

Methodist  
Church

# Partnership News

## 24 June 12th in Ordinary



Church of  
England

### 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

### Today Sunday 24 June –12th in Ordinary

**9.30m St. Mark's - Morning Worship**  
Preacher – Revd Charles Royden  
Leadership - Mrs Margaret Appleton  
Intercessions - Mrs Delia Shephard  
**11.00 am Putnoe - Morning Worship**  
Preacher - Revd Charles Royden  
Leadership - Mr Barry Southam  
Intercessions - Mrs Claire Peck

### Sunday 1 July

**9.30am St Mark's – Family Worship**  
Preacher - Mr Richard Ledger  
Leadership – Mrs Jean Bank  
Intercessions - Junior Church  
**11.00 am Putnoe - Family Worship**  
Preacher -  
Leadership -  
Intercessions -

**Bible Readings** 1. Lamentations 3:23 1:13-15; 2:23-24  
2. 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 3. Mark 5:21-43

**Midweek Holy Communion** at St Mark's Chapel every  
Wednesday at 10.00am and at Sir William Harpur House on  
first Monday of every month at 10.00am

### Thank You

The flowers at Putnoe Heights Church this week  
have been given by Doreen Denny in loving  
memory of her husband Leonard on his birthday

*We are grateful when people make donations towards  
flowers perhaps to celebrate a special occasion such as  
an anniversary or in memory of a loved one. Please  
contact Miss Marion Prior 303254 (St Mark's) or Ann Hitt  
404186 (Putnoe Heights) or add your name to the rota in  
the foyers.*

### Prayer for the Week

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

*John Cosin (1594-1672)*

#### The Reverend Dr. Sam Cappleman

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#### Partnership Pastoral Support Team Co-Ordinator

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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.*

#### Churchyards Administrator

Mrs Avril Williams 01234 342613

#### Putnoe Heights Church Centre

**Open Monday to Thursday 9am - 5pm, Friday 9am - 1pm**  
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**Youth Team Leader** Carolyn Morris youth@thisischurch.com

#### St. Mark's Church Centre

**Open Monday - Friday 9am - 5.00pm**  
**Tel/fax & Answering Service** 342613 office@thisischurch.com  
**Centre Manager** Miss Wendy Rider 342613  
**Leadership Team** - Morag Stewart 360103

# Regular Weekly Activities - A Guide To Our Churches

## Monday

**9.15 –3.45 pm Mon and Wed/ 9.15-12.15pm Tues/Thurs/ Fri. Hazeldene Heights Pre-school.** See website for more details [www.ThisChurch.com](http://www.ThisChurch.com)

Head teacher Mrs Laura Leggett ☎326685

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

**9.-3.45pm Top Marks** Mon-Fri St Mark's

Headteacher Mrs. Helen Harpin ☎312634

(See website for more details)

**.9.45am - Body Control Pilates** –Putnoe Heights

Stephanie Smith ☎ 357787 or 07973174430

**10.00am Bakers Barn Art Group.** St Mark's Mrs Berry ☎211955

**10.30am U3A Play reading** St Mark's (see contact details below)

**12.15pm Story box** Putnoe Heights We welcome the under 5's and their carers to join them between 12.15 and 1.15 for a sandwich lunch followed by a Bible based story and singing. Contact Carolyn Morris [youth@thischurch.com](mailto:youth@thischurch.com) 365630

**1.30-2.45pm Chat and Make** For babies and toddlers 0-5. Crafts, toys, songs, story and refreshments £1. More details email– [chatandplay@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:chatandplay@hotmail.co.uk) There will be no meeting on 2.July.

**2.00pm U3A History Group** St Marks.(see contact details below)

**2pm U3A Music Appreciation** - (see contact details below)

**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

☎01767699399 or 07720713738.

**6.15 Pilates** at Putnoe Heights Jane Butcher 300859

**6.15pm Fit for Life Yoga** - Putnoe Heights Contact Jane Butcher ☎07891879571

**7.00pm Sugarcraft Guild** St Mark's 1st week Pat Nicholson ☎353518

**7.00pm Cancer Care Society.** St Mark's. 1st Week. Mr J Dewhurst ☎01908 377020

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

**7.30pm Whist Drive.** St Mark's 3rd & 5th week . Next meeting– 16 July Judith Stanton. ☎823313

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

**8pm 'Get Fit, Stay Fit'** Putnoe Heights. Mrs Diane Field ☎404976

## Tuesday

**9.30am Jo Jingles.** St. Mark's. Music & movement for pre-school children. Renu Elston ☎07790206016

**9.30am Candlewicking** (Needlework). Putnoe Heights. Pat McCart ☎365507

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

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

**11.15am U3A Keep Fit Putnoe Heights** (see contact details below)

**1pm –2.30pm Drop in Wiggles and Jiggles** 0-5 years, Putnoe Children's Centre. Please call Trudy Hamilton (centre assistant) for more information ☎340552

**1.15pm U3A Cinema Group.** St Mark's (see contact details below)

**2.00pm U3A Book Group 1** St Mark's (3rd Wk) (see

contact details below)

**2.00pm U3A Book Group 2** St Mark's (2nd Wk) (see contact details)

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

**2pm U3A Photography Group 3** St. Mark's (1st Wk) (see contact details below).

**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-6.15pm Stars School of Dance.** Putnoe Heights. Esther Richardson ☎295862 or 07917582468.

**4.30pm—6pm BIGG Writing** Putnoe Heights Natalie John

**6.15pm Pilates** St Mark's Church Jane Butcher ☎0789187957

**7pm—8.30pm Daisy Birthing** Putnoe Heights Susie 07980447390

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

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

**7pm Tabernacle of Truth Church** Putnoe Heights Bible study & prayers. Sacha Ojo ☎07590597891 or [www.tabernacleoftruth.co.uk](http://www.tabernacleoftruth.co.uk)

**7.30pm Putnoe Heights Ladies Tuesday Club** - Meets fortnightly. Next meeting June 26 Jubilee/Olympic Share Meal. Details call Janet King 313946

**8.15pm - 10.15pm Bedford Advanced Dancers** St. Mark's 1st Tuesday in month. Shirley Sadler ☎01767 651767

## Wednesday

**9.30am Body Control Pilates.** Putnoe Heights. Stephanie Smith ☎357787 or 07973174430.

**9.30am Discovery & Do** (Childminders) St. Mark's. Clare Simmons ☎328380 or 07788824666

**10am-2pm Open House at** St Mark's for those with learning disabilities., their friends, family , carers and supporters ☎342613.

**10am U3A Gardening Group 3** St Marks.(see contact details below)

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

**10am U3A Card Making,** St Marks (see contact details below)

**12.30pm Luncheon Club.** Putnoe Heights fortnightly. Next meeting 4 July 2012 Putnoe Heights Office ☎365630

**1.00-3pm Police Surgery** at Putnoe Heights (Fortnightly)

**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

**2.00-4.00pm U3A Craft** St Marks.(see contact details below)

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

**3.45.- 5.30pm Messy Church.** St Mark's (3rd Wk). for children of lower school age and their carers. Bible-based story, crafts, singing and a meal. Next meeting 20 June Wendy Waters401834

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

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

**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 Mrs O Holt ☎266004

**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 will be 4 July Everyone welcome. All dances called, only £1 including refreshments. Ring Valmai 219555 Rosemary 405594 or Graham 406359 for more details.

**8.00pm Bedford Wine and Social Club** St Mark's 1st week in the month. Jean Ross ☎771870

### Thursday

**9.30am Thursday Prayer Group.** Putnoe Heights. Valerie Capon ☎356306 .

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

**9.45am Yoga** Putnoe Heights Denise Green ☎244970

**9.45am Chat and Play** St.Mark's. A term time group for Mums & toddlers.0-5 Jo Garner 400071 or 07719670624

**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 Jaana Swaby ☎363283

**1.30 - 3.00pm NHS Baby Clinic 1st and 3rd Thursdays** St. Mark's ☎267444

**1pm—2.30pm Drop in (large hall) Children's Chatty Time** 0-5 years, Putnoe Children's Centre.Please call Trudy Hamilton (centre assistant) for more information ☎340552.

**1pm—2.30pm Drop in (small hall) Next Steps** 9-24months Putnoe Children's Centre.Please call Trudy Hamilton (centre assistant) for more information ☎340552.

**1.45 Friendly Chicago Bridge at Putnoe Heights** £2 per session inc. refreshments. New members welcome. Contact Pat 01234 294220.

**2pm Putnoe Bridge Club.** Mrs. P. Cass ☎294220

**2-4pm U3A Indoor Games.** St.Marks. (see contact details below)

**2.30 - 4.30pm Bedford Art Society** St Marks Mary Rich ☎272470

**6.15 pm Weightwatchers.** St. Mark's. Clare Martin 07805408811.

**6.15pm Brownies.** Putnoe Heights Lou Watkins .

**7.00pm Club 2000** Putnoe Heights Nina Ovenden ☎825059

**7pm U3A Folk & Poetry** St Marks (2nd and 4th week) (see contact details below)

**7.15pm Putnoe Art Group** Bob Wardale ☎406094

**7.00pm Bedford Embroiderers' Guild** St Mark's 3rd week in month. Carol Plant ☎01832710504

**8 –10pm Bedford Folk dancers** (formerly Barn dancers) Meet weekly at Putnoe Heights . Different guest callers each week. All welcome, cost £2 Including refreshments. More details Ron Law 825574.

**8.00pm Magpies Women's Group** St Mark's 2nd & 4th week Pat Cass ☎294220

**8.00pm Brickhill Ladies Group** St Mark's 1st and 3rd week in month Kay Logan 01234 309105.

### Friday

**10am -12.00 U3A Photography** St Marks.(4th week) (see contact details below)

**10am - 12 & 1.15 - 3.15pm U3A Beginners French** St. Marks (see contact details below)

**2.00-4.00 pm Whist** St Marks. Patricia Holland.☎262823

**5-8pm Stars School of Dance** Putnoe Heights Contact Esther Richardson ☎295862 or ☎07917 582468

**6.00-7.00pm Zumba at St Mark's.** Contact Laura Harrow ☎07834529833

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

**7.45 - 10.45pm Bedford Astrology Club.**St Marks(2nd week) 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 ☎357198

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

**6.45pm 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 Sacha Ojo ☎07590597891 or [www.tabernacleoftruth.co.uk](http://www.tabernacleoftruth.co.uk)

**7-9pm Tae Kwon Do** St Mark's (not 25 March) Contact Adrian Felice [www.bedfordtkd.com](http://www.bedfordtkd.com) 07964356355

**U3A** For information on the U3A groups meeting at St Mark's and Putnoe Heights Church please contact Yvonne Francis ☎405119



## Diary Dates



**St Mark's Church Council** – 9 October, 11 June

**St Mark's Leadership Team** - 11 September

**Putnoe Heights Leadership Team** -

**Putnoe Heights Management Meeting**

**Putnoe Church Council** - 15 October,

**Pastoral Group Meeting** - Tuesday 19 June 4.00pm

**Churchyard Committee** -

**Brickhill Parish Council Meetings** -

**Commemoration Service** 4 November 3.00pm

**Harvest Festival** 30 September

**Circuit meeting** -

**Deanery Meeting** - 16 November

**Woodland Burial Trustees**– 30 September

**Putnoe Heights Children & Youth Meeting** -

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



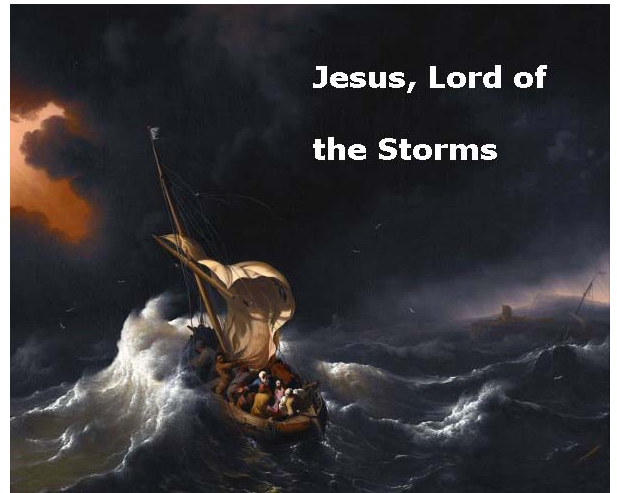
# Ordinary 12

## Opening Verse of Scripture Verse of Scripture Psalm 9:8

He will judge the world in righteousness; he will govern the peoples with justice. The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble

### Collect Prayer *Before we read we pray*

God of all power and truth and grace, you call your church to love and praise. Inspire us with zeal for your gospel, and grant us boldness to proclaim your word, that we and all the world may praise your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Jesus, Lord of  
the Storms

*Christ in the Storm on the Sea of Galilee  
Ludolf Backhuysen, 1695*

### First Bible Reading - Job 38:1-11

Then the LORD answered Job out of the storm. He said: "Who is this that darkens my counsel with words without knowledge? Brace yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer me. "Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? Tell me, if you understand. Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it? On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone-- while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy? "Who shut up the sea behind doors when it burst forth from the womb, when I made the clouds its garment and wrapped it in thick darkness, when I fixed limits for it and set its doors and bars in place, when I said, 'This far you may come and no farther; here is where your proud waves halt'?"

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

### Second Reading - 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

As God's fellow workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain. For he says, "In the time of my favour I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you." I tell you, now is the time of God's favour, now is the day of salvation. We put no stumbling block in anyone's path, so that our ministry will not be discredited. Rather, as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: in great endurance; in troubles, hardships and distresses; in beatings, imprisonments and riots; in hard work, sleepless nights and hunger; in purity, understanding, patience and kindness; in the Holy Spirit and in sincere love; in truthful speech and in the power of God; with weapons of righteousness in the right hand and in the left; through glory and dishonour, bad report and good report; genuine, yet regarded as impostors; known, yet regarded as unknown; dying, and yet we live on; beaten, and yet not killed; sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, and yet possessing everything. We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians, and opened wide our hearts to you. We are not withholding our affection from you, but you are withholding yours from us. As a fair exchange--I speak as to my children--open wide your hearts also

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

### Gospel Reading -Mark 4:35-41

That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped.

Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?" He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. He said to his disciples, "Why are you so

afraid? Do you still have no faith?" They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

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

### **Post Communion Prayer**

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

### **Hymns** (*Please distribute Morning Worship and Mission Praise*)

1. Lord of creation 440 (*Tune Slane*)
2. Be still for the presence of the Lord
3. Eternal Father 122 (*Tune Melita*)
4. Jesus call us o'er the tumult 359 (*Tune St Andrew*)
5. God is our strength and refuge 188 (*Dambusters March*)

### **Commentary**

"Teacher, don't you care....?"

If you read through the first four chapters of Mark you will quickly recognise that the ministry of Jesus was not a peaceful one. Indeed it would be possible to say that it was characterised by scenes of terrible conflict. It all starts off well with the baptism and calling of the first disciples but it seems that Mark is just starting off by reassuring us who Jesus really was before all the trouble starts! Jesus is Son of God (1:1) but this serves only to prepare us for the battle to come.

In Chapter 1 Verse 24 an evil spirit tells that Jesus has come to destroy and he goes on to drive out demons.

In Chapter 2 Verse 7 the religious leaders turn against him charging him with blasphemy.

By Chapter 3 Verse 22 they are accusing him of being in league with Satan.

Then in Chapter 3 Verse 21 even some of his own family have decided to arrest him because they think he has finally gone out of his mind, we learn in verse 31 that his mother went along with this.

Little surprise then that by Chapter 4: Verse 35, our reading today, that his own disciples accuse him of not caring for them.

The episode concerns a storm on the lake. Remember that these were hardened fishermen, so this was clearly a storm of some proportions. I wonder would we have behaved any differently if we were in that boat on Lake Galilee when the storm came and the waves started washing over the boat? Would the fact that you had Jesus with you have made any difference as you watched the water filling the inside of the sinking boat? Imagine no flares, no life jackets, no lifeboats, just you and the others and the imminent prospect of a dangerous swim. Undoubtedly the disciples were terrified, they had real fear and even the fact that Jesus was with them made no difference to their terror. The words of Jesus are a rebuke to the storm, but also a rebuke to the disciples "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

From his words should we conclude that Jesus expected the disciples to have been more calm? I doubt it, to be fearful in the face of life threatening situations is more likely to be a God given gift which helps us to survive, it is foolish to walk without fear into danger. I am sure that Jesus would have understood the adrenalin rush as the waves leapt over the boat and the concern of the disciples in the face of the storm. However Jesus would understandably be hurt by the critical words of the disciples which went further than fear and doubted his care and love for them. The words of the disciples to Jesus are a personal challenge to him, "Teacher, don't you care....?" The early Christian Church would have shared the same lives of confrontation as Jesus. They too knew the anger of the religious authorities, betrayal by friends and family. They would also have recognised evil in the world and understood that they were up against real spiritual evil. So they also may have been tempted to wonder whether Jesus cared for them when they were being killed for their faith. The answer to the question "Teacher, don't you care....?" was an emphatic YES!

So let us bring that message up to date and apply it to ourselves. You and I are in the boat and we face throughout our lives all manner of storms and crises which make us fearful. We cannot stop ourselves from being afraid when we are in perilous situations but we must never doubt that in that perilous situation Jesus is present with us and cares for us.

The early readers of Mark would have been reminded of the presence of their Risen Lord with them at all times, even in the face of organised state persecution and martyrdom. Only by trusting, even when we are afraid, can we come to know that same reassurance and peace which our Saviour brings.

## Meditation

“Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.”  
Isaiah Chapter 43:1b

One of most commonly repeated phrases in Scripture is “Do not be afraid”, and we still need to hear it today – loud and clear, “Do not be afraid!” Not because we are weak, but because there is a lot to be afraid of. Fear creeps in at night when we try to sleep, when we wait in a queue knowing we may be turned away, when we cannot give children what they need, when we face another demanding phone call; or anytime when we can see no way forward. Here the prophet Isaiah speaks right to our lives. You are not forgotten! God has pulled you back from the brink! God has named you and claimed you, and will not give you up for anything, no matter what happens. This verse was written originally to the people Israel who had lost everything and been carried off into exile in a foreign country. God did not give them up, and God will not give us up either. Do not be afraid! *Revd Dr Jennifer Smith*



### Prayers Sunday and the week ahead

Keeper of our lives, you know the hardness and gentleness of human hearts. You call your people to faithful living. Through the storms of life that bring suffering and fear, joy and laughter, teach us to turn to you for all we need, so that we may come to know your presence even in the midst of the trials that surround us. Amen.

Make us ever eager, Lord, to share the good things that we have. Grant us such a measure of thy Spirit that we may find more joy in giving than getting. Make us ready to give cheerfully without grudging, secretly without praise and in sincerity without looking for gratitude, for Jesus Christ's sake. (*John Hunter 1849-1917*)

O God, the King of righteousness, lead us, we pray thee, in the ways of justice and of peace, inspire us to break down all tyranny and oppression, to gain for every man his due reward and from every man his due service; that each may live for all and all may care for each, in the name of Jesus Christ. (*Archbishop William Temple 1881-1944*)

O God who hast bound us together in this bundle of life, give us grace to understand how our lives depend on the industry, the honesty and integrity of our fellow men; that we may be mindful of their needs, grateful for their faithfulness, and faithful in our responsibilities to them; through Jesus Christ our Lord *Rev Dr Reinhold Niebur 1892-1971*

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## Thought

“I don't preach a social gospel; I preach the Gospel, period. The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ is concerned for the whole person. When people were hungry, Jesus didn't say, 'Now is that political or social?' He said, 'I feed you.' Because the good news to a hungry person is bread.”

*The Most Reverend Desmond Tutu*

**Telecare** We want everybody in our church to know that they are cared for. 'Telecare' is really important. Anybody can register, of any age, individuals or families. Especially we hope that this will be helpful to the elderly and those who live alone. By completing the Telcare form you will be inviting a member of the Partnership Pastoral Support Team to contact you by telephone every couple of weeks, just to check and see that everything is alright. If they speak with you and there is a personal need, then they may ask if you would like a visit from a member of the Team or one of the Ministers. Nobody will call on you at home, they will just make this brief telephone call to show we care. We will usually call during the day or early evening. Remember you can leave the scheme at any time. Please help us to keep in touch with you by completing a Telecare form this morning and returning it to one of the Ministers or any member of the Partnership Leadership or Pastoral Support Team.

**Anjulita Court Summer Fete** Saturday 30 June 11am-3pm . Admission 50p, children free. BBQ and refreshments, craft stalls, face painting, fun and games. Urgent need for donations towards raffle, bric a brac stall, book stall, tombola– bottles/chocolate & sweets/toys/gift sets etc., prizes for games. If you feel you can help with donations, however small, they will be gratefully received. Please pass ant donations to a member of the Activities Team.

**Circuit Summer Celebration** Milton House, Milton Ernest (by arrangement with Mr & Mrs Clifton Ibbett) Saturday 14 July 2012. 3.00 pm games.5.30 pm Open Air Worship 6.30 pm Formal Finish (but people are welcome to stay on if they wish) Milton Ernest is a private house with extensive grounds (gardens, park and lake) in the heart of the North Bedfordshire countryside. We hope this summer event will be informal allowing people to enjoy the venue and one another's company and coming together at the end of the afternoon for worship. Please bring your own picnic chairs or rugs & umbrellas - limited provided seating is available.

**Wanted - Photographs!** I am planning to put together a 2013 photo calendar to sell at the Christmas Fair in November and would like photographs of St Marks and Bedford. Photos should reflect church life, the key sights of Bedford as well as the different seasons. Photos can be emailed to me moragstewart2@hotmail.com) or handed in at the office in a sealed enveloped with your name and contact details enclosed, any time from now until the end of September. 12 photographs will be selected for the calendar. Get snapping. Morag Stewart  
**Calling all singers,** vocalists and any other Circuit Warblers.....For the Circuit Summer event on July 14 in Milton Ernest, a Circuit Choir is being convened once again. We will have 2 rehearsals for this - 29

June and 13 July - both at 7.30 pm and both at Kempston East Methodist. If you would like to be involved with this please come along to the first rehearsal at East. Please let either Barbara Tipping (01234 852101) or Geoff Talbot (07850 705719) know if you are going to come so we know how much music to get. The more the merrier, so even if you've never done anything like it before - don't delay, join and sing today!

*Jean Kirk*

**A Celebration of our Communities, with Bedford Council of Faith** Wednesday 11 July 6pm –9pm Outside St Mary's Church, Goldington, MK41 0AP. Inside St Mary's church if wet. Bring your own picnic, circle dancing, drummers, parachute games, 21st Century Education Trust Choir. For all ages For more information contact: bcof@bcof.org.uk 01234 772385 (ext 3)

**The Methodist Church has launched an interactive [web map](#) of its churches in Britain,** combining Methodist data with information from the Office of National Statistics, the Church of England, and Action for Children. The launch of the web map coincides with the launch of the new and improved Methodist Church [website](#) where the map can be viewed.

<http://www.methodist.org.uk/news-and-events/news-releases/methodist-church-launches-interactive-web-map-on-new-website>

The map has been designed to enable people to view and explore churches, fellowship groups, projects, schools, and much more within their local contexts. As well as displaying a range of data about these places, groups and activities, the map allows users to find out what their communities are like. It shows land use, wealth, poverty and wellbeing in any given area, incorporating the latest available statistics from the Office of National Statistics and the Church's partner organisations. Church leaders hope that the data will improve people's understanding of local and national demographics, helping people to reach out to their local communities more effectively. Dr Christopher Stephens, Connexional Research and Statistics Coordinator, said: "This is a fantastic tool for the mission and ministry of the Church, both locally and nationally. The web map emerges from a strong demand from Methodists to see the data we collect about the Church reported in useful and flexible new ways. Maps provide a tool for presenting key information for mission planning in a clear and easy way. One future development will be to encourage Methodist members participating in church activities to upload photos, videos and text and begin online discussions attached to items featured on the map.



**Action for Children** So far this year St Mark's supporters have raised £162.03 in their lantern boxes. Every penny counts. Arrangements have been made through Mary Stubbs and Janette the manager at Ladyslaude Court to join the residents on Tuesday 26th June between 2 and 4pm for tea and home made cakes. This is an opportunity to be updated on the charity's work and the re-launch of the League of Light boxes which are now available.

**St. Mark's Craft Club Appeal** - Wanted for projects for the Christmas Fayre - Round soaps and round wreath bases in either cane or polystyrene. Please if you have any hand them in to the Office at St.Mark's. Thank you.

**Arthritis Research Annual Appeal.** If there was no collection in your road or you were out, you may still contribute. There will be envelopes available in the foyer today and may returned or handed into the office. Thank you Marian Goddard – Bedford Branch.

**Great Gappo Show** on Monday 23 July at Putnoe Heights from 12 - 2pm. Tickets available from Carolyn Morris. £1 adults, £2 children and £3 on the door.

**Christian Aid Quiz.** Answers now available from Carolyn Morris. youth@thisischurch.com

**Clean Square Plastic Pots** (up to 4") are needed By Marion Prior, for cuttings, to be sold at next year's boot sales. If you have some to offer, please leave them at St Mark's Church Office. Many thanks, Marion

**Footprints next walk** on Sunday 1 July 2012 starting at 2.30pm is an interesting 3 mile walk centred on the ancient woodland of Marston Thrift. The route follows both existing Rights of Way and permissive paths within the woodland and across the countryside to the village of Cranfield. Marston Thrift is situated on the clay soil of the ridge and the paths can become very boggy during periods of excessive rain. The Marston Thrift car park is the starting point for this walk and this is situated at Wood End, which

is just off the old A421 approximately 4 miles north-east of junction 13 of the M1. From Bedford travel to the Little Chef roundabout on the old A421 where it ceased to be a dual carriageway (and can now be accessed from the new A421 exit to Marston Moretaine)., and take the road towards Husborne Crawley and the M1. Take the first turn right, which is signposted to Wood End and follow the winding road for 1.7 miles over the new road to the end where you will see the car park on the right. Should you begin to have doubts, think you are in the middle of nowhere and must have gone wrong, take heart you are on the right road. For further details contact Pam or Ray on 305695.

**Mission Action Plan (MAP)** Thank you to all of those who have contributed towards the MAP which has now been agreed by both Church Councils. The MAP is a way of thinking about our mission and setting future goals. It is not a finished document in the sense that we wish to reflect upon it going forward and make any necessary changes in the light of our experience as a church. Please do feel ale to continue to discuss in homegroups etc and reflect thought back through the Leadership Teams. Copies of the MAP can be seen on the church website



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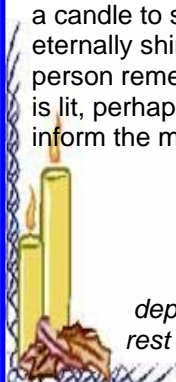
## Rest In Peace

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.

**Fred Atkins**

**Maurice John Vyse**

*May the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.'*



## Forthcoming Funerals



Please remember these families and friends in your prayers.

**The funeral of Eileen Mary Woodward** will take place at 10-45am on Wednesday 27 June at the Crematorium