



Methodist
Church

Partnership News

20 August 2006
Ordinary 20

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 at St Mark's only

9.30am St Mark's Church - Holy Communion

Preacher - Rev Dr Sam Cappleman

Leadership - Mr Ian Farthing

Intercessions - Mr John Stubbs

11.00am Putnoe Heights - Holy Communion

Preacher - Rev Dr Sam Cappleman

Leadership Team - Mrs Jenny Emsley

Intercessions - Mrs Betty Wyatt

Joan will be preaching at

Oakley Methodist Church today.

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8.30 Holy Communion

9.30am St Mark's Church - Morning Worship

Preacher - Revd Dr Joan Crossley

Leadership - Mrs Avril Williams

Intercessions - Mr Warwick Holden

11.00am Putnoe Heights - Morning Worship

Preacher - Revd Dr Joan Crossley

Leadership Team - Mr Alan Bayliss

Intercessions - Dr Tim Wilkes

Reading 1 : Joshua 24: 1 - 2a, 14 - 18

Reading 2 : Ephesians 6: 10-20

Reading 3 : John 6: 59-69

Thank You

The flowers at Putnoe Heights Church this week have been given by Hazel Caine in memory of her husband, George, and her son, Mark.

The flowers at St Mark's this week are given in celebration of the marriage of Sue Turner and Ronnie Jenkins.

The flowers in the chapel are given by Brian Sallows in loving memory of his wife Carol

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).

A Prayer for Sunday

Lord, we know that nothing can separate us from your love.

In all that this day brings, help me to hold on to that hope which opens my eyes to the reality of your world and yet encourages me; that hope, which leads me without fear into your future; that hope, which is your gift in Jesus Christ our Lord, our Saviour and Friend, in whose name we pray. Amen.

James Booth

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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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Gift Aid Administrator - Mr John Hitt 404186

Junior Church Co-ordinator - Mrs Liz Spavins 302349

St. Mark's Church Centre (Open 9am - 5.00pm)

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Gift Aid Administrator Mr Jim Williams 360605

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

2.30 - 4.30pm Bedford Arts Society at Putnoe Heights contact Malcolm Smith on 01234 400741 (weekly from 25 September 2006)

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 - 6.00pm Kumon Maths at Putnoe Heights. Contact Ms Raksha Mistry 01908 392698

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

6.15 pm Brownies Putnoe. Penny Fulham 406045

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

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

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

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

7.30pm Whist Drive - At St Mark's each month the next 21 August 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 -

For details of next meeting 5 Sept. AGM contact Betty Wyatt 350188.

2.15pm Putnoe Heights Men's Fellowship. For details of next meeting 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. For details of next meeting contact 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 Sept 5 'Living in Queens Park' - Revd J McLeod 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

10.30 am U3A Art Appreciation meets fortnightly at Putnoe Heights - For details of next meeting Contact Audrey Hancock 365915.

Luncheon Club at Putnoe Heights fortnightly. For details of next meeting contact 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 - 6pm Kumon Maths at Putnoe Heights Ms Raksha Mistry 01908 392698

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
12pm Story box St Mark's Church welcome the under 5's and their carers to join them between 12 noon and 1pm for a sandwich lunch followed by a Bible story, singing and activities. Lots of fun, donations. Contact Liz Spavins on 302349
1.30-3pm Toddler Playtime at Putnoe. Geraldine Skeel 406828
1.30pm St. Mark's Church Toddler Group. Debbie Coppenhall 356828.
2pm - Putnoe Bridge Club. Gerald Palmer 345991
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
8.00 - 10pm Bedford Writers Circle at St Mark's 1st Thursday each month. Mr John Broadhouse 740271

Friday

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 Contact Eve Whitehead 356875
7 - 10pm Bedford Arts Society meets fortnightly at Putnoe Heights from 8 September. Contact Malcolm Smith 01234 400741
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 Theatretrain 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
5 - 7pm Bethesda Church . Contact Pastor Denis Baka 07944 749357
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 October
Circuit Meeting - 28 September 7.30 Priory
St Mark's Leadership Team – 12 September
Putnoe Heights Leadership Team - 26 September
St Mark's Church Management Meeting - 12.30pm 11 October, 6 December
Putnoe Heights Church Management - 18 Sept
Putnoe Church Council 9 October
Pastoral Group Meeting –
Churchyard Committee - 30 August
Putnoe Heights Mission Group Meeting - .
Partnership Council - 19 September
Brickhill Parish Council - 14 Sept, 12 Oct, 30 Nov
Deanery Meeting , 14 September, 16 November
Putnoe Heights Children & Youth - 4 September 7.30

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

Ordinary 20

Verse of Scripture -Psalm 34 v 9

Fear the Lord, you His saints,
for those who fear Him lack nothing.

Collect Prayer - Before we read we pray

God of the nations, to whose table all are invited and in whose kingdom no one is a stranger: hear the cries of the hungry and mercifully extend to all the peoples on earth the joy of your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *Methodist Worship*

First Bible Reading - Proverbs 9: 1-6

Wisdom has built her house; she has hewn out its seven pillars. She has prepared her meat and mixed her wine; she has also set her table. She has sent out her maids, and she calls from the highest point of the city. "Let all who are simple come in here!" she says to those who lack judgment. "Come, eat my food and drink the wine I have mixed. Leave your simple ways and you will live; walk in the way of understanding. (Reader : This is the word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God

Second Reading– Ephesians 5: 15-20

Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit. Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Reader : This is the word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God)

Third Reading - John 6: 51 –58 - Please stand for the Gospel

When the Gospel is announced -' **Glory to Christ our Saviour'**

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world." Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your forefathers ate manna and died, but he who feeds on this bread will live forever."

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

Post Communion Prayer

God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the way of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Hymns (Please distribute Mission Praise and Holy Communion booklets)

1. O worship the King, 528
2. For I'm building a people of power, 151
3. The King of love my shepherd is, 649
4. Great is thy faithfulness, 200



Meditation

The book of Proverbs is seen as one of the most representative works of Israelite wisdom and is made up of two main sections called 'The proverbs of Solomon', Sol 10 v 1 – 22 v 16 and 'Some more of Solomon's proverbs', Sol 22 v 17 – 24 v 22. These sections are followed by some other sayings and closes with an alphabetical poem in praise of an ideal wife. The book of Proverbs is not just a book of pithy sayings and maxims to live by, although it does contain many of these, it's a book which gives unique insight into the Israelite faith and the nature of God and His wisdom. The Old Testament reading today is taken from the 9 chapter long introduction to the book of Proverbs and models a classic form of Egyptian wisdom literature with the deep impression of Israelite thought imposed upon it. In this introduction a father commends wisdom to his child in a discourse where wisdom herself intervenes. The parable which unfolds in Sol 9 v 1 – 18, of which we have the first 6 verses today, lays out the 2 paths before an individual, the way of virtue and the way of vice, from which every human must choose. It echoes the choice laid out before us by Jesus, God's wisdom personified, the choice between the way of the cross and the way of self. And, just as in the times of Solomon, we too have to make a choice. Sam Cappleman

Commentary

The ups and downs of our Christian faith

The book of John is alone in the gospels in that it does not contain a lengthy exposition of the Last Supper. Instead of which we have John Chapter 6 where Jesus, after feeding the 5000, explains that He is the bread of life, a passage which led to early Christians being accused of cannibalism by some parties because of the phrase in the chapter where Jesus declares that '...unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you'. For the Jews, it was one of their best known dietary laws that the drinking of blood, or even eating meat still with the blood in it, was expressly forbidden. To understand what Jesus means we perhaps need to go back to the Old Testament.

In 2 Samuel 23 there is an account of David, who is fighting the philistines who have their garrison in David's home town of Bethlehem. David longs for a drink of water from the well at the gates of Bethlehem and on hearing his wish, three of his 'mighty men' go to the well and bring David a drink of water back. To everyone's surprise David refuses to drink the water which has been so bravely brought to him. 'Far be it for me', he says, 'that I should drink of the blood of the men who went at the risk of their lives'. David did not want to be seen to profit from the risk of those who put their lives at risk for him. By the same reasoning, if we want to profit from the risk Jesus has taken for us we need to 'eat of his body and drink of His blood'. Jesus put His own life at risk, and eventually lost it, so that we could profit from that risk and loss.

And as we read on in the chapter, and the rest of the gospel, it is clear that John is not just talking about the here and now, the immediate future, he has an eternal perspective to his writing. John clearly understands the words of Jesus in this discourse (in a synagogue in Capernaum) to refer to the Eucharist, the sacrament in which Jesus' body and blood are offered to all believers to be eaten and drunk. The Israelites who had eaten manna from heaven whilst they were in the wilderness survived to tell the tale, but eventually all had died. Those who in faith partake in the mystery of the Eucharist and eat and drink of the body and blood of Jesus may not die but have everlasting life.

Jesus is the bread that came down from heaven so that we could be raised up on the last day. To the hearers it was radical talk. Many people heard the message and decided it was not for them and turned away. Many presumably continued to follow for the miracles and the teaching but in reality were only going through the motions. Next week we will read that the true disciples continued to follow Jesus because they understood the life changing nature of Jesus' words and that, ultimately, there was no one else to follow, no where else to go.

As Christians, as we share in the Eucharist, the Lord's Supper, the Holy Communion, as we eat of the body of Jesus and drink of His blood, we are reminded in a profound way that as we profit and share in the risk that Jesus took by the breaking of His body and the shedding of His blood, so we share in His risen life. His is the life that sustains and transforms us, hour by hour, day by day, week by week. No longer are we limited by the laws of the Old Testament or the physical restrictions of our human body, through the Eucharist, and all that it symbolises for each one of us, perhaps in very different ways, we are raised up with Christ and share in His eternal glory both now and in the world to come. *Sam Cappleman*

Prayers for Sunday and the Week Ahead

God our Father, may we love you in all things and above all things and reach the joy you have prepared for us beyond all our imagining. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

God of mercy, whose Son Jesus Christ is the bread of life; by the sacrament of the Holy Communion you make us one with Christ. By becoming more like him on earth, may we come to share his glory in heaven. Amen

We give thanks for your Son, Jesus, who you raised to new life, and who now offers himself to us as the bread of heaven, so that all who eat and drink of him might live forever as one with him. Amen *Nathan Nettleton www.laughingbird.net*

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, make you perfect in every good work to do His will; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always.
Amen

News and Information

Refreshment Rota at Putnoe Heights. Do you enjoy a cup of coffee or tea after the morning service at Putnoe Heights? If so, you may have wondered how these regularly appear Sunday by Sunday. For many years the task of organising this has been undertaken by Margaret Massey who has now decided to retire from this role. (Many, many thanks for all your years of service Margaret) We are urgently looking for someone to take over from Margaret and be responsible for organising the rota for the helpers and ensuring that sufficient supplies are always at hand. If you feel this would be a role you could fulfil (it really isn't too onerous a task); contact either Alan Bayliss or Margery Charie who will be happy to provide you with further details. We are also very grateful to the folk who are currently on the rota but we do urgently need additional helpers to join them. Again contact either Alan or Margery if you are interested.

Patrick Sookhdeo in Bedford. A Pakistani convert from Islam with a real heart for the persecuted church. He will be in Bedford in November at Bromham Baptist Church. Saturday 18 Nov. Meetings 3 - 5pm " Understanding

Islam", 6.45 - 8.30pm. "Islam - the challenge to the church " He will also be preaching on Sunday morning. *Graham Brown ecumenical representative*

Thank you for the prayers provided in your web site. I occasionally read the Intercessions at our Parish Church here in Whalley, Lancashire. I must admit that I am not very good at composing these prayers but I do value what others write and I make my Intercessions by drawing on their words – not wholesale copies but selecting what is relevant, adapting to our Parish and so on. Your prayers give me inspiration which I hope I pass on to our congregation. These are difficult times in so many ways and we believe that by prayer Christians can make a difference. God bless, Clifford.

Safeguarding. Janet Day will be responsible for ensuring that all people at St Mark's who are involved in any way with children or vulnerable adults have CRB clearance. Please contact Janet immediately if you do not have yours up to date.

News and Information

Plans for Putnoe ! The plans for the building of a meeting room and for improving the playground are on display in the Welcome Area. An application for planning permission has been made and applications for funding from a number of charities are being made.

Joan

Putnoe Office A reminder that a meeting of all office volunteers at Putnoe will be held tomorrow (21st August) at 11.00. The Leadership Team is keen for the office to be open 9-5pm to provide a consistent welcome to all visitors to our Church Centre

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

For Sale 3-seater settee, green & navy (Sanderson Fabric) new condition. Space required. £150 . Tel 268101.

Partnership Junior Church & Storybox Plus Summer Activity Day. This week ! 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 have lots of fun. Lunch will be provided. See Joan or Liz.

News papers please. Please can you leave any old newspapers at the churches before 24 August ready for a big craft project ? thanks Liz

Storybox starts again as normal at St Marks on 7 Sept and Putnoe on 11 Sept. Storybox plus at Putnoe begins 7 Sept and the newly renamed Monday Club begins at St Marks on 11 Sept. If you would like to join any of our teams please contact Liz.

Junior Church The crèche at St Mark's will continue as normal thanks to Debbie. We will begin back as normal on Sunday 10 September. We hope to plan an outing, possibly to Wicksteed Park? following a Sunday Service in September please see Liz or Sam Ware if interested.

British Cardiac Patients Association. Meets at Putnoe Heights Church on the fourth Thursday on alternate months. Next meeting August 24 at 7.30pm with slides on Swaziland by Wendy Jones. Please feel free to join us, all welcome.

Charity Coffee Morning & Bring & Buy Saturday 2 Sept. From 10 to 12 noon at Putnoe Heights. All

proceeds to 'The Stroke Unit' (Care of the Elderly—Bedford Hospitals Trust. Any contributions—Cakes, Tombola or White Elephant delivered to the hall by 9.30am gratefully received. More details Nancy Barr 268147.

Bric-a-brac for the Church Stall at the Boot Sale on Monday 28 August will be very welcome. Books, toys, old tools, bicycles, records, videos, CD's and electrical goods are also popular. The catering team would also be very grateful for tray bakes for the refreshments. *Avril Williams*

Fairtrade Display at 22 Mallard Hill, Bedford on Friday 22 September 7-9.30pm, Saturday 23, 2-5 pm and Sunday 24, 10am - 1pm. Entrance 50p including refreshments. There will be a wide range of Fairly Traded products including stationery, gifts, food, clothing and jewellery.

Members of the Envelope Scheme at Putnoe Heights Church are invited to collect their pack of envelopes for the year beginning 3 September 2006 from the table in the welcome area. We are grateful to all who use the scheme to make a regular contribution to the ongoing work of the church. If you are not already a member of the scheme and would like to have a set of envelopes, please speak to John Hitt after morning worship, or telephone him on Bedford 404186. We are particularly grateful to all the taxpayers who have completed Gift Aid declarations. This has enabled the church to recover more than £8100 in relation to income received in the tax year 2005/06.

Circuit Welcome Service

To officially welcome
to our church and Circuit

The Reverend Martin Hounsfield

&

The Reverend Dr Joan Crossley.

At Priory Methodist Church at
7.30pm on 30 August

With
Bishop Christopher and Anne Brown



Top: Alan Cooper, Joan Crossley, Janet Day, Clive Emsley, Brian Ibberson, Jim Williams, Max Royden. **Bottom:** Ian Farthing, Dave Allen, Simon Bates, Mike Cooper, Lind Parry, Trudy Bunday, John Day, Charles Royden, Laura Farthing, Jenny Emsley, Doreen Denny, Janet Ibberson, Dawn Allinson, Milly Rollinson, Avril Williams, Corinne Royden. *Photo by Alex Royden*

Thanks to all of the supporters from the Partnership who turned out on Monday to support the application for woodland burial. The application was approved by 7 votes to 4. The way is now clear to establish at Keysoe a woodland burial ground which allows people to be buried in a beautiful woodland setting in a way which does not harm the environment. It will be the only consecrated burial site in Bedfordshire available to members of the public without discrimination. Norse Road Cemetery is not consecrated and villages have strict exclusion policies.

We are now proceeding with the arrangements for consecration and hope to be able to open for burials as soon as possible. We are grateful to the councillors on the planning committee who took time to read the planning application, to Mr Al Morrow of Philips Planning Services who helped prepare the application and to Bedford Borough Council Planning Department for their positive recommendation of the proposals.

The Barford Bypass Challenge takes place this morning. The Peck Family are walking on behalf of St John's Moggerhanger and National Children's Home and Sue Allen with three friends for St John's. If you would still like to sign a sponsor form we have conveniently left some in the Putnoe. welcome area.

Footprints Walkers. The next walk will be on Saturday 26 August. Meet at Baldock Railway

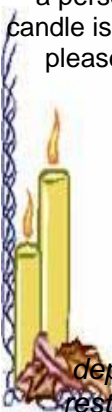
Station at 10.30 am for a walk to Arlesey with a break for lunch. Contact Barry & Jenny, 344417

Bedfordshire & Hertfordshire Historic Churches -Sponsored Cycle Ride and Walk - Saturday 9 September 2006. 10am - 6pm. If you are interested in taking part, further details and sponsor forms are available from Alan Bayliss (Telephone 01234 268101)

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.

**Gillian Whitbread
Ernest Francis Joel Butt
Margaret Tysoe
Edna Bishop**



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 Irene Dixon Will take place on Tuesday 22nd August at 11.30am at Bedford Crematorium. *(Crossley)*

The funeral of Ricky Wynne will take place at Bedford Crematorium on Wednesday 23 August *(Royden)*

The funeral of Nora Ross will take place at Bedford Crematorium on Wednesday 23 August at 4.00pm