



Partnership News

29 August 2010

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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--Holy Communion with PCH

Preacher-- Revd Dr Sam Cappleman
Leadership - Mrs Avril Williams
Intercessions - Ministers

11.00am Putnoe - Holy Communion with PCH

Preacher - Rev Dr Sam Cappleman
Leadership - Mrs Linda Hoar
Intercessions - Mrs Sylvia Cohen

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9.30 am St. Mark's - Family Worship

Preacher - Revd Charles Royden
Leadership - Mrs Morag Stewart
Intercessions - Mrs M Stewart

11am Putnoe - Family Worship

Preacher - Revd Charles Royden
Leadership - Mr Lawrence Wyatt
Intercessions - Mrs Claire Peck

Readings 1. Deut 30:15-20 2. Philemon 1-21
3. Luke 14: 25-33

Midweek Worship

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. The flowers at Putnoe Heights Church this week have been given by Arthur Merryman in loving memory of Vi on their wedding anniversary.

The flowers at St Mark's Church this week have been given by Jean and Roger Bank in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

Prayer for This Week

Grant to us, O Lord,
to pass this day
in gladness and peace,
without stumbling and without stain,
that reaching the eventide
victorious over all temptation,
we may again praise you,
the eternal God,
blessed over all things
now and for ever. Amen.

*From the Mozarabic Sacramentary
(tenth century)*

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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

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Regular Weekly Activities - A Guide To Our Churches

Monday

9.15 -11.45 am Mon-Fri Putnoe Heights Pre-school

Head teacher 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 Mrs Berry ☎211955

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.

3.30pm Storybox Plus Putnoe Heights for 4-9 year olds. Meet at 3.30 for refreshments & games. Then until 5pm stories, drama, singing & craft activities.

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 30 August 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

9.30am Jo Jingles. St. Mark's. Music & movement for pre-school children. Renu Elston ☎07790296016

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

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 Sally Banks ☎ 870357

1.15pm Sing and Stomp. For toddlers & their carers. Run by the Putnoe Children's Centre. 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 7 September - -Tea and Chat.. 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-6.15pm Stars School of Dance. Putnoe Heights. Esther Richardson ☎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 in Beds. Cardiac Support Group 1st Tuesday in the month at St Mark's. Brian Ibberson ☎403497

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

7.30pm Putnoe Heights Ladies Tuesday Club - Meets fortnightly. Next meeting September 7 Opening meeting - Jane Mason. For more 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.

9.00am 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

10am U3A Card Making. St Mark's Church. 4th week in the month. Janet King ☎313946

12.30pm Luncheon Club. Putnoe Heights fortnightly. Next -September 15 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 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 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 September 1st. Everyone welcome. All dances called, only £1 including refreshments. Ring Graham 406359 or Rosemary 405594 for more details.
8.00pm Bedford Wine and Social Club St Mark's 1st week in the month. Mrs Gansfield ☎215016

Thursday

9.30am Thursday Prayer Group. Putnoe Heights in the quiet room. 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 group for Mums & toddlers. Emma Strangwick ☎211070
11am-12noon Citizens Advice Bureau at Putnoe Heights.
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 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. Malcolm Smith ☎400741
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 Lou Watkins 07919402797
7.00pm Club 2000 Putnoe Heights Nina Ovenden ☎825059
7pm U3A Folk & Poetry St Mark's 2nd & 2th 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. Pauline Lynham ☎01525 714517
8 –10pm Bedford Folk dancers (formerly Barn dancers) Will meet weekly at Putnoe Heights from 2 September Different guest callers each week. All welcome, cost £2 Including refreshments. More details Ron Law 825574.
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. Julia Nicholson ☎353642

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
5-8pm Stars School of Dance Putnoe Heights Contact Esther Richardson ☎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
7.45 - 10.45pm Bedford Astrology Club. St. Mark's. 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
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.

It is not only what we do,
but also what we do not do,
for which we are accountable.

Moliere, 17th century

Diary Dates

St Mark's Church Council – 8 November
Partnership Council
St Mark's Leadership Team –
Putnoe Heights Leadership Team - 18 October
Putnoe Heights Management Meeting - 27 Sept.
St Mark's Church Forum Meeting - 12 noon, 15 September, 16th November
Putnoe Church Council - 25 October.
Pastoral Group Meeting - 12 October 4.15pm in chapel
Churchyard Committee - 29 September
Putnoe Heights Mission Group
Partnership Council—TBA
Brickhill Parish Council Meetings
Deanery Meeting - .
Circuit Property/Treasurers Meeting
Circuit Meeting 13 Sept.
Woodland Burial Trustees –
Putnoe Heights Children & Youth –

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

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Opening Sentence from Scripture - Philippians Chapter 1

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness



Collect *(Before we read we pray)*

Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Old Testament Reading - Proverbs 25:6-7

Do not exalt yourself in the king's presence, and do not claim a place among great men; it is better for him to say to you, "Come up here," than for him to humiliate you before a nobleman. (This is the word of the Lord -- **All: Thanks be to God**)

Hebrews 13 v 1 - 16

Keep on loving each other as brothers. Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow-prisoners, and those who are ill-treated as if you yourselves were suffering. Marriage should be honoured by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you. So we say with confidence, The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me? Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings. It is good for our hearts to be strengthened by grace, not by ceremonial foods, which are of no value to those who eat them. We have an altar from which those who minister at the tabernacle have no right to eat. The high priest carries the blood of animals into the Most Holy Place as a sin offering, but the bodies are burned outside the camp. And so Jesus also suffered outside the city gate to make the people holy through his own blood. Let us, then, go to him outside the camp, bearing the disgrace he bore. For here we do not have an enduring city, but we are looking for the city that is to come. Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that confess his name. And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

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

Luke 12 v 13 - 21

(When the reading is announced—**Glory to Christ our Saviour**)

One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched. When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honour at the table, he told them this parable: "When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honour, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, 'Give this man your seat.' Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, 'Friend, move up to a better place.' Then you will be honoured in the presence of all your fellow guests. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or relatives, or your rich

neighbours; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

(This is the Gospel of Christ – **Praise to Christ our Lord**)

Post Communion Prayer

God our creator, you feed your children with the true manna, the living bread from heaven; let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Hymns (*Please distribute hymns and Psalms and Holy Communion with prayer for Christian Healing*)

1. Praise to the Lord, the almighty, **16**;
2. Seek ye first, **138**;
3. Make me a channel of your peace, **776**;
4. For the healing of the nations, **402** (*Tune Westminster Abbey Purcell*)

Commentary

Hebrews is in some ways a bit of a mystery letter. No one is sure who wrote it (almost certainly not Paul as it's not his style or content!) and it isn't in the form of a first century letter at all, it appears to be more of a treatise than anything else. The writer is articulate in Greek and knows the Old Testament extremely well. The author's Old Testament quotes are in Greek, rather than Hebrew, so it looks like he was a Greek speaking, Hellenistic, Jew writing to fellow Greek speaking Jews or Jewish Christians regarding the relationship of the Christian faith to Judaism.

It appears that some among them were thinking of turning back to Judaism and their former ways and the letter is a forceful reminder that in Christ they have a far better and eternal option before them. The achievements of Christ and all that He symbolises and signifies are for greater than the old system of sacrifice and priesthood. Moreover, in Christ they have the ultimate realisation of all that they have ever stood for. To turn from Him is to turn back to an inferior substitute, back to failure and ultimately, back to hopelessness.

Hebrews is quite an early piece of writing, probably written before the fall of the Temple and Jerusalem to the Romans in AD70, as otherwise those events would have been mentioned in the letter, especially as the book of Hebrews makes specific references to Priests and sacrifices. Given its focus, content and apparent audience, some have seen Hebrews as the counterpart to Paul's letter to the Romans. In today's Bible reading, which comes at the end of the book of Hebrews, the writer is underlining that God is concerned with the entirety of our way of life, how we live and use our homes, our we treat our relationships, how we respond to others in need, in fact everything that we say, do and believe.

The concept of how we see and relate to others is picked up in the gospel reading. Many at the meal might have been expected to be at the head of the table, a position of status and importance. Rather than assume positions of importance Jesus talks about humility and respect for others, a theme which links the two readings together. Just as the readers of the book of Hebrews, we too are encouraged to live humble and God fearing lives, putting others before ourselves.

When so much of society is geared around social standing, both at the time of Jesus and in current times, allowing ourselves to be open to being humble servants can be difficult, and yet it seems to be at the very heart of the gospel message. To put others first, to consider those with no social standing to be ahead of us in the pecking order of life seems counter intuitive. Our lives are bombarded with stimuli which suggest exactly the opposite. Adverts in our papers, magazines and on TV encourage us to put ourselves first, to look after number one, to surround ourselves with those things and people who will make our life easier and show that we have made it in some way or other. To have the possessions and lifestyle and outward appearance that seek to show we are just a little superior to those around us. Not so much a "keeping up with the Jones'" but with "the Jones' keeping up with us."

Jesus will have none of this. His example is of a humble servant who possesses little of worldly value, but everything of heavenly worth. And He challenges his followers to do likewise. There is also a hidden twist perhaps peculiar to Luke, the only gentile of the gospel writers. In the eternal scheme of things, Israel, as God's chosen people, may have expected to be at the head of the table. In the setting of a prominent Jewish Pharisees home Jesus would seem to be saying this might not be the case. He even seems to be quoting the Hebrew scriptures to prove His point. Who God chooses to be at the head of His table at His heavenly banquet is His choice and His choice alone. Together with the Jews, we may be surprised to see who God chooses to be at the head of His table. We may even be surprised who we see in heaven. In this passage, yet again, we see Jesus challenging the normal rules of society. God's Kingdom does not

conform to those rules. God's Kingdom breaks through the norms of prejudice and self interest. Jesus calls us to do the same, to put others first, to be focused on our eternal and lasting reward rather than immediate but transient gains and status we can achieve in the short term. Just perhaps the dinner party for Jesus was a set up. Perhaps the Pharisees and others wanted to see where Jesus would position Himself in their society. He duly obliged, but not in the way they expected and in the event it was they themselves who were socially exposed. Jesus graphically demonstrated that in God's Kingdom there is no hierarchy or status, all are truly equal in the sight of God, however unexpected that might seem. *Sam*

Meditation

In Jesus' society meals were very powerful means of communication who was who and how important they were in the community. Meals, and where people sat or reclined for them, affirmed and gave legitimacy to a person's role and status in their community. For this reason, most meals were attended by people of the same social rank. The fact that the ruler of the Pharisees invited Jesus to dine at his house indicates that the Pharisees accepted Jesus as a social equal. Typically too, if a person was invited to a meal they would be expected to reciprocate the invitation. Sometime people even refused invitations as they felt unable to offer the same level of hospitality as their potential host. Jesus turns this concept upside down, and rather than inviting those who were perceived as equals in society, He suggests that those who should be invited to dine should specifically be those who can't reciprocate and those who are at the bottom of the social pile. A focus on what is in it for others rather than what is in it for themselves. A questioning of motives and a challenge to self interest, self satisfaction and aggrandisement.

Prayers for Sunday and the week ahead

O God, whose son Jesus Christ our Lord showed the world His majesty and His humility, keep us ever focused on you so that when we are tempted to show our own majesty we are instead stirred to demonstrate our humility; so that the glory of He whom we represent can be shown in all the world. **Amen**

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our needs before we ask, and our ignorance in our asking; have compassion on our weakness, and give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

As we sit at our tables and eat, remind us of those who have little to eat. As we are tempted to exalt ourselves, remind us of the humility of Christ. As we are tempted to ignore those who are not like ourselves, remind us that Christ ignores no-one and all are invited to His heavenly banquet. **Amen.**

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble, Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

Sankey-Moody Evening

We are holding an evening of Sankey-Moody praise at Putnoe Heights Church at 6.30p.m. on Sunday 26th September. Ira Sankey and Dwight Moody were two American evangelists who dominated the religious scene in the second half of the 19th century. Sankey, was the son of devout Methodist parents in Pennsylvania, and together with other members of the family, would join in singing hymns in the family home. He developed a love for gospel singing and became a celebrated gospel singer in the States.

He came to the notice of Moody, then a prominent pastor in Chicago, and they joined together to hold revival meetings across the States before coming to England, where they toured the major cities drawing large crowds. The combination of Sankey's singing and hymn writing, with Moody's fervent preaching, led many to Christ. Sankey collected 1200 hymns and sacred songs to publish a book collection entitled, 'Sacred Songs and solos'. The effect of these two men has continued right up to the present day, as Churches all over the country have still held evenings of praise (as we intend to do) in the style and tradition of those evangelists. From personal experience of having conducted this kind of service, I know that all who have attended, found them a time of joy and inspiration. We look forward to your presence with us, especially if you enjoy singing, and suggest you bring a friend. If anyone would like to join in a singing group for this service, will you please speak with Mike Puttock (m.puttock@sky.com) or Eric Royden (eroyden@gmail.com, 01234 294496)

Junior Church at Putnoe Heights and St. Mark's
There is no Junior Church during August. We start again on 5th September. The crèche at St Mark's will be available all the time as normal.

The Putnoe Heights Friday afternoon silent prayer group will not be taking place during the summer holidays. We will reconvene on Friday 3rd September. Many thanks. Sam Ware (304058) and Eileen Brown (267909)



**St Mark's
Hog Roast and
Mini Quiz**

Saturday 4th
September 2010
7.30pm Tickets
£8.00 Please Bring
your own liquid
refreshments. There
will be dietary

concessions for those who do not love roast pig.

Action for Children –House to House Collection Action for Children works with disadvantaged and disabled children, and their families , through its family centres located throughout the country. It is an independent charity working with other groups in partnership including Social Services and the Methodist Church. Her Majesty the Queen is its patron.

The annual house-to-house Collection to support this vital work will take place as usual in the first two weeks in September. St Mark's Church has the responsibility for covering most of Brickhill and last year we raised over £972 (includes Gift Aid) If you could spare a few hours during early September to distribute and collect envelopes in the Brickhill area, perhaps near to where you live, or you would like some more information then please contact me. Mike Elliott (Tel. 342507)

Kempston Musical Society mixed choir who sing for pleasure, are seeking new members. They meet Thursday evenings 7.30 -9.30pm at the Church of Transfiguration Hall, Bedford Road, Kempston . New term starts on the 9 September, membership fee £25 per annum. Auditions are not required. Enquiries to Janet Welsh Tel: 01234 781010 or email: Kempstonmusicalsociety@hotmail.com

Offertory Envelopes (Putnoe Heights). Sets of envelopes for the next twelve months are available for collection from a table in the welcome area. Anyone who would like to join the envelope scheme, or to have more information about it, is invited to contact John Hitt, tel 404186.

Dance 4 All 2010 Saturday 16 October from 11am to 5.30pm. £2 all day. Bedford Corn Exchange, Civic Theatre, Harpur Suite and Howard Room. To promote dance in a wide range of forms. More information contact Sports Development Unit, Bedford Borough Council 01234 221700 amy.rance@bedford.gov.uk.

Footprints Ramble: Sunday 5 September - 2.30 pm. 3 and a half mile walk from Everton Church. Although mainly good walk, one part bit uneven and muddy. Further details from Margaret and Eddy Peck Tel. 267567

Recycling of Print Cartridges If you have any print cartridges or toner cartridges for recycling please bring them up to the Church Office by 31st August when the company are coming to collect them. They also take old mobile phones. All proceeds from the recycling to go to Church Funds. Many thanks Avril Williams

Car Boot Sale—This Bank Holiday Monday !! Offers of help greatly appreciated. Tray bakes, bric a brac, support on the day—just turn up.



What is Messy Church?

An afternoon of creative fun for children of school age and their carers. This is developed through craft activities, songs and a short talk. The afternoon

ends with a freshly prepared meal for everyone !

St Mark's Calder Rise, Brickhill, Bedford. Once a month on Wednesday or Thursday afternoons starting October 6, at 3.45pm ends 5.30pm. No need to book just turn up. All children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information see: www.ThisIsChurch.com or Phone: 01234 342613

A date for the diary. St Mark's Craft Fayre this year is on 20 November 10.30.to 3.30p.m



**Christmas Advertising
Baby Scan Jesus**

This poster is being used as part of the national churches advertising for Christmas. We can pay to have it on bust stops etc in our area, use on cards etc It has been enthusiastically welcomed by church leaders What do you think of it for us ?

Autumn 2010 Courses from Belief

Issues in Religion and Medicine

Wednesday evenings in Autumn 2010

13 October End of Life Issues Dr Jenny Wilson

20 October Anxiety and Stress Dr David Mason

3 November Abortion Dr Chris Nixon

10 November Cosmetic Surgery Dr Stephanie Johnson

17 November To be arranged

Venue: St Andrew's Church, Kimbolton Road, Bedford, MK40 2PF Each session: 7.45 pm to 9.15 pm Cost: £20 for the whole course or £5 per session. Tea and coffee provided.

c/o Priory Methodist Church

63 Newnham Avenue Bedford MK41 9QJ

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<http://www.beliefbeds.org.uk/>

Money Advice at St. Andrew's

Every Thursday from 10am to 12 noon starting on 16 September. On September 3 at 6.30 in the hall A 'Brief Introduction to Debt Advice' by Sandra Dawson of Community Money Advice. A general meeting for anyone interested.

New Bus for Brickhill. Starts 31 August A new 'Service 10' will run Mondays to Saturdays from just before 6:30am to just before 8:00pm – running half hourly during the day. This new service goes from the railway station, via the bus station, Roff Avenue, Larkway, Dove Road, Avon Drive to the Woodlands Estate.

Website Changes. Our new church website is now operational, please feed comments back to Charlie so that we can get things up to date and working.

The Bedford Borough Older People's Festival 2010 will be taking place at the Corn Exchange, Bedford on Wednesday 15th September 2010, 10am to 3pm. This will be followed by a two week programme of activities.

Putnoe Heights Church has sent £300 to The Methodist Overseas Relief and Development Fund for the food appeal to provide support for Pakistan.

Saturday 11 September - Coffee Morning at the home of Stephen and Pauline Clare, 35 Brecon Way. 10.00am—12 noon. Raffle. Bring and Buy. Proceeds to Mission Projects. All Welcome. Sylvia Cohen 343424

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We publish the banns and pray for the marriage of

Christopher John Eglinton and Renata Bressan Mazzone both single and of this parish.

Simon Gordon Elphick of this parish and Hannah Ruth Fletcher of St Peter's Woolton

Both for the first time of asking

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.

Eileen Callow

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



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Forthcoming Funerals

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