughman's lunches will be on sale at lunchtime as usual. Volunteers to help in the kitchen on the day would be very much appreciated. To put your name down please see Avril Williams or Trudy Bunday. Any help gratefully received.

Secondhand Book Stall - Delia has very kindly volunteered to co-ordinate the secondhand book stall again this year so please have a look in your cupboards for any unwanted books.

Indoor Plant Stall -This year we are planning to have an Indoor Plant Stall. If you have any indoor plants or have split any plants and would like to donate them to our stall we would be very grateful. Also if anyone is willing and able to run the stall for us please contact Avril Williams or contact the Church Office. All donated items for the above stalls can be bought up to Church anytime week beginning 16 November.

We will need lots of help on the day especially when the Fayre finishes at 3.30p.m. Many hands make light work and it would certainly be appreciated.

This is one of our main fundraising events of the year and we are hoping to make it an even bigger success than last year, with your help I am sure we can achieve this.

And the desert shall blossom: A *silent* weekend sharing the peace and beauty of Advent with the Turvey communities. Cost £90 including £30 non returnable deposit. To book a place, please contact Sister Judith at the address below. Turvey Abbey, Turvey, Bedfordshire MK43 8DE

The Gospel of John with The Very Revd Dr Jeffrey John Dean of St Albans. Saturday 20 February 2010 10.00am to 1.00pm Venue: St Andrews Church, Kimbolton Road, Bedford MK40 2PF £15.00 (waged) £12.00 (unwaged) To book a place on this course, please contact the **BELIEF** office c/o Priory Methodist Church, Newnham Avenue, Bedford MK41 9QJ Tel: 01234293688 E-mail: office@beliefbeds.org.uk www.beliefbeds.org.uk

Thank You to Judith Stanton and her supporters for their donation of £113 raised at their Whist Drive evening.

Heart Of Worship an Interactive Alternative Worship Service at Christ Church, Denmark Street, at 7pm on Saturday 14 November. More details Tel. 01234 327150

Art Exhibition Putnoe Art Group hold their first one-day exhibition at Putnoe Heights Church on Saturday, November 14th 10:30am – 4:00pm. In addition to the original watercolours there will be a display of needlecrafts. Refreshments will be available. Entry is free, all welcome.

Working for The Diocese of St Albans Do you have the skills and passion to help resource the mission of the Church? We need an Administrator for the Board for Church and Society
We are seeking someone to be a key part of the diocese's mission team. A range of communication and IT skills is required. Although the position is administrative in nature, it will require initiative, creativity and understanding of the mission of the church local and global. Please contact Canon John Kiddle for more details. 01727 818146 or john.kiddle@stalbans.anglican.org St Albans Diocesan Office, 41 Holywell Hill, St Albans Herts AL1 1HE Applications close on 25 November 2009
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The Bible in Lego Do you know any young children who would like to learn Bible stories using Lego illustrations. Check out the following website and recommend it to them.
<http://www.thebricktestament.com/>

Turvey Abbey A Christian East/West Exploration 'New Visions of Monasticism for Lay and Monastics' 14 November 2009 10.30am to 4.30pm Cost £12 Please bring a packed lunch - coffee and tea provided To book, please contact Sister Esther at the address below.

Advent Retreat Weekend 11 - 13 December 2009
Coffee/tea afternoon at Anjulita Court 2.30pm on Thursday November 5 includes the sale of Christmas cards/gifts, all proceeds to Arthritis Research Campaign (ARC).

St Mark's sets of weekly offering envelopes are available in the foyer today. Regular giving is an essential part of the Church's income, and helps greatly in meeting the costs of running St Mark's. We are very fortunate that so many members of the congregation already give so generously to the Church in this way. You can make regular weekly or monthly gifts, either by standing order or through the weekly envelope scheme. In addition, if you are a UK tax payer, you can Gift Aid your offering - and the Church can claim 20% tax back from the Government. This can also be done through the yellow Gift Aid envelopes on the chairs. If you would like to find out more please speak to Jim Williams after the service or contact him on 01234 360605. As always, thank you for your generosity. *Jim W*

All Saints is a yearly celebration in which we are encouraged to remember that we are literally 'all saints!'

We tend to think of people like Mother Theresa as saints. They are special because their lives reflect the very best of human behaviour. As we think of them and the way that they lived we are encouraged to be more like them. We think of them as being holy, in the sense of living special godly lives, separated from the grubbiness of usual daily living. This is all well and good but we need to also remember that you and I are saints as well. We might not live such remarkable lives as Mother Theresa, but we are still saints. This is because we are already holy by virtue of being God's children. We do not have to work hard trying to become God's children, we already are! In the same way that a child might work hard to please their parents, so we will want our lives to measure up, but we are already God's, we are already saints because we call Him father. At this time of year we admire saints, we use them as role models to encourage ourselves that we can do better. But we do not lose sight of our special kinship to God.

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.

John Andrew Day

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 Mr John William Parker will take place at Bedford Crematorium at 2.30pm on Tuesday 10 November

The funeral of Mrs June Dunham will take place at Bedford Crematorium on Monday 2 November at 12.15pm