



Methodist
Church

Partnership News

25 June 2006
Ordinary 12

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 both churches
9.30am St Mark's Church - Morning Worship
Preacher - Revd Neil Bramble-Chapman
Leadership Team - Mrs Delia Shephard
Intercessions - Mrs Delia Shephard
11.00am Putnoe Heights - Morning Worship
Preacher – Revd Neil Bramble-Chapman
Leadership Team - Mrs Wendy Nash
Intercessions - Mrs Sylvia Cohen

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8.30 Holy Communion at Putnoe only
9.30am St Mark's Church – Family Worship
Preacher -
Leadership - Mrs Avril Williams
Intercessions - Mrs Alison Holden
11.00am Putnoe Heights - Family Worship
Preacher–
Leadership Team - Mr Lawrence Wyatt
Intercessions - Mrs Betty Wyatt

Reading 1 : 2 Samuel 1: 1, 17 - 27
Reading 2 : 2 Cor 8: 7 - 15
Reading 3 : Mark 5 : 21 - 43

Thank You

The flowers at Putnoe Heights Church this week have been given by Doreen Denny in loving memory of her husband Len's birthday.

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

**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.**

Methodist Worship

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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 - 12 noon Monday & Friday
9am - 5pm Tuesday/Wednesday & Thursday
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Junior Church Co-ordinator - Mrs Liz Spavins 302349

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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

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

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 - 5.45pm Kumoni 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 27 June Charity Furniture Store Contact Betty Wyatt 350188.

2.15pm Putnoe Heights Men's Fellowship. Next meeting 4 July. Members' afternoon. Study 6 the Church in a Multi faith Society contact Lawrence Wyatt 350188.

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

2.30pm Tuesday Afternoon Housegroup. Meets fortnightly at St. Mark's. 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 27 June 'Charity work with families from Kosovo', 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

Luncheon Club at Putnoe Heights fortnightly. Next meeting 28 June 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 - Kumon Maths at Putnoe Heights Ms Raksha Mistry 01908 392698

6.00pm Self Defence at Putnoe Mr James 07711 687449

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

2pm U3A Indoor Games at Putnoe Radmila Dancer 404811

4.00 Story box Plus at Putnoe Heights for 4-11 year 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

7.45pm. Housegroup- Meets fortnightly at 3 Little Headlands. Newcomers always welcome. Betty Wyatt 350188

8.00 - 10pm Bedford Writers Circle at St Mark's 1st Thursday each month. Mr John Broadhouse 740271

Friday

9.30am U3A Exercise at Putnoe Heights. Carole Maunder 301325

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.

6pm Self Defence at Putnoe. Mr James 0771 687449 or 07810 234890

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

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 Oct
Circuit Meeting -

St Mark's Leadership Team – 12 Sept

Putnoe Heights Leadership Team -

St Mark's Church Management Meeting -

Putnoe Heights Management -

Putnoe Church Council 9 Oct

Pastoral Group Meeting –

Churchyard Committee - 30 August

Putnoe Heights Mission Group Meeting - .

Partnership Council - 19 Sept

Brickhill Parish Council -

Deanery Meeting , 14 September, 16 November

Putnoe Heights Children & Youth - , 28 June

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 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.

A Collect Prayer Before we read we pray

Creator God, in the beginning your word subdued the chaos and in the fullness of time you sent Jesus, your Son, to rebuke the forces of evil and to make all things new. By that same power transform our fear into faith that we might have courage to follow in the way of your Kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

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'?

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

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



Commentary

In my work as a Hospice Chaplain, patients often ask me if I believe in miracles. I usually respond with a question about what they understand a miracle to be. (I'll come back to answering whether I believe in them later.) They may reply by saying that they hope that God will heal them, cure them of their disease, and that the only way this can happen is through a miracle. The theological problem of Theodicy, why does a good and all-powerful God allow suffering, is one which has faced Humanity ever since we could begin to reason and speculate. It is an issue and it is a problem whenever we think that God is Superman, to be called upon to perform superhuman feats of strength and power that are beyond our understanding and capabilities. Whilst we maintain the belief that God is at our beck and call, that He will respond immediately to our cries of suffering and anguish, then we will continue to be disappointed in God or think that He is cold and callous and does not really care about us.

Moving on from this worldview and understanding of God, I think that the Bible reveals to us God who is committed to and intimately involved in, human life and human suffering. After all, our God is the God of the Incarnation; God made flesh, God dwelling with us and alongside us. Scripture also reveals God to us as Immanuel, God with us. God is committed to human existence; God is with us and alongside us in our suffering. We see this with Jesus in the boat with the Disciples as they face the storm, Jesus is fast asleep, but he is with them, he is roused from his sleep and responds to their cries. But this episode is not so much about Jesus who acts in a miraculous way to calm the storm, but reveals to us that Jesus is the Son of God, that He is the Messiah. A miracle always has a point of revelation, of pointing to something beyond the mere miracle itself and here the miracle shows us that Jesus and God are one and the same.

The Holy Triune God draws alongside us and dwells with us in our suffering and pain. There may be times when God will heal a person of their illness and for these moments of mystery, we must be thankful and rejoice, but that is not the norm. Our faith, our life, our merit, our efforts, do not make one jot of difference, but God in his mercy and grace, knows what He is doing, but we do not and cannot ever know the mind of God. Healing for most who are terminally ill comes through the patient devotion of carers, family and friends, who gather to minister to their dying needs and who are companions with them on their journey towards death and eternity. Healing ultimately comes through death and the release from all earthly suffering and liberation into Heavenly glory. Do I believe in miracles? I believe in the miracle of Human and Divine love and compassion intermingling in the care of those who are terminally ill. *Neil Bramble-Chapman*



Meditation Will your anchor hold in the storms of life?

In early Christian art it was not unusual to depict the church as a boat driven hard in a perilous sea, and Jesus in the midst, surrounded by a drenched crew. Some of the crew are depicted filled with fear as they watch the waves plunge into their boat, while others are at peace as they look to Jesus - "steadfast and sure while the billows roll." The church is indeed like a boat tossed against the "wings of strife." The storm that came against Jesus had the overtones of the dark domain. The storm represented powers opposed to God's new initiative in Jesus. Jesus was calling out a people to be with him, and the darkness sought to engulf his plan.

The church today is constantly affronted by the power of the secular city. The waves denounce the Christian ethic, denouncing the historicity of our faith, eradicating our influence within society. The waves come from behind, seeking to "conform" us to the world, sneaking entertainment concepts into worship, leading us to believe that marketing, selling, that the adoption of secular management criteria, are our only hope for future survival.

Will Christianity survive the affront of secularization and the test of marketed religion? Will the individual believer be able to survive the "billows roll"? The answer, of course, is yes, for "we have an anchor that keeps the soul."

Hymns Please distribute Hymns and Psalms and morning worship

16 Praise to the Lord, MP 99 Come on and celebrate on Partnership News, 136 I heard the voice of Jesus say, 668 Blessed Assurance, 699 Lord of Creation (Slane)

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. Amen.

Prayers for Sunday and the week ahead

Prayers for all involved in the World Cup

1. Lord God, the source of all life and joy, recreation and skill, we pray for all involved in the World Cup, and especially for those who represent our nation: for good health for the players, for high standards of sportsmanship and fairness, and for the safety and well-being of all who will watch, that in our shared enjoyment of the game, we may rejoice in the one who came to bring life in all its fullness, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



2. God of work and play, Lord of all the nations, guide, guard and protect all who work or play in the World Cup. May all who watch or engage find in this competition a source of celebration and a recognition of what it means to be made in the image of the One who played the cosmos into being. Amen.

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, bless our Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth, and all who are in authority under her; that they may order all things in wisdom and equity, righteousness and peace, to the honour and glory of your name and the good of your Church and people; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Saviour, the prince of peace: give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions; take away our hatred and prejudice and whatever else may hinder us from godly union and concord, that, as there is but one body, one Spirit and one hope of our calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, so may we henceforth be all of one heart and of one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GOD of love, turn our hearts to your ways; and give us peace. Amen.

A Prayer for Refugees ALMIGHTY and merciful God, whose Son became a refugee and had no place to call his own; look with mercy on those who today are fleeing from danger, homeless and hungry. Bless those who work to bring them relief; inspire generosity and compassion in all our hearts; and guide the nations of the world towards that day when all will rejoice in your Kingdom of justice and of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Two Prayers for Justice 1 ALMIGHTY God our heavenly Father, guide the nations of the world into the way of justice and truth, and establish among them that peace which is the fruit of righteousness, that they may become the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

2. GRANT us, Lord God, a vision of our land as your love would make it: a land where the weak are protected, and none go hungry or poor; - a land where the benefits of civilised life are shared, and everyone can enjoy them;- a land where different races and cultures live in tolerance and mutual respect; - a land where peace is built with justice, and justice is guided by love. And give us the inspiration and courage to build it, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for Mercy LORD, remember Christ your Son who is peace itself and who has washed away our hatred with his blood. Because you love all people, look with mercy on us. Banish the violence and evil within us, and in answer to our prayers restore tranquility and peace. Amen.

A Prayer for the Leaders of the Nations O GOD our heavenly Father, whose love sets no boundaries and whose strength is in service; grant to the leaders of the nations wisdom, courage and insight at this time of darkness and fear. Give to all who exercise authority determination to defend the principles of freedom, love and tolerance, strength to protect and safeguard the innocent and clarity of vision to guide the world into the paths of justice and peace. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

News and Information

“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

Putnoe Heights Church is delighted to welcome the Sports Development Unit of Bedford Borough Council, who will be running a play scheme for four weeks on our premises.

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 make lots of fun. See Joan or Liz.

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

Brickhill Parish Council Administrative Assistant
The position is being advertised for the above position based at St Mark's Church. It will involve 20 hours per week assisting the Clerk in general administrative duties. The applicant will have IT skills and admin experience. Applications need to be ASAP by way of letter and CV to the Clerk, Delia Shephard. For more details of the parish council see brickhillparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Thank you to all who helped raise £1192 for Christian Aid. Beryl Wigginton.

Youth Work The youth group on Friday evenings at St Mark's is going well, attracting many young people. This produces a need for more leaders willing to come along and assist the police officers who are responsible for running the group. If you are interested in becoming involved, please see PC Dave Hawkey at St Mark's.

Coffee Morning Saturday 7 July 10-12 noon, at 24 Loring Road, Sharnbrook, the home of Des & Linda Hoar, Cakes, raffle etc. Proceeds to Mission Funds. Requests for & offers of transport please, Bob Burn 261072. All welcome

A big thank you from the Mission Group at Putnoe to all those who supported the Open Garden and Cream Teas event last Sunday. The total of £203.10p was raised for projects in Africa.

For Sale. Bosch dishwasher £45 or offer & Nutool Electric Tile Cutter £15 10% to the church Mrs. Frank 215340.

Bedford Town Band Concert Friday 7 July at Putnoe Heights at 8pm. Theme is American Independence. Tickets £6 (concessions £4) can be bought at the door or reserved from Roger Nicholls (357268).

Bedfordshire Crafts at Willington Dovecote and Stables - Sunday afternoon July 23rd 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.

Sunday 2nd July, Putnoe, "Call for your coins"
Storybox plus and Jr Church will be marking the 50th anniversary of the stone laying ceremony of the Church with a short presentation of life in Putnoe in July 1956. Following the service we will be "drawing" a large 50 on the floor in the main hall we invite you to bring all your loose change so that we can cover the numbers (a little like a mile of pennies) all proceeds to church funds. Liz

Thank You to Judith Stanton and her supporters for a generous donation of £130 .

The banns marriage are published between Jason Paul Crowther and Fay Ann Groom both of this Parish.

Church cricket In spite of the minor counter attraction of another sporting event currently taking place in Germany, church cricket is alive and flourishing here in Bedford! We have set up a summer league comprising teams from All Saints' Queen's Park, St Andrew's, Priory Methodists, Eynesbury Methodists as well as Saints & Warhogs, although we still play away matches against churches from further afield on Sundays. This seasons mid-season tour is to Eastbourne where we will play an Anglican and a Baptist Church on 22 & 23 July. Forthcoming home games are as follows:
27 June: Priory Methodist (6.15pm)
3 July: All Saints' Queen's Park (6.15pm)
9 July: Bedford Occasionals (2pm)
18 July: St Andrew's (6.15pm)
25 July: St Andrew's (6.15pm)

All these games will take place in Bedford Park apart from the one on 3 July which will be played in Allen Park. Do come along if you can—all support will be most welcome!

A Hymn for Sunday

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!

Update from Kisiizi

Thank you to everyone who has been asking about Hannah over the last week or so. Hannah arrived in Kisiizi just over two week ago after an interesting but safe journey. Since then she has been working in clinics in the hospital and seeing the kinds of medical issues that are common in that part of the world. As you'd expect the work is quite tiring but very rewarding. If there is anyone who offered to sponsor Hannah on her 'Three Peaks Challenge' (to fund medical supplies for the hospital) but has not yet had the opportunity to pay up, please could they do so as quickly as possible so we can close off this fund. Thanks to all who have contributed so generously so far. Sam Cappleman.

Building to Start Work on the new centre at St Mark's will be started on 31 July

See Round Please take copies today

Thank you so much for all your messages of love and support received during the past week and your prayers' Claire and Richard Peck.

Rest in Peace



The funeral of Michael Smith
Will take place on Tuesday 27th
June 10am at Bedford
Crematorium *Crossley*

The funeral of Edith Hansen
will take place on Monday 26

June at 4.00pm at Bedford Crematorium.
Royden

The funeral of Margaret Sylvia Worthington
will take place 11.30am on Friday 30 June at
Bedford Crematorium. *Royden*

The funeral Jeffrey John Tiller will take place
at Bedford Crematorium on Wednesday 28
June at 9.15am *Royden*

The funeral of George Alfred Smart will take
place at Bedford Crematorium at 12.15pm on
Friday 30 June *Royden*

The funeral of Sylvia Wilson will take place
at St Mark's Church on Wednesday 28 June at
3.15pm *Royden*

The funeral of Northwood will take place at
Bedford Crematorium on Friday 29 June at
4.00pm *Crossley*

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.

Irene Vera Price
Thelma Jean Fallon

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

