



Methodist  
Church

# Partnership News

28 June 2009

Ordinary 13



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

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

Preacher - Mr Richard Ledger

Leadership - Mrs Delia Shephard

Intercessions - Mrs Margaret Appleton

### 11.00am Putnoe Heights - Morning Worship

Preacher - Mr Richard Ledger

Leadership - Mrs Wendy Nash

Intercessions - Mrs Sue Allen

## Sunday 5th July - Ordinary 14

### 9.30am St. Mark's - Family Worship

Preacher - Mrs Claire Peck

Leadership - Mr Michael Ovenden

Intercessions - Mrs Alison Holden

### 11.00am Putnoe Heights - Family Worship

Preacher - Mrs Claire Peck

Leadership - Mrs Sam Ware

Intercessions - Dr Tim Wilkes

**Readings** 1. Ezekiel 2: 1-5 2. 2 Cor 12: 2-10

3. Mark 6: 1-13

## Thank You

The flowers at Putnoe Heights Church this week have been given by Jill Richards in memory of her husband Barry on his birthday.

The flowers at St. Mark's this week have been given by Penny Puttock to celebrate her mother's 87th birthday

*We are always grateful for any donations for 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 Jennie Cooper 404950 (Putnoe Heights) or add your name to the rota in the foyers.*

## Prayer for Sunday

Eternal Light, shine in our hearts.

Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil.

Eternal Power, be our support.

Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance.

Eternal Pity, have mercy on us;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Alcuin, 735-704*

## Contact Details

### The Reverend Dr. Sam Cappleman

107 Dover Crescent, Bedford MK41 8QR

266952 Fax- 402624 nsm@thisischurch.com

(Sam also works full time as a General Manager for Hewlett Packard)

### The Reverend Charles Royden

The Vicarage, Calder Rise. MK41 7UY

309175 Mobile 07973 113861

vicar@thisischurch.com

### For Data Protection Purposes

Please note that any items submitted for inclusion in Partnership News will automatically be posted on our website.

Partnership News is also archived on our church website [www.ThisIsChurch.com](http://www.ThisIsChurch.com)

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

Mrs Mary Stubbs 406784 Mary@ThisIsChurch.com

*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 Monday to Thursday 9am - 5pm, Friday 9am - 1pm

Tel/fax & Answering Service 365630 putnoe@thisischurch.com

Centre Manager Mr Barry Snelson 365630 & 344417

Leadership Team Mr. Lawrence Wyatt 350188

Treasurer Mr Ian Morse 216428 treasurerph@thisischurch.com

Gift Aid Administrator - Mr John Hitt 404186

Youth & children's worker - Mrs Spavins 302349

youth@thisischurch.com

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

Tel/fax & Answering Service 342613 office@thisischurch.com

Centre Manager Miss Wendy Rider 342613

Leadership Team - Mrs Delia Shephard 275628

Treasurer - Mr Ian Farthing 210892 treasurer@thisischurch.com

Gift Aid Administrator Jim Williams 360605

# Regular Weekly Activities - A Guide To Our Churches

## Monday

- 9.30-12.00pm Mon-Fri Putnoe Heights Pre-school**  
Headteacher Mrs Janet Smith ☎326685
- 8.30-5.30pm Pre-school** Mon-Fri St Mark's
- 9.30-3.15pm Top Marks** Mon-Fri St Mark's  
Headteacher Mrs. Helen Harpin ☎312634  
(See website for more details)
- 9.00am Clubhouse** at St. Mark's for those with Learning Disabilities. Karen Bywater ☎315460.
- 9.45am - Body Control Pilates** –Putnoe Heights  
Stephanie Smith ☎ 357787 or 07973174430
- 10.00am Bakers Barn Art Group.** St Mark's Mr Kellie ☎ 721063
- 10.30am U3A Play reading** St Mark's J Birks ☎219607
- 12.00pm Story box Putnoe Heights** We welcome the under 5's and their carers to join them between 12noon and 1pm for a sandwich lunch followed by a Bible based story and singing. ☎Liz 302349
- 1.30pm U3A History Group** St Mark's ☎ David Fowler 824474
- 2pm U3A Drama** St Mark's 1st & 2nd week. Mr Ovenden ☎ 825059
- 4.00pm Storybox Plus** Putnoe Heights for 4-9 year Old. Meet at 3.30 for refreshments & games. Then till 5pm 'follow the year' through stories, drama, singing & craft activities. We then make a short presentation in church on first Sunday in each month. ☎Liz Spavins 302349
- 4.15pm Rosemary Conley Diet & Fitness.** Putnoe Heights. Margo Needham 843747 or 07881730747
- 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 ☎ 07720713738.
- 6.15 Pilates** at Putnoe Heights Jane Butcher 300859
- 7.30pm Sugarcraft Guild** St Mark's 1st week Pat Nicholson ☎353518
- 7.30pm Cancer Care Society.** St Mark's. 1st Week. Mr J Dewhurst ☎01908 377020
- 7.15pm Guides.** St Mark's. Mrs Gill Lake ☎218091
- 7.15pm Yoga.** Putnoe Heights Denise Green ☎244970
- 7.30pm Whist Drive.** St Mark's 3rd & 5th week . Next meeting 29 June Judith Stanton. ☎823313
- 7.30pm House group** 30 The Ridgeway. The home of Eddy & Margaret Peck ☎267567.
- 8.00pm 'Get Fit, Stay Fit'** Putnoe Heights. Mrs Diane Field ☎404976

## Tuesday

- 9.30 12.30 Jo Jingles.** St. Mark's. Music & movement for pre-school children. Renu Elston ☎01908 587299
- 9.30am Candlewicking** (Needlework). Putnoe Heights. Judi Staughton ☎341821
- 9.30am -12.30 & 4-9pm Slimming World** St. Mark's. Helen Folbigg ☎351223
- 10am -Bedford Arts Society** starting at St Mark's Mrs Brown☎771676
- 10am Autism Beds Adult Support Group.** St Mark's. Sally Cripsley ☎350704
- 11.15am U3A Keep Fit** Sally Banks ☎ 870357
- 1.30pm Toddlers Playtime.** Putnoe Heights Majella Atkinson ☎325293.
- 1.30pm U3A Cinema Group.** St Mark's 4th Week in

- month . Mrs Beaumont ☎261461
- 2.00pm U3A Book Group.** St Mark's 3rd Week Mrs Forrest ☎344043
- 2.00pm Library Walk W.I.** Putnoe Heights, meets monthly. Morag Tomkins ☎356895
- 2pm U3A Photography** (Group 3) St Mark's 1st Week. Janet King ☎313946
- 2.15pm Putnoe Heights Women's Fellowship.** Next meeting June 30 'Kenya Project' Mrs. D. Scott Betty Wyatt ☎350188.
- 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 Stars School of Dance.** Putnoe Heights. Esther Sancto ☎295862 or 07917582468.
- 6.30pm Creative Card making.** Putnoe Heights Church. Carol Houghton 346718
- 6.30pm Yoga** Putnoe Heights Veronica Lafferty ☎781466 or 07788750360
- 7pm Keep Fit.** St. Mark's Jan Gregory ☎328455
- 7pm MT Karate** [all ages] Putnoe Heights. Karen King ☎ 07941 264885
- 7.30pm Hearts & Beds. Cardiac Support Group** 1st Tuesday in the month
- 7.30pm Tabernacle of Truth Church** Putnoe Heights Bible study & prayers. Revd. Tarr ☎360188 or 07866775515
- 7.30pm Chartered Management Institute** St Marks 3rd week. Mrs Dimmock ☎01525 862374
- 7.30pm Putnoe Heights Ladies Tuesday Club** - Meets fortnightly. Meeting June 30 Visit To The Mayors Parlour. Details from Audrey Wilkins☎365068 or Margaret Gentle ☎309043

## Wednesday

- 9.30am** Body Control Pilates. Putnoe Heights. Stephanie Smith ☎357787 or 07973174430.
- 9.00am Clubhouse** at St Mark's for those with Learning Disabilities. Karen Bywater ☎315460.
- 10.00am Holy Communion.** St. Mark's Chapel. A half hour service followed by coffee. All welcome.
- 10am Sewing & Chat.** Putnoe Heights Valerie Russell ☎01462 815966
- 12.30pm Luncheon Club.** Putnoe Heights fortnightly. Next - 1 July 2009 Putnoe Heights Office ☎365630
- 1.00-3pm Police Surgery** at Putnoe Heights .
- 1.15pm Bridge Club for the Retired.** St. Mark's. Mr Barnes ☎261811
- 1.45 Scots Society Whist** Putnoe monthly .All welcome Nancy Barr 268147
- 2-5pm Police Surgery.** St Mark's Foyer. ☎349179
- 1.30-4.30pm U3A Craft** St Mark's 1st & 3rd week. Pat Holland ☎ 262823
- 2.15pm - Fifty plus Keep Fit.** Putnoe Heights Mrs Webster ☎856966
- 4.15pm Kumon Maths.** Putnoe Heights Mrs Raksha Mistry ☎01908 392698
- 6.00 pm Brownies.** St Mark's. Mrs Carol Warden ☎219731
- 6.15pm Yoga and Relaxation** Putnoe Heights Racheall Monton ☎01234 297138

**6-8pm Karate.** St Mark's Karen ☎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 Janice Loxley☎ 347073  
**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 1 July Everyone welcome. All dances called, only £1 including refreshments.. Ring Graham ☎406359 or Alan 345312. or Rosemary 405594 for more details  
**8.00pm Bedford Wine and Social Club** St Mark's 1st week in the month. Mrs Gansfield ☎215016  
**7.45 for 8pm God talk** - women's group monthly meeting for worship and friendly chat at Wendy Nash's Contact Majella Atkinson ☎325293

#### Thursday

**9.30am Thursday Prayer Group.** Putnoe Heights in the quiet room. Sylvia Cohen ☎343424  
*Request for prayer can be written in the prayer diary on the information table. (No meeting on 9th April)*  
**9.45am Yoga** Putnoe Heights Denise Green ☎244970  
**9.45am Chat and Play** St.Mark's. A group for Mums & toddlers. Emma Strangwick ☎211070  
**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 Emma Strangwick ☎211070  
**1.30 - 3.00pm NHS Baby Clinic** St.Mark's ☎267444  
**1.30pm Toddler Playtime.** Putnoe Majella Atkinson ☎325293.  
**2pm Putnoe Bridge Club.** Gerald Palmer ☎345991  
**2.30 - 4.30pm Bedford Art Society** at St Mark's. Mary Rich ☎272470 Next meeting 24 September  
**4 - 7.00pm Police Surgery.** St Mark's Foyer. ☎349179  
**6.15 pm Weightwatchers.** St. Mark's. Mrs Margaret Ralph ☎01767 224978.  
**6.15pm Brownies.** Putnoe Heights Caroline Morgan ☎07786508351  
**7.00pm Club 2000** Putnoe Heights Nina Ovenden☎825059  
**7pm U3A Folk & Poetry Group.** St Mark's 2nd & 4th week in month. Doug Ovenden ☎825059  
**7.15pm Putnoe Art Group** Bob Wardale ☎406094  
**7.30pm Bedford Embroiderers' Guild** St Mark's 3rd week in month. Nadeen Salmon ☎301550  
**8.00pm Bedford Writers Circle.** St Mark's 1st week in month. Mr Newton ☎01525 378193  
**8.00pm Magpies Women's Group** St Mark's 2nd & 4th week Jean Birks ☎219607  
**8.00pm Brickhill Ladies Group** St Mark's 1st and 3rd week in month. Pat Foulks ☎346505

#### Friday

**9.30-12.30pm U3A Photography (Group 1)** St Marks 4th week in month Val Scrivener ☎346397  
**9.00am Clubhouse** St. Mark's for those with Learning Disabilities. Karen Bywater ☎315460.  
**10am - 12 & 1.15 - 3.15pm U3A Beginners French** St Mark's Joyce Fields ☎353086

**12.15pm U3A Photography (Group 2).** St Mark's 4th week in month. Sue Butler ☎354183  
**5pm Stars School of Dance** Putnoe Heights Contact Esther Sancto ☎295862 or ☎07917 582468  
**2.00pm U3A Gardening Group** Putnoe Heights Eve Whitehead ☎356875  
**6.15pm Yoga and Relaxation** Putnoe Heights. Racheall Monton 297138 or 07910835994  
**6.30pm Line Dancing.** St Mark's Christine Rushton ☎782360  
**7pm Bedford Art Society** monthly Putnoe Heights. Next meeting 1st May Mary Rich ☎272470  
**7.45 - 10.45pm Bedford Astrology Club.** St. Mark's. Carol Brown ☎01438 233385

#### Saturday

**9.45am Bedford Stamp Auction** at Putnoe Heights Next Auction 30th May. Contact Stuart or Anne 01327 876438  
**10.00am Theatretrain** St Mark's. Dancing acting, singing. Kate Howard ☎01234 782414  
**Young Embroiders** bi monthly Putnoe Heights Terry Fletcher Tel 357198  
**2.15pm Society of Recorder Players** at Putnoe Heights. G Parry 01462 674792  
**7.00pm Duplicate Bridge.** St Mark's Mrs Pillinger ☎212066

#### Sunday

**9.30 - 10.30 Church and Sunday School** at St Mark's with crèche for under 3's  
**11.00 - 12.00 Church and Junior** at Putnoe Heights for the under 9's and Young Peoples Fellowship (Y.P.F) for our young adults. A crèche is also available.  
**1pm Tabernacle of Truth Church** Putnoe Heights Revd. Tarr ☎360188 or ☎07866775515  
**6pm T.N.T.** Putnoe. For 9-12 year olds (fortnightly) join us for fellowship & fun. Please see Liz ☎302349 .



## Diary Dates

**St Mark's Church Council – 9 Nov**  
**St Mark's Leadership Team –**  
**Putnoe Heights Leadership Team – 12 Oct, 8 Feb 2010**  
**Putnoe Heights Management Meeting 20 July**  
**St Mark's Church Forum Meeting - 15 July, 8 Sept , 11 Nov, 12 Jan 2010**  
**Putnoe Church Council - 5 Oct**  
**Pastoral Group Meeting -**  
**Churchyard Committee -**  
**Putnoe Heights Mission Group -**  
**Partnership Council - September 6th**  
**Brickhill Parish Council Meetings -**  
**Deanery Meeting 17 Sep, 19 Nov,**  
**Circuit/Deanery Meeting**  
**Woodland Burial Trustees –**  
**Putnoe Heights Children & Youth –**

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

# Ordinary 13

## Opening Verses of Scripture -2 Corinthians 8

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

## Collect Prayer for the Day - Before we read we pray

Lord of heaven and earth, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and power of your Church. Sow in our hearts the seeds of your grace, that we may bear the fruit of the Spirit, in love and joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



## First Bible Reading –Lamentations 3: 22-33

Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion; therefore I will wait for him." The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him, To the one who seeks him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. It is good for a man to bear the yoke while he is young. Let him sit alone in silence, for the LORD has laid it on him. Let him bury his face in the dust— there may yet be hope. Let him offer his cheek to one who would strike him, and let him be filled with disgrace. For men are not cast off by the Lord forever. Though he brings grief, he will show compassion, so great is his unfailing love. For he does not willingly bring affliction or grief to the children of men.

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

## Second Reading - 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

But just as you excel in everything--in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us see that you also excel in this grace of giving. I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich. And here is my advice about what is best for you in this matter: Last year you were the first not only to give but also to have the desire to do so. Now finish the work, so that your eager willingness to do it may be matched by your completion of it, according to your means. For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have.

Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality. At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need. Then there will be equality, as it is written: "He who gathered much did not have too much, and he who gathered little did not have too little."

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

## Gospel Reading –Mark 5: 21-43

When Jesus had again crossed over by boat to the other side of the lake, a large crowd gathered around him while he was by the lake. Then one of the synagogue rulers, named Jairus, came there. Seeing Jesus, he fell at his feet and pleaded earnestly with him, "My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live." So Jesus went with him. A large crowd followed and pressed around him. And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse. When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, because she thought, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed." Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering. At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my clothes?"

"You see the people crowding against you," his disciples answered, "and yet you can ask, 'Who

touched me?" But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth.

He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering."

While Jesus was still speaking, some men came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue ruler. "Your daughter is dead," they said. "Why bother the teacher any more?" Ignoring what they said, Jesus told the synagogue ruler, "Don't be afraid; just believe." He did not let anyone follow him except Peter, James and John the brother of James. When they came to the home of the synagogue ruler, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. He went in and said to them, "Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep." But they laughed at him. After he put them all out, he took the child's father and mother and the disciples who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha koum!" (which means, "Little girl, I say to you, get up!"). Immediately the girl stood up and walked around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished. He gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and told them to give her something to eat. (This is the word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God)

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

1. Hallelujah! Sing to Jesus, 207
2. Majesty 454
3. I heard the voice of Jesus say. 275
4. Jesus calls us 359
5. Will you come and follow me - on Partnership News

### **Post Communion Prayer**

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

### **Mediation**

At the end of the Morning Worship booklet are these words:

*'You are here not because you are searching but because you have been sought, called summoned. You are here because God has reached in, grabbed you, put you here, enticed, wooed, allured you here. So Christianity is not so much a religion of discovery. It is a religion of revelation. The long search is over. You have been found. This is the good news.'*

It really is good news - for each one of us is infinitely and eternally precious to God. He loves each of us as if there was no-one else for him to love - with a steadfast love that is unending.

*Richard Ledger*

### **Commentary**

The tradition is that Jeremiah was the author of Lamentations. He had experienced the siege and fall of Jerusalem, with all the events that followed, but our reading today is really positive - a sign of real hope. It ranks with some of the highpoints of the Old Testament - talking of God's steadfast love that is unending, and his compassion that also never fails. These are remarkable insights into God's character: a far cry from some parts of the Old Testament - and giving us a picture of God that is close to what we see in Jesus who reveals God's love perfectly. We are also given a beautiful statement of the real meaning of our relationship to God our Father. We are to seek him and wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord. We shall find our strength renewed daily for His mercies are new every morning.

Mark 5: 21-43 gives us two stories about fear and faith and the power of Jesus to take people from one to the other. Mark places one story inside the other, (a Markan sandwich!), with the outer story being about Jairus, one of the local synagogue presidents and especially his 12 year old daughter, and the inner story being about a much older woman, who for the same 12 years has suffered severe internal bleeding.

This is what Tom Wright has to say:

‘ Jesus is on his way to a house where, as we already suspect, he will find a corpse. Thoughts of sorrow would mingle with the threat of impurity, since contact with a dead body is one of the chief sources of impurity in Jewish law. Here, on the other hand, is a woman who has chronic internal bleeding; one of the other main causes of impurity was bodily discharges and those who had them ( especially women). Jairus has asked Jesus to come to his house so that his daughter may be rescued, or ‘saved’; the woman says to herself, ‘If I can only touch his clothes, I’ll be rescued.’ ‘Your faith has saved you,’ says Jesus to the woman. ‘Don’t be afraid - only believe,’ he says to Jairus (verse 36). Clearly Mark intends us to see the stories knocking sparks off each other. The woman’s perpetual uncleanness (with all its consequences in her family and social life) explains her fear both of openly requesting help and then of being discovered after she’s received it. But one of the most remarkable things about the story is the way in which Jesus knows at once that power has gone out of him. (This, and the funny little exchange with the disciples that follows—like someone asking ‘who touched me’ in a rugby scrum - look to me like the sure sign of an eye-witness.) Healing by touch, not least when the healer wasn’t expecting it, is such a strange phenomenon that we probably can’t probe much further about how such things work. But they highlight for us the intimate nature of the contact between the individual and Jesus that Mark expects and hopes his readers to develop for themselves. When life crowds in with all its pressures, there is still room for us to creep up behind Jesus - if that’s all we feel we can do - and reach out to touch him, in that odd mixture of fear and faith that characterizes so much Christian discipleship.

Then the other odd thing: was it Jesus’ power that rescued the woman, or her own faith? Clearly it was Jesus’ power; but he says, ‘Your faith has rescued you.’ The answer must be that faith, though itself powerless, is the channel through which Jesus’ power can work. He is not a magician, doing conjuring tricks by some secret power for an amazed but uninvolved audience. He is (though the onlookers don’t yet realize this) God’s son, the one through whom the living God is remaking Israel, humans, the world. And faith, however much fear and trembling may accompany it, is the first sign of that remaking, that renewal, that new life. Where are we in this story?’

As ever Tom Wright gives us much to ponder. *Richard Ledger*

### **Prayers for Sunday and the week ahead**

To God the Father, who first loved us, and made us accepted in the beloved: to God the Son, who loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood: to God the Holy Ghost, who sheds the love of God abroad in our hearts: be all love and all glory, for all time and for eternity. - *Thomas Ken, 17th century*

Alone with none but thee, my God, I journey on my way. What need I fear, when thou art near, O King of night and day? More safe am I within thy hand than if a host did round me stand. - *St Columba of Iona 6th century*

O God, you have bound us together in this bundle of life; give us grace to understand how our lives depend on the courage, 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. -*Reinhold Niebuhr 12th century*

## Youth, children and friends summer diary dates

**Sunday 12th July TNT and friends** "Cycle ride to Danish Camp" meet 2.00 by recycling area at Priory. All welcome to join us or meet for refreshments at the camp about 3.00. The young people remain the responsibility of their parent/guardian during the above two events.

**Thursday 16th July** St Mark's last Storybox and Chat and Play. Restart Thursday 10th September.

**Monday 20th July** Putnoe Holiday Storybox 12.00 till 1.00 followed by Storybox plus until 2.45.  
**Monday 27th July** at Putnoe The Cheeky Dog Children's Entertainer and sandwich lunch 12.00 till 2.00. Tickets £2.50 from Liz or £3.00 on the door/office, accompanying adults £1.00, under 1 year free. This will be the last Storybox and Storybox plus until Monday 7th September

**Monday 24th August** under 5's summer workshop 2.00 till 4.00 and Tuesday 25th and Wednesday

**26th August** 5 years plus summer workshop 10.00 till 3.00pm Join us to "Travel God's world." Both these events celebrate the United Nations Year of the Child and will include stories of Children in the Bible, stories from around the world, music, games, crafts and Fun! Small charge.

There will be no Junior Church or YPF at Putnoe during August.

If you are able to help any of these groups in anyway over the summer or at the new term start in September please speak to Liz or Emma. Thank you for all your support. See Liz for further details on all the above events.

**Singing Together at Priory.** Saturday 4 July 10.30am - 1.30pm. Open to all, from the experienced singer to the novice. Please bring a packed lunch. Donations to the Cameroon Project welcome. For more information and to book please contact John Ayres 843827.

**Bedford Town Band**, directed by Kevin Nicholls invite you to join them on 4 July at Putnoe Heights Church for an 'Evening of American Music'. Broadway Show Tunes, Marches and other music with an American accent. Concert begins 7.30 - refreshments available and raffle prizes.

**Arthritis Research Campaign** There was a big drop in donations due to a shortage of volunteers for the House to House Collection in June. If you missed the collectors and would like to contribute envelopes will be available in the entrances at both St Mark's & Putnoe Heights today, & can be placed

in the basket or returned to the Church Office.  
*Marion Goddard*

**Outdoor Bowls Roadshow** - An opportunity to see if you would like to join a local bowls club. In July, 6 bowls clubs are offering sessions for just £1 with all equipment provided. A brochure is on the notice board in St Mark's Foyer. Why not visit and see if you like it.

**Footprints Walk** on Sunday 5 July 2009. Park at either the River Street or Riverside car parks in Bedford, amble down to the river and meet with us at County Bridge/ Prebend Street at 14.00 hours. We will then meander up the river through Queen's Park towards Kempston Mill before crossing the river at two bridges and wandering back through attractive woodland and open parks. There are no stiles and paths are accessible : all welcome. Contact Pam or Ray on 305695 for further details

**Seeking The Way** A course for laypeople seeking to know how and where to serve God and his Church. The course is being provided by the St Albans Diocesan Board for Christian Development. Cost £40 Venue The Transept, St Mary's Church, Redbourn. Dates October 17th, November 7th & 21st, 10am - 4pm. Application form and full details about the course available from St Mark's Church Office.

**Faith Groups Consultation** Wednesday 1 July at 7.30pm consultation by Bedford Borough Council with faith groups on the Community Strategy at St Peter's Church, Bedford. All invited

Thank you to all who helped on Saturday at the Woodland Burial Open day at Keysoe. We were exceptionally busy and very much appreciated the extra help.

Please collect rotas from church this morning for the next quarter.

**See Round** is now available for collection

---

## We publish the banns and pray for the marriages of

**Paul Mark Nigro** Single of this parish and on the electoral roll of Elstow Abbey and **Carmelina Di Lorenzo** single of All Saints

**Mark James Hurst and Emily Frances Laura Scott**, both single of this parish and electoral roll of Elstow Abbey

**Thomas Joseph Woolley**, single of Charlbury Chipping Norton and **Joanne Elizabeth Appleton** Single of this parish (*All for second time of asking*)



A masculine Christ, a radiating Abel eyed by a simmering Cain and a floating vision of a dove are just a few of the works of art now online in the Methodist Art Collection: <http://www.methodist.org.uk/artcollection>.

Art lovers have already been inspired by the Collection, which began in the 1960s. The modern creative expressions of Christian faith come alive through a range of materials; from oil through to tempera and gouache, acrylic through to aluminium.

Toby Scott, Director of Communications and Campaigns, said: "The touring Collection is often on display, but its online debut makes it available to everyone at any one time. The works challenge the way we think of God, and how we visualise Jesus. Religious art has been at a cornerstone of western art for centuries, but these works of art continue to find new ways to depict the divine. The website is a delight for art lovers and anyone seeking a different way to think about faith."

Most of the online works are accompanied by commentaries, either from the artists themselves or by art critic Francis Hoyland. David Webster, Internet Communications Coordinator, said: "This is a great new resource for people, whether Christian or not. Looking at the images in the art collection is an exciting way to reflect on the Christian message. Now they are accessible online this will also make more people aware of the Collection, and hopefully inspire them to visit the touring exhibition."

### 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.

**Florence Ellen Davies  
Known as 'Flo'**

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



### Hymn for Sunday

Will you come and follow me,  
if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
will you let my love be known,  
will you let my life be grown  
in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind  
if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare  
should your life attract or care?  
Will you let me answer prayer  
in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see  
if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free  
and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean,  
and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean  
in you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide  
if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside  
and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found  
to reshape the world around'  
through my sight and touch and sound  
in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
in you and you in me.

*Iona Community*

### Forthcoming Funerals



The funeral of Mrs Audrey Gladys May Fuller will take place at 1-45p.m on Tuesday 7th July at Bedford Crematorium..