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# Partnership News

21st October 2007

29th in Ordinary Time



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## Partnership Church Services Today

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

### 9.30am St Mark's -Holy Communion

Preacher - Mr B Owen

Leadership Team - Mrs Laura Farthing

Intercessions - Mr Richard Ledger

### 11.00am Putnoe Heights- Holy Communion

Preacher - Mr B Owen

Leadership Team - Mr Lawrence Wyatt

Intercessions - Dr Tim Wilkes

## 30th in Ordinary - 28 October

### 9.30am St Mark's - Morning Worship

Preacher – Revd Dr Sam Cappleman

Leadership Team –Mr Mike Cooper

Intercessions - Mr Mike Elliott

### 11.00am Putnoe Heights - Morning Worship

Preacher - Revd Dr Sam Cappleman

Leadership Team – Mrs Wendy Nash

Intercessions - Ministers

### Bible Readings

1:Jeremiah14: 7-10 & 19-22, 2

2 Timothy 4: 6-8 & 16 -18

3: Luke 18:9-14

## Thank You

The flowers at Putnoe Heights Church this week have been given by Margaret and Eddy Peck in memory of Margaret's Mum, Edna Turner, and family birthdays.

The flowers at St Marks have been given by Elizabeth Bean and family on the occasion of Phil's birthday. The flowers at St Mark's last week were given by Barbara Edwards in memory of her husband Cyril.

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

## Prayer for Sunday

Lord, may the doors of our homes be wide enough to receive those in need; and narrow enough to shut out all envy and pride. May each threshold be smooth enough to provide no stumbling block to children or straying feet. Let the entrance be rugged and strong enough to turn back the tempter's power. May those who enter find the gateway to your eternal kingdom. Amen. Thomas Ken, 1637-1711

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## Partnership Pastoral Support Team Co-Ordinator & Churchyards Administrator

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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—5pm Monday to Friday

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Gift Aid Administrator - Mr John Hitt 404186

Youth & children's worker - Mrs Spavins 302349

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Treasurer - Mr Ian Farthing 210892 treasurer@thisischurch.com

Gift Aid Administrator Mr Williams 360605

# Regular Weekly Activities - A Guide To Our Churches

## Monday

**9.30-12.00pm Mon-Fri Putnoe Heights Pre-school**

Headteacher Mrs Janet Smith ☎326685

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

Headteacher Mrs. Helen Harpin ☎312634

*(See website for more details)*

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

**10.00am Bakers Barn Art Group.** St Mark's

Mr Kellie ☎721063

**10.45am U3A Playreading** St Mark's C Birks ☎219607

**12.00pm Story box** We welcome the under 5's and their carers to join them between 12noon and 1pm for a sandwich lunch followed by a Bible based story and singing. ☎Liz 302349

**2.30pm Bedford Arts Society** Putnoe Heights Malcolm Smith ☎01234 400741

**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. Miriam Adcock ☎01908 565044

**4.15pm Kumon Maths** Putnoe Heights. Ms Raksha Mistry ☎01908 392698

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

**6.15 pm Brownies** Putnoe. Sharon Tanner ☎364710

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

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

**7.15pm Yoga.** Putnoe Heights Karen Simpson ☎244970

**7.30pm Creative Needles.** Putnoe Heights. Jacky Hayward ☎307648.

**7.30pm Whist Drive.** St Mark's each month next meeting 15 October - St Mark's Judith Stanton. ☎823313

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

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

## Tuesday

**9.30am Candlewicking** (Needlework). Putnoe Heights. Judi Staughton ☎341821

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

**10am -Bedord Arts Society** starting at St Mark's on the 11th September. ☎Mrs Brown 771676

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

**1.30pm U3A Cinema Group.** St Mark's last Tuesday of the month. Mr Austin ☎365184

**2.00pm U3A Book Group.** St Mark's 3rd Tuesday of the month Mrs Berman ☎364723

**2.00pm Library Walk W.I.** Putnoe Heights, meets monthly. Mrs C Allen ☎363878

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

**2.15pm Putnoe Heights Women's Fellowship.** Next meeting 23 October ARC—Mrs A Alderman & Mrs M Goddard. Betty Wyatt ☎350188.

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

**2.30pm Tuesday Afternoon Housegroup.** St Mark's alternate weeks. Mary Stubbs ☎406784.

**3.45pm Stars School of Dance.** Putnoe Heights. Esther Sancto ☎272517 or ☎07917 0582468.

**6.30pm Yoga** Putnoe Heights. Rachel Leontyne ☎783129

**7.00pm Hearts in Beds Cardiac Support Group**

St Mark's 1st Tuesday ☎Parsons 351150

**7pm Creative Card Making** St Mark's 1st & 3rd Week of the month Carol Houghton ☎346718

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

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

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

**7.30pm Chartered Management Institute** St Marks 3rd week of the month. Mrs Dimmock ☎01525 862374

**7.45pm Putnoe Heights Ladies Tuesday Club** - Meets fortnightly. Next meeting 23 October 'Armchair Aerobics' - Harry. Audrey Wilkins ☎365068 or Margaret Gentle ☎309043

## Wednesday

**9.00am Paint Tots** St Mark's Jacqui Harrahan ☎824475

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

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

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

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

**10am Sewing & Chat.** Putnoe Heights Valerie Russell ☎01462 815966

**10.30 am U3A Art Appreciation** Putnoe Heights Fortnightly. Audrey Hancock ☎365915.

**Luncheon Club.** Putnoe Heights fortnightly. Next meeting 31 October 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

**2pm U3A Whist Group** St Mark's 3rd week of the month Ken Silvester ☎400584

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

**4.15pm Kumon Maths.** Putnoe Heights Mrs Raksha Mistry ☎01908 392698

**6.00 pm Brownies.** St Mark's. Mrs Carol Warden ☎219731

**6.15pm Yoga and Relaxation** Putnoe Heights Rachell Monton ☎01234 297138

**6.30pm Karate.** St Mark's Karen ☎079412 64885

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

**7pm U3A Whist Group** St Mark's 4th Wednesday of the month. Ken Silvester ☎400584

**7.00pm Archaeological & Local History Society** Putnoe Heights monthly. . Sylvia Woods ☎365095

**7.00pm Yoga** St Mark's Dorothy Turner ☎721763

**7.00pm Putnoe Guild** Putnoe Heights monthly Janice ☎Loxley 347073

**7.45pm Badminton Club** Putnoe Heights All welcome.

Ken Marriott ☎214867

**8.00pm Tudor Reeds Folk Dance Club** St Mark's, 1st, 3rd & 5th Wednesday. Next meeting 31 October Graham ☎406359 or Danny ☎401668.

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

### Thursday

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

*Request for prayer can be written in the prayer diary on the information table.*

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

**9.45am Yoga** Putnoe Heights Karen Simpson ☎244970

**9.45am Chat and Play** weekly at St. Mark's. A group for Mums & toddlers. £1.75 for first child. More details from St. Marks Office ☎342613 or Emma Strangwick ☎211070

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

**12pm Storybox** weekly at St Mark's welcome the under 5's and their carers to join them between 12 noon and 1pm for a sandwich lunch followed by a Bible based story and singing. Lots of fun. Contact Emma Strangwick ☎211070

**1.30pm Toddler Playtime.** Putnoe Majella Atkinson ☎325293.

**2pm Putnoe Bridge Club.** Gerald Palmer ☎345991

**5.30pm Police Surgery.** St Mark's Foyer.

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

**6.15pm Brownies.** Putnoe Heights Helga Nash ☎218521

**6.15pm Bedford Junior Chess Club.** St. Mark's Mr C Hill ☎772922

**7.00pm Club 2000** Putnoe Heights Sheila Jakeman ☎261935

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

**7.30pm Bedford Senior Chess Club** St Mark's Mr P Housden ☎376597

**7.30pm Bedford Embroiderers' Guild** St Mark's 3rd Thursday of the month. Mrs C Smith ☎344544

**7.30pm Tabernacle of Truth Church** Putnoe Heights Bible Studies every 2 Thursday – Pastor Tarr ☎360188

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

**8.00pm Magpies Women's Group** St Mark's 2nd & 4th week Mrs Cotchin ☎402089

**8.00pm Brickhill Wives** St Mark's 1st and 3rd week Next meeting Mrs Woods ☎404702

### Friday

**9.30-12.30pm & 12.30 - 2.30pm U3A Photography Group** St Marks 4th week Joyce Fildes ☎353086

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

**1.30pm Stars School of Dance** Putnoe Heights Contact Esther Sancto ☎272517 or ☎07917 582468

**2.00pm U3A Gardening Group** Putnoe Heights Eve Whitehead ☎356875

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

**7pm Bedford Arts Society** fortnightly Putnoe Heights from 8 September. Malcolm Smith ☎01234 400741

**7pm Youth Club for age 10-15.** St Mark's Church. Contact PC Dave Hawkey ☎349179

### Saturday

**9.00pm Stars School of Dance.** Putnoe

Esther Sancto ☎272517 or ☎07917 582468

**10.00 pm Theatretrain** St Mark's. Dancing acting, singing. Kate Randle ☎01234 782414

**7.00pm Duplicate Bridge.** St Mark's Mrs Pillinger ☎212066

### Sunday

**9.30 - 10.30 Church and Sunday School** at St Mark's with crèche for under 3's

**11.00 - 12.00 Church and Junior** at Putnoe Heights for the under 9's and Young Peoples Fellowship (Y.P.F) for our young adults. A crèche is also available.

**1pm Tabernacle of Truth Church** Putnoe Heights Revd. Tarr ☎360188 or ☎07866775515

**6pm T.N.T.** Putnoe. For 9-12 year olds (fortnightly) join us for fellowship, fun, games & outings. Liz ☎302349.

**6pm T.X.T** Putnoe. for 13 + fortnightly, join us for fellowship, debate & discussion. Liz ☎302349

## Diary Dates

**St Mark's Church Council – 12 November**

**St Mark's Leadership Team – 28 November 2007**

27 February 2008, 13 May 2008

**Putnoe Heights Leadership Team –**

**St Mark's Church Forum Meeting -**

**Putnoe Heights Centre Management -**

19 November

**Putnoe Church Council -**

**Pastoral Group Meeting –**

**Churchyard Committee - 16 January 2008**

**Putnoe Heights Mission Group Meeting :**

**Partnership Council - 26 Feb**

**Brickhill Parish Council Meetings**

**Deanery Meeting - 8 November**

**Circuit Meeting - 10 March 2008, 12 June 2008**

**Woodland Burial Trustees - January 21st 2008**

**Putnoe Heights Children & Youth–**

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



## Telecare

It is extremely helpful to the Ministers to be able to have feedback, especially if somebody is poorly or in hospital. If you have not yet put your name down on the

Telecare scheme, please do so. Additional members of the Pastoral Team are sharing the task of making telephone calls. Please do not be concerned if a new person calls.

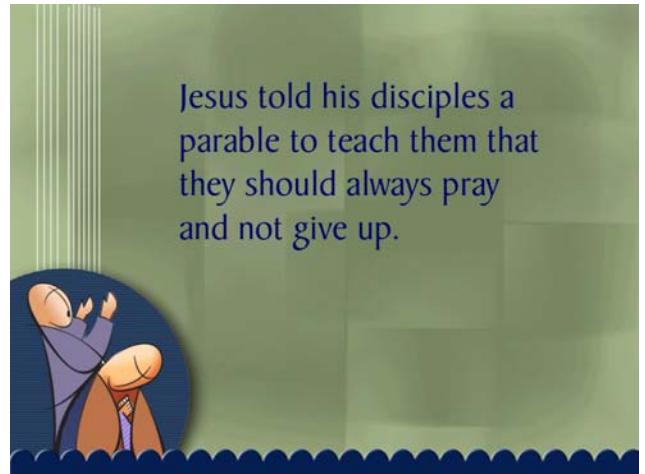
## 29th in Ordinary

### Opening Verse Jeremiah 31:27-34.

The promise of a new covenant — "I will put my law within them and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God."

### Collect Prayer for the Day

Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters, we do also for you. Give us the will to be servants of others as you were the servant of all; for you gave up your life and died for us, but live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever Amen



Jesus told his disciples a parable to teach them that they should always pray and not give up.

### First Bible Reading - Jeremiah: 31: 27 - 34

"The days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will plant the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the offspring of men and of animals. Just as I watched over them to uproot and tear down, and to overthrow, destroy and bring disaster, so I will watch over them to build and to plant," declares the LORD. "In those days people will no longer say, 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge.' Instead, everyone will die for his own sin; whoever eats sour grapes—his own teeth will be set on edge. "The time is coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them," declares the LORD. "This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time," declares the LORD. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. No longer will a man teach his neighbour, or a man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the LORD. "For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

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

### Second Bible Reading - 2 Timothy 3: 14 - 4: 5

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry. (This is the word of the Lord - **Thanks be to God)**

### Gospel Reading - (The Holy Gospel is taken from Luke 18:1-8—**Glory to Christ our Saviour)**

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared

about men. And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.' "For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care about men, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually wear me out with her coming!' " And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?" (Reader: This is the Gospel of Christ. **Praise to Christ our Lord** )

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Bountiful God, you entrust your creation to our care. Grant us the grace so to order our common life that we may use your gifts to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **Commentary**

I was telephoned on my mobile recently by somebody complaining that I had not answered their Email. I apologised and asked when the Email was sent, it transpired that the unanswered Email had been sent four hours earlier, during which time I had not been home to visit the machine of slavery which my computer has now become. A few years ago a letter would have been sent to me, this was then delivered by the postman after a day or so. It would have been opened the following day, or the day after that, leisurely, perhaps over a cup of tea and piece of toast. Now things have changed in the working environment, we are all inundated with Emails, they demand instant satisfaction. This is progress we are told, but I am not really sure. We have become more demanding and intolerant and we demand instant gratification for our needs. This might be considered a good thing, but regardless of your point of view, one outcome has been that we are less able to understand long term goals and commitments. If it doesn't happen now and quickly, then we lose interest. Things seem to me to be more shallow and lacking in commitment. Many people want instant results in everything, jobs, wealth, success and yes, even relationships. There is less willingness to persevere and make sacrifices, indeed those two words are less and less appealing as each year goes by. People do not want to persevere any more and sacrifice is considered a bad thing. The result of this is that often people give up and don't make the effort which really important things sometimes need. Many couples will end a relationship rather than work at it.

This sounds like a rant more than a commentary but the point is very pertinent to the readings. Paul encourages Timothy to persevere in his faith as he goes through a difficult ministry. He must stick at it in season and out of season. Jesus speaks about the value of persistence, a widow is rewarded for perseverance in her appeal for vindication against an adversary. Commitment, perseverance, these are old fashioned values which do not chime with our current demand for instant gratification which quickly loses interest. True happiness and fulfilment sometimes requires endeavour and it is often only as we go through the hardships and trauma, that we develop as individuals and in our relationships.

This is as true for our spiritual and prayer life as it is for our human relationships. We persevere knowing that something worth having is worth the effort, and worth as much effort as is necessary for as long as it takes. Our prayers are just the same, they may take a considerable time to be answered in any way which we recognise as God's purpose. Yet if they are worth praying, then they are worth waiting for and doing all within our power to make succeed. There is a real danger that as members of the first generation which has 'enjoyed' the benefits of Email, we may start to think that God is just sitting there at his computer waiting to send one back by return. Failure to receive that instant answer will therefore lead to disappointment and frustration. Luke tells us that the purpose of the parable is to remind the disciples about the need for persistence in prayer and in their lives. We are supposed after reading this parable to be brought to a point of asking ourselves the question, 'Am I the kind of Christian who is characterised by faithful endurance.'

The story is full of the contrasts which so often leap out of the ministry of Jesus. On one side there is the judge, who has all the power on his side, on the other side we see the woman, who doesn't even have a male relative to do her pleading for her, she is at the bottom of the pecking order. However she does manage to get what she wants, by sheer persistence. The judge, whose title and position arise out of the need to administer justice, doesn't actually care about justice at all. He just wants a quiet life. The woman, on the other hand, is determined that justice be done, and she is not going to give up until it is. She ignores her own low status compared to that of the judge; she ignores all the conventions of when it is proper to approach the judge with her requests; she just goes on and on. She is convinced of the rightness of her cause and so she will not be content with a cursory brush off.

We know, of course, that God is not like the unjust judge of the parable; but the implication is that if such a wicked man will give in when he tires of the widow's pleas, then surely a just, merciful, and loving God will be that much swifter to answer our prayers. God is not devoid of morality like the judge, he is compassionate and more caring than we can imagine, hence our prayers do not fall on deaf ears. God is only too willing for us to come before him in prayer and seek out justice. When we pray and mean it, tremendous resources are set free in our world and this is how real lasting change can take place.

Faithfulness in prayer and the commitment of our lives as we seek to live out our prayers, is a hallmark of Christian ministry for all of us. Charles Royden

### **Meditation**

Because we cannot see the hand of God in our affairs, we rush to the conclusion that he has lost sight of them and us. We look at the 'seemings' of things instead of at the underlying facts, and declare that, because God is unseen, he must necessarily be absent. And especially is this the case if we are conscious of having ourselves wandered away from him and forgotten him. We judge him by ourselves, and think that he must also have forgotten and forsaken us. We measure his truth by our falseness, and find it hard to believe he can be faithful when we know ourselves to be so unfaithful. *Hannah Whitall Smith*

### **Hymns (Please distribute Mission Praise and Holy Communion )**

1. What a friend we have in Jesus **746**
2. Father I place **133**
3. I know not why **279**
4. I will sing the wondrous story **315**

### **Prayers for Sunday and the Week Ahead**

Lord Jesus Christ, whose arms of love were stretched wide upon the cross so that all may come within your saving embrace; stretch forth in mercy the hands of your Church today that in its ministry of compassion we may enter again into the Kingdom of your justice and grace. Amen. Charles Henry Brent, 1862-1929

Each day and each night, may the wisdom of the Wonderful Counsellor guide us. May the strength of the Mighty God defend us. May the love of the Everlasting Father enfold us and may the blessing of the Prince of Peace rest upon us; now and always. Amen. Based on Isaiah of Jerusalem (8th century BC)

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and formed us in your own image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works, and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who reigns, with you and the Holy Spirit, supreme over all creation, now and for ever. Amen

**.Unwanted shoes to Putnoe please.** The children and young people at Putnoe are collecting shoes for the Blue Peter Malawi appeal. Please bring any shoes in reasonable condition, paired with an elastic band to the collecting box in the welcome area. The money raised will go to UNICEF to set up Children's Corners for orphaned children. So far 107 pairs have been collected, enough to buy a bike for a community worker. Please keep going.

**A District Craft Day** will be held at Priory Methodist Church on Saturday 3 November. For further details contact Pam Seymour 305695. Closing date for bookings 10 October

**The History of Folk and Poetry** on Saturday 27 October at 7.30pm at All Saints Church, Milton Ernest, a light hearted troll of various types of folk singing & poetry by 'Willing Warblers', followed by a cheese & wine buffet. Tickets £5 available from 27E Radwell Road, Milton Ernest 01234 825059 & 'The Barn' Church Green, Milton Ernest 01234 823469

**Church Christmas Cards.** This year we will be selling our own church Christmas cards in aid of church funds. The cards can be seen now and will be available soon from the church offices. Please place orders and we will have them ready for you.

**Brickhill Methodist Home for the Aged.** I received notification this week that permission has been granted to move the bridleway which has halted progress on the development of the home. This will allow building to proceed.

**Partnership Lunchclub** at Putnoe is continuing to thrive but more volunteer drivers are needed. Also very welcome would be caterers to go on the reserve list to cover for members of the team when necessary. Contact Jenny Emsley 360397

**Charity Performance for Cancer Research UK** Sharnbrook Mill Theatre Trust is donating all proceeds from their performance of "Thoroughly Modern Millie" on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November to Cancer Research UK. Tickets are now available for this performance at £12.50 each to include a glass of wine/juice and nibbles prior to the 7.45pm start of the show at

the Mill Theatre, Sharnbrook. Tickets are available from Sue and Richard Butler (Tel: 354183) or Howard Lawrence (Tel: 267837). Please come, and bring your friends - we want this performance to be a sell-out!

**Circuit Service for One World Week** Sunday 28 October 4pm at Oakley Methodist Church followed by afternoon tea. Retiring collection for NCH. Please tell Linda Parry if you wish to attend—for refreshment numbers.

**Footprints Walking Group**  
**Sunday 4 November 2.00pm start.** 'A Riverside Walk' Meet at Aspects car park (bays 7 or 8 close to Bingo Hall). Suitable for comfortable walking shoes or boots. Contact Sheila Cracknell 217009.

**Wednesday 14 November. Annual Planning meeting at 1 Mitford Close, 7.30pm.** Please bring ideas for next year's programme. Contributions to light supper will be welcome. Those who are unable to attend may like to volunteer to lead a walk and choose their date.  
**Sunday 2 December 2.00pm start.** Meet at St Mark's Church for walk in Mowsbury area followed by cup of tea in the coffee shop. Contact Sue 407264

**'Open House'** Saturday, 27th October, 10 a.m to 5 p.m., 30 Trent Road, in aid of Leukaemia Research. Coffee and biscuits, ploughman's lunches and tea and cakes. Christmas cards, marmalade, jam, chutney, bric-a-brac and cakes for sale. Hannah Potter

**Thank You** - Marion and Wendy would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers, cards and flowers which have helped them through a difficult fortnight. Both are on the mend and glad to be amongst you

**Mission Sunday** Next week will be Mission Sunday at both churches. At St Marks we will be supporting BECHAR Bedford Centre for the Homeless and Rootless (BECHAR). This provides a day care drop-in and outreach service in Bedford. At Putnoe Heights we will be supporting Keech Cottage Hospital. There will be speakers from both organisations at the respective services and we'll provide more details of how we can support these projects next week. Look out for those envelopes! Sam and the Mission Team.

**Joseph** We have put together a photo board of the Joseph Workshop. It can be viewed in the large hall at Putnoe from today. Please let Liz know if you would like copies.

**Bedfordshire Festival** of Music, Speech and Drama. Please let Liz know if you would like to enter the Bible Reading class. We hope to continue the success of last year with first and second places from Chloe at St Mark's and Sarah at Putnoe. Entries need to be in by 1 December.

**Fun Barn Dance** Putnoe 17 November 6.00pm - 9.00pm .Superior Sausage & Mash supper, please bring your own drinks. Tickets £3 each or £10 for 4 available from Church Office or contact Liz to reserve.

**October Half Term** Storybox for under 5's as normal at Putnoe on Monday 22 October followed by a Storybox Plus special for the 5year plus 1.15-2.45pm. All children throughout the partnership welcome to look at the subject of light.

**Tesco Sports Vouchers** are being collected by St Mark's Preschool. Vouchers may be handed in at the Church Office and will be gratefully received. Very many thanks. Helen Harpin.

## **CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAYRE**

There are only 7 weeks left to our Annual Christmas Craft Fayre on Saturday 24th November 2007. We would be grateful for help with the following:-

**Tombola** – Any NEW unwanted gifts\Christmas present etc. for our Tombola stall. Please bring any items up to the Church Office in the week beginning 19th November 2007.

**Raffle** – Raffle books are now available as for Sunday 21st 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 second hand bookstall. Any good second hand books can be brought up to the Church anytime during the week beginning 19th November 2007.

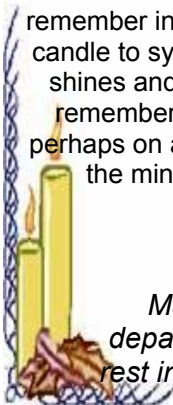
This is one of our main fundraising events of the year and we are hoping to make it an even bigger success than last year, with your help I am sure we can achieve this. Thank you. Avril Williams

### **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

**Evelyn Ashdown**

*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 **Joy Ainsworth** will take place at Bedford Crematorium on Monday 22 October at 3.15pm – **Royden**

*The funeral of Rex Gadsden will take*