



Methodist  
Church

# Partnership News

23 July 2006  
Ordinary 16

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 Church

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

Preacher - Revd Neil Bramble-Chapman

Leadership Team - Mrs Janet Day

Intercessions - Mrs Mary Stubbs

#### 11.00am Putnoe Heights - Morning Worship

Preacher - Revd Neil Bramble-Chapman

Leadership Team - Mrs Sam Ware

Intercessions - Mr Eddy Peck

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### 8.30 Holy Communion at Putnoe Heights only

#### 9.30am St Mark's Church -

#### Holy Communion with PCH

Preacher - Revd Dr Joan Crossley

Leadership - Mrs Linda Parry

Intercessions - Mr Richard Ledger

#### 11.00am Putnoe Heights -

#### Holy Communion with PCH

Preacher - Revd Dr Joan Crossley

Leadership Team - Mr Dave Allen

Intercessions - Mr Alan Bayliss

Reading 1 : 2 Kings 4: 42 - 44

Reading 2 : Ephesians 3: 14-21

Reading 3 : John 6: 1-21

## Prayer for Sunday

"Open wide the window of our spirits, O Lord, and fill us full of light; open wide the door of our hearts, that we may receive and entertain you with all our powers of adoration and love." *Christina Rossetti (1830-1894), English poet*

Eternal God, in Christ you make yourself our guest. Amid all our cares and concerns make us attentive to your voice and alert to your presence, that we may prize your word above all else; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, you are the light of the minds that know you, the life of the souls that love you, and the strength of the wills that serve you; help us so to know you that we may truly love you, so to love you that we may fully serve you, whom to serve is perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*Augustine of Hippo (354-430)*

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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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Leadership Team - Mr Alan Bayliss 268101

Treasurer Mrs Kathryn Morse 216428

Treasurerph@Thisischurch.com

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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Centre Manager Miss Wendy Rider 342613

Leadership Team - Mrs Janet Day 295592

Treasurer - Mr John Day 295592 treasurer@Thisischurch.com

Gift Aid Administrator Mr Jim Williams 360605

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# Regular Weekly Activities - A Guide To Our Churches

## Monday

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

**8.30 - 5.30 pm Mon-Fri St Mark's Pre-school** Mrs. Helen Harpin 312634

*(See website for more details)*

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

**Mini-Strikers Sport for Children** at Putnoe aged 2-4 years. Contact Andy Carey 01908 313751 or 07766 142754, or [www.ministrikers.co.uk](http://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 17 July Mrs. Judith Stanton. 823313

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

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

## Tuesday

**9.30am Candlewicking** (Needlework) at Putnoe Heights. Mrs Olive Shotbolt 267203

**10.00am Keep Fit** at Putnoe Heights. Mrs Stileman 822230

**1.30-3pm Toddlers Playtime** at Putnoe Heights. Geraldine Skeel 406828

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

**2.00pm Library Walk W.I.** at Putnoe Heights meets monthly. Contact Morag Tompkins 356895

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

**2.15pm Putnoe Heights Women's Fellowship** -

Next meeting 11 July Bible Holidays remembered. Betty Wyatt 350188.

**2.15pm Putnoe Heights Men's Fellowship.** Next meeting September 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. next meeting 18 July 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 25 July. Bring and Share meal. 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 - first meeting 12 July Contact Audrey Hancock 365915.

**Luncheon Club** at Putnoe Heights fortnightly. Next meeting 12 July 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 Theatre Train** at St Mark's - dancing acting, singing. - Kate Randle 01234 782414

**2.30pm Calligraphy Group** at Putnoe. Meets monthly next meeting. Philip Jones 350295

**7.15pm - 10.30pm Duplicate Bridge** at St Mark's Contact Ann or Peter 212066

#### Sunday

**Junior Church with crèche for under 3's**

**9.30 - 10.30 at St.Mark's**

**11-12 at Putnoe Heights.**

**1 - 4pm Tabernacle of Truth Church** at Putnoe Heights - Worship. Contact Revd. Tarr 360188 Mob. 07866775515

**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 -**

**St Mark's Leadership Team – 12 September**  
**Putnoe Heights Leadership Team - 26 September**

**St Mark's Church Management Meeting -**  
12.30pm 2 August

**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 - 3 August**

**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.**

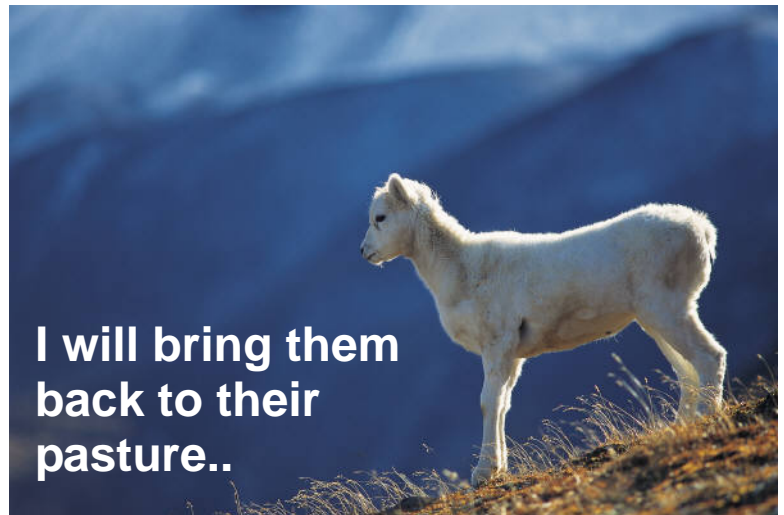
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**Verse of Scripture** - (Ephesians 3, 18-19)  
May you, in company with all God's people, be strong to grasp what is the breadth and length and height and depth of Christ's love.

**A Collect Prayer -  
Before we read we pray**

Grant us Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those things which last for ever. Amen.

*Methodist Worship*



**First Bible Reading - Jeremiah 23: 1-6**

"Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!" declares the LORD. Therefore this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend my people: "Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done," declares the LORD. "I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing," declares the LORD. "The days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will raise up to David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The LORD Our Righteousness.

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

**Second Reading - Ephesians 2: 11-22**

Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called "uncircumcised" by those who call themselves "the circumcision" (that done in the body by the hands of men)- remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law with its commandments and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new man out of the two, thus making peace, and in this one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

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

**Third Reading - Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56**

The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest." So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. But many who saw them leaving recognized them and

ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things. When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret and anchored there. As soon as they got out of the boat, people recognized Jesus. They ran throughout that whole region and carried the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went—into villages, towns or countryside—they placed the sick in the marketplaces. They begged him to let them touch even the edge of his cloak, and all who touched him were healed. Reader : This is the word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

### **Post Communion Prayer**

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

1. As the deer pants for the water (On Partnership News)
2. Come on and celebrate (On Partnership News)
3. The King of love my Shepherd is. **69**
4. May the mind of Christ my Saviour **739**
5. To God be the Glory **463**

### **Commentary**

Jesus and the disciples would have had have reason to be annoyed in our reading today. Jesus had sent the disciples out (6:7) to preach, teach and heal. The disciples had just got back from this exhausting ministry and understandably they would have wanted to speak with Jesus about what had happened. They would also be more than ready for a well deserved rest and something to eat. However, it was so busy with people all around, that Jesus decided to take them somewhere quiet. Jesus has compassion for these weary disciples who have toiled as "apostles"--"ones sent." Jesus knows that for them to keep their perspective, enthusiasm for mission, energy to preach, teach and heal, they must, do as he says and "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest awhile." If we need one, then that must be an excuse for all of us to have a break from time to time, we all need time for renewal.

So they rowed to a quiet place and when they get there the crowd has already seen where they are going and forms a welcome party. Mark doesn't tell us how the disciples respond, we can perhaps guess how we would have felt, but Jesus has compassion on the crowd, because he said that they were "like sheep without a shepherd" (v. 34). Jesus was not a soft touch for everyone, but for people in need he always had time and compassion.

In Numbers 27:15-18 we read

Moses said to the LORD, "May the LORD, the God of the spirits of all mankind, appoint a man over this community to go out and come in before them, one who will lead them out and bring them in, so the Lord's people will not be like sheep without a shepherd." So the LORD said to Moses, "Take Joshua son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit, and lay your hand on him.

Surely these words in Mark's Gospel "sheep without a shepherd" would have reminded people of Moses' request for God to appoint someone to succeed him as leader of the people. God chose Joshua, the name means 'YHWH (God) is Salvation.' The Greek form of that name, 'Iesous', is known to us as Jesus. All of this would not be lost on the reader of Mark's Gospel. The words, "sheep without a shepherd" clearly form a rebuke on the religious leaders of Jesus' day, who have failed in their shepherd role. It was because of this failure that a special shepherd was needed, one who cared for the sheep more than simply thinking of his own needs, that shepherd was Jesus.

Our reading from Jeremiah sees God's promise "...I will raise up a righteous shoot to David." God promises not to abandon his people and those promises are fulfilled in Jesus. Jesus is the fulfilment of all the expectations of the people and all the promises of God, for a shepherd who was worthy of the name. Indeed, in Jesus, God provided the ultimate in the caring shepherd, one who would be willing to lay down his life for the sheep. Charles Royden

### **Meditation**

"God promises his people that he will give them shepherds that will truly guide them in the ways of peace, justice and liberty. And although we usually divide up the roles, making some pastors and others sheep, We must admit that we must all be loving pastors of all. Do I recognize my responsibility for the fate of my brothers and sisters? Do I feel responsible for their lives, their peace, their happiness, or do I always leave the welfare of others to someone else?"

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

Lord, be merciful to your people. Fill us with your gifts and make us always eager to serve you in faith, hope, and love. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### **As the deer pants for the water**

As the deer pants for the water,  
so my soul longs after You.  
You alone are my heart's desire  
and I long to worship You.  
You alone are my strength, my shield,  
to You alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire  
and I long to worship You.

I want You more than gold or silver,  
only You can satisfy.  
You alone are the real joy-giver  
and the apple of my eye.  
Chorus

You're my Friend and You're my Brother,  
even though You are a king.  
I love You more than any other,  
so much more than anything.  
Chorus

#### **Come on and celebrate**

Come on and celebrate  
His gift of love, we will celebrate  
The Son of God who loved us  
And gave us life.  
We'll shout Your praise, O King,  
You give us joy nothing else can  
bring,  
We'll give to You our offering  
In celebration praise.

Come on and celebrate,  
Celebrate,  
Celebrate and sing,  
Celebrate and sing to the King.  
Come on and celebrate,  
Celebrate,  
Celebrate and sing,  
Celebrate and sing to the King

# News and Information

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

**Footprints September Weekend** in September  
New venue - return visit to 'Three Swans' at Market Harborough.

'**Amazing Grace**' the annual prayer handbook published by Methodist Publishing will be available in August. This gives daily Bible readings ; Prayers for the church in Britain & overseas (Ecumenical) and quotations of inspiration. The cost £2.25 inc. postage. To order contact Vera Pearson 270737

**Yarl's Wood Befrienders** Volunteers needed to visit asylum seekers. Training given. Contact Heather Jones on 01933 318378

## **Summer arrangements for children in the partnership**

Junior Church. Next Sunday, the 17th July, will be the last Junior Church at St Marks and Putnoe before the summer holidays. However the crèche at St Marks will continue as normal thanks to Debbie. We will begin back as normal on Sunday 10th September. We hope to plan a outing, possibly to Wickstead Park? following a Sunday Service in September please see Liz or Sam Ware if interested.

**Storybox** (under 5's, older siblings welcome) continues at 12.00 on Tuesday 25 July and Mon 31 July at Putnoe and Thurs 27 July and Thursday 3 August at St Marks please bring own lunch

**Storybox Plus** ( 4 to 10 years, younger siblings welcome with carer) continues 1.15 on Tuesday 25 July and Monday 31 July at Putnoe and Thursday 25 July and Thursday 3 August (this session starts at 10.30) at St Marks.

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

**Jonah Man Jazz** join us on Thursday 25 August for singing, music and fun.  
We hope you all have a good summer, from all the leaders

**Bedfordshire Crafts at Willington Dovecote** and Stables - Sunday afternoon July 23 2006 between 1 and 5pm. Crafts made by many people from Bedfordshire and the surrounding counties will be on display and most will be for sale. Admission 50p, children under 16 free. Tea, coffee and cakes will be on sale in the nearby church. Hear about the History of these unique Tudor buildings and take a walk round Willington Village. For more information contact Dorothy Jamieson 01234 404879.

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

**Welcome service** for The Reverend Martin Hounsfield and the Reverend Dr Joan Crossley. At Priory Methodist Church at 7.30pm on 30 August . To help with the planning for this event we have been asked to provide numbers of those who will be attending. If you plan to attend please add you name to the list at Putnoe Church Office. (closing date Sunday 6 August)

**A Prayer Walk for Bedford** has been arranged for Saturday 12th August starting from The Rock in Newham Street at 6pm. Further information from Paul Field 296583. Alan Ledwick  
Chair All Bedford Churches Together.

**Pilgrimage to the Holy Land** led by Revd Denis Desert. October 19 - 28 with an option to visit Petra in Jordan from October 28 - 31. There are a few vacancies. For a brochure ring 01234 211413 or e-mail denisdesert@aol.com

## **Circuit Farewell Service**

for Reverend Neil Bramble-Chapman

Monday 31 July, 7.30pm at Putnoe Heights

Come and join us as we say farewell to Neil and wish him and the family well as he takes on the position of chaplain at St Nicholas Hospice, Bury St Edmunds.

**NCH House to House collection.** NCH, the children's charity, works with disadvantaged and disabled children, and their families through its family centres located throughout the country. It is an independent charity working with other groups in partnership including the Methodist Church. The annual house to house collection to support the vital work of the NCH will take place as usual in the first 3 weeks in September. St Mark's Church has the responsibility for covering most of Brickhill and last year we raised over £800.

If you could spare a few hours during early September to put out and collect envelopes in the Brickhill area, perhaps near to where you live, or you would like some more information then please contact me. Mike Elliott 342507

**Mission Group Meeting** Wednesday 26 July 7.30pm at 14 Flint Way.

**Support Woodland Burial. You can make a difference** You may have seen in the Times and Citizen a positive article relating to the application for a woodland burial site at Keysoe made by St Mark's Church. It is most important that this application receives fair treatment by the planning department and is not derailed by malicious gossip or a lack of understanding. It would be greatly appreciated if people were able to give support to the application by writing to the planning department stressing how important such a place of burial would be to the Christian community in Bedford

**Bypass Challenge.** A sponsored fun run on the new Great Barford Bypass will be held on Sunday 20th August 2006. Funds to be shared between St. John's Hospice and registered charities of participants' choice. There will be prizes for the best fancy dress and the biggest fundraiser. For further details lwww.barfordbypasschallenge.org or phone 01767 641044.

**Tea Dance** at Putnoe Heights on Friday 28 July at 2pm. Contact Monica Whittamore 853496.

**We publish the banns and pray for the marriage of** Jonathan George Stanwix and Anne Letitia Clark, each single and resident in the parish of St Mary the Virgin, Marston Moretaine, on the electoral roll of this parish. This is for the last time of asking.

### **Glen Longden and Family Acknowledgements**

Glen Longden and family wish to thank our many friends at Putnoe Heights and St Mark's for their messages of love and support following our recent tragic loss of Kathie.

The depth of intensity expressed in such quantity by all writers on such a delicate subject has been very touching.

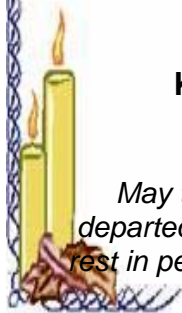
The ability to make individual replies would be a mountainous task for me. Therefore, our friends, please accept these public thanks for your many messages of love and support which are greatly appreciated.

### **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.

**Kathleen Longden  
Richard Warnett**

*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 **Frank George Fortun** will take place at St Mark's on Monday at 4.30pm.  
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The funeral of **Arthur Edward Wilkins** will take place at St Mark's on Thursday at 11am.  
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