



Methodist  
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# Partnership News

2 July 2006  
Ordinary 13

Methodist Church & the Church of England in Partnership at both  
**Putnoe Heights Church & St. Mark's Church**



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England

## Church Services Today

**8.30 Holy Communion both churches**  
**9.30am St Mark's Church - Family Worship**  
Preacher - Revd Dr Sam Cappleman  
Leadership Team - Mrs Avril Williams  
Intercessions - Mrs Alison Holden  
**11.00am Putnoe Heights - Family Worship**  
Preacher – Revd Dr Sam Cappleman  
Leadership Team - Mr Lawrence Wyatt  
Intercessions - Mrs Betty Wyatt

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**8.30 Holy Communion at Putnoe only**  
**9.30am St Mark's Church – Morning Worship**  
Preacher - Sue Plant  
Leadership - Mrs Delia Shephard  
Intercessions - Mr Chris Izzard  
**11.00am Putnoe Heights - Morning Worship**  
Preacher– Sue Plant  
Leadership Team - Mrs Jenny Emsley  
Intercessions - Mr Tim Wilkes

**Reading 1 : Ezekiel 2: 1-5**  
**Reading 2 : 2 Corinthians 12: 2-10**  
**Reading 3 : Mark 6 : 1-13**

## Thank You

The flowers at Putnoe Heights Church this week have been given by Ron & Maureen Simmonds to celebrate the baptism of their granddaughter Kitty Mae Louise & the other special children in their family Holly, Richard, Mollie, Henry, Megan & Matilda: also in memory of Maureen's dad.

## Welcome

A special welcome this morning to Kitty Mae Louise Shaw and all her family as she comes for baptism at Putnoe Heights Church

## Prayer for Sunday

Be all my love, O God, all my hope and all my striving; let my thoughts and words flow from you; may my daily life be in you, and every breath I take be for you; for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen

*John Cassain, c.360-435*

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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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# Regular Weekly Activities - A Guide To Our Churches

## Monday

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

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

*(See website for more details)*

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

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

**12.00pm - 1.00pm Story box** Putnoe Heights church welcome the under 5's and their carers to join them between 12noon and 1pm for a sandwich lunch followed by a Bible story, singing and activities. Lots of fun, donations. Contact Liz on 01234 302349

**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 4 July Bible Texts 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. No meeting 4 July, next meeting 18 July Mary Stubbs 406784.

**3.45 - 5.30pm Stars School of Dance** at Putnoe Heights. Esther Sancto 272517 or 07917 0582468.

**6.30 - 7.30pm Yoga** at Putnoe Heights. Rachel Leontyne 783129

**7.00 - 8.00 pm Keep Fit** at St. Mark's. Mrs Jan Gregory 214107.

**7.00 - 10pm Card Makers Club** meets fortnightly at St Mark's. Carol Houghton 346718

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

**7.30pm Dog and Puppy Training** at Putnoe Heights. Contact Lynn Southwell 07974 743240

**7.45 pm Putnoe Heights Ladies Tuesday Club** - Meets fortnightly. Next meeting 11 July. Talk about Healthy Eating. 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 12 July Putnoe 365630

**1 - 3pm Police Surgery** at Putnoe Heights .

**1.30 - 4.00pm. Bridge Club for the Retired** at St. Mark's. Mrs Truss Boyce 781133

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

**4.15pm - 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 4-11year old. Meet at 3.30 for refreshments & games. Then till 5pm make props, sing & rehearse a short play to perform in church on the 1st Sunday of each month Lots of fun And it's free! Liz Spavins 302349

**5.30 - 7.30pm Police Surgery.** St Mark's Foyer.

**6.15 pm Weightwatchers at St. Mark's.** Mrs Margaret Ralph 01767 224978.

**6.15pm Brownies** at Putnoe Helga Nash 218521

**6.15pm Bedford Junior Chess Club.** St. Mark's Mr & Mrs Pike 823795

**7pm Street Dance** at Putnoe Heights. Contact Curtis Ritchie 349255 or 07984 525147

**7.00pm Club 2000** at Putnoe Mrs M White 404992

**7.30pm - 11.00pm Bedford Senior Chess Club** at St Mark's Mr P Housden 376597

**7.30 - 9.30pm Embroiderer's Guild** at St Mark's 3rd Thursday of the month. Mrs E Rigby 344442

**7.30 - 9.30 Tabernacle of Truth Church** at Putnoe Bible Studies every 2 Thursday- Pastor Tarr 360188

**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 -**  
12.30pm 2 August

**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 - 4 September**  
7.30

**Calendar dates appear on our church website**  
**www.ThisChurch.com. Please advise St Mark's**  
**Church Office of the dates of your meetings.**

# Ordinary 13

## Verse of Scripture Psalm 130 v 5

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in His word I put my hope.

## A Collect Prayer - Before we read we pray

God our saviour, look on this wounded world in pity and in power; hold us fast to your promises of peace won for us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

## First Bible Reading - 2 Samuel 1: 1, 17 - 27

After the death of Saul, David returned from defeating the Amalekites and stayed in Ziklag two days.

"It is true, O LORD, that the Assyrian kings have laid waste these nations and their lands. They have thrown their gods into the fire and destroyed them, for they were not gods but only wood and stone, fashioned by men's hands. Now, O LORD our God, deliver us from his hand, so that all kingdoms on earth may know that you alone, O LORD, are God." Then Isaiah son of Amoz sent a

message to Hezekiah: "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: I have heard your prayer concerning Sennacherib king of Assyria. This is the word that the LORD has spoken against him: "The Virgin Daughter of Zion despises you and mocks you. The Daughter of Jerusalem tosses her head as you flee. Who is it you have insulted and blasphemed? Against whom have you raised your voice and lifted your eyes in pride? Against the Holy One of Israel! By your messengers you have heaped insults on the Lord. And you have said, "With my many chariots I have ascended the heights of the mountains, the utmost heights of Lebanon. I have cut down its tallest cedars, the choicest of its pines. I have reached its remotest parts, the finest of its forests. I have dug wells in foreign lands and drunk the water there. With the soles of my feet I have dried up all the streams of Egypt." "Have you not heard? Long ago I ordained it. In days of old I planned it; now I have brought it to pass, that you have turned fortified cities into piles of stone. Their people, drained of power, are dismayed and put to shame. They are like plants in the field, like tender green shoots, like grass sprouting on the roof, scorched before it grows up. "But I know where you stay and when you come and go and how you rage against me.

(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)

## Third Reading - 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



**What will happen  
if I touch him ?**

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.

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

### **Hymns (Mission Praise)**

Praise to the Lord, 564; When I feel the touch, 753 (After confession); Jubilate everybody, 394; Oh for a thousand tongues, 496; Christ, whose glory fills the skies, 79; Praise my soul the King of Heaven, 560

### **Post Communion Prayer**

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen

### **Commentary A touching story**

The gospel reading ends with the words, '...He gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this...'. Well somebody obviously disobeyed orders or we wouldn't know about the story today. We're not sure why Jesus asked that people kept the story quiet. Perhaps it was to avoid getting caught up in hoards of people who just wanted Him to heal them and would therefore deflect Jesus from His overall mission and work, of which healing was just a part; perhaps it was to avoid difficulties for Jairus or his daughter; perhaps it was to avoid direct confrontation with the authorities, we don't know. The story also appears in Matthew and Luke, although Luke, the doctor, not surprisingly misses out the phrase about the woman 'having suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and spent all she had' and Matthew, the good Jew, refers to the tassels on Jesus' garment.

In whichever gospel it appears, the story certainly could have been difficult and embarrassing for Jairus. The Jewish authorities were already beginning to have doubts about Jesus and His

mission. It was far from clear to them who He was or what the impact of His presence and teaching would be. The safe option for Jairus would have been to steer well clear of Jesus, keep his nose clean and let Jesus pass by at a safe distance, hopefully without Him creating too much fuss in Jairus' back yard. But no, rather than giving Jesus a wide berth, He seeks Him out, falls at Jesus' feet and begs Him to come to Him to come and touch His daughter to heal her so that she will live. Jairus is desperate and desperate times call for desperate measures. Jairus comes to Jesus. And, probably expecting a something spectacular to happen whether the trip was a success or not, a large crowd follow Jesus when He agrees to go with Jairus. Will He be able to pull this one off, no doubt they wonder.

On His way there He is approached from behind by a woman who has suffered constant bleeding for many years. In normal circumstances this would have caused Jairus great consternation. The woman is ritually unclean and therefore makes Jesus ritually unclean for the rest of the day by her touch. How can he now be in contact with Jesus? Interestingly Jairus doesn't even appear to notice, he is focused on more important things, like his daughters life. And through the sick woman who touched Jesus, Jairus was to see that there is no need to move God to another place, take him on a journey, or attract him by a physical presence. He is present in the whole of His being, always and everywhere, and that He can do all things effortlessly by a simple command.

And He heals the woman who has merely touched the fringes of His garment, believing that is she did so she would be healed. And indeed, Jesus restores her to health and frees her from her suffering. Shortly after doing so the news comes to Jairus' that his daughter has died and that there is no need to bother Jesus anymore. In the first century, 60% of live births usually died by their mid-teens so the scene presented here of a parent being presented with the death of a child would be a very common one. Unperturbed Jesus presses on to take control of the situation and encourages Jairus to maintain his belief. He takes the girl by the hand and gently speaks to her in Aramaic, inviting her to get up. With Jesus, as the world was to discover, the normal rules don't apply.

Why are the two stories appear together? Perhaps it's to show how Jesus saves not just from physical death but also spiritual death. The woman is delivered from her illness and from the permanent state of impurity caused by her flow of blood: she can now rejoin society and the worshiping community. She is saved from Spiritual death. Jairus is delivered from fear and loss, and his daughter is saved from physical death. Both needed belief in Jesus and His ability to transform seemingly hopeless situations into situations of life and peace. In the one story it is the woman who reaches out to Jesus, in the other it is Jesus Himself who reaches out. Both demonstrated faith in action. Whether we reach out to Jesus or He reaches out to us, He is ready to respond to our every need. Sometimes in ways we don't expect, or even when it looks like He's showing up too late, His healing presence is with us always. So tangible, by faith, it can be touched. *Sam Cappleman*

## **Mediation**

In the local community in which the gospel reading takes place there could not have been a bigger difference in status between the two key people in the story. Jairus was the synagogue ruler, the lay person in charge of the local synagogue. In current parlance, the senior steward, the church warden, the senior leadership team member. He would be a devout Jew who would probably be a strict adherent to the Torah and its commands. The woman on the other hand, would be very much a second class citizen, a female, permanently ritually unclean according to the law of Leviticus and isolated from the community because of this, virtually an outcast. Both come to Jesus and are transformed by coming into contact with Him. Jesus loves them the way he finds them, but loves them enough not to leave them the way he has found them. Jesus does not care what our background is, or has been, but is constantly waiting for us to reach out and touch Him so that we too can be transformed. *Sam Cappleman*

## Prayers for Sunday and the Week Ahead

God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation. God the Son, you came that we might have life, and have it more abundantly. God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence. Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being. Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured or disabled, that they may be made whole. Grant to all who are lonely, anxious or depressed a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence. Grant to all who minister to those who are suffering wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience. Mend broken relationships, and restore to those in distress soundness of mind and serenity of spirit. Amen

Sustain and support those who seek your guidance and lift up all who are brought low by the trials of this life. Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved. Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world. Amen

Blessed are you, sovereign God, gentle and merciful, creator of heaven and earth. Your Word brought light out of darkness, and daily your Spirit renews the face of the earth. When we turned away from you in sin, your anointed Son took our nature and entered our suffering to bring your healing to those in weakness and distress. He broke the power of evil and set us free from sin and death that we might become partakers of his glory. Amen

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, make you perfect in every good work to do His will; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. Amen

## News and Information

**The bans of marriage are published** between Jason Paul Crowther and Fay Ann Groom both of this Parish. This is for the 2nd time of asking.

**Putnoe Children and Youth Committee** the next date for the Children and Youth committee is Monday Sept 4th at 7.30 .

**Putnoe Junior Church** The help rota until to September is now on the board. If you would like to join us one Sunday please sign up. Thanks for your support. Liz and Sam

**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

**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 8 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).

**Footprints Walking Group** Sunday 16 July Meet at Bromham Mill for a 3—4 mile circular walk at 2.30pm , further details Sue 407264

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

**Beetle Drive** at Putnoe Heights Saturday 22 July at 7 for 7.30pm. Tickets available From Church offices £4 adults- £2 under 12's. Proceeds split between Church funds St.John's, Moggerhanger. Stephen Clare.

**NCH Envelopes distributed today** at Putnoe Heights are for NCH Sunday 9 July. Please Support this worthy cause. NCH help in so many different ways the under privileged Children in our society. Thank you

**Iona Singing Workshop** at All Saints Queens Park on Sunday 2 July 5.00 - 6.00pm / Iona Worship at 6.30pm conducted by Tim Williams, resident director of music at Iona for the summer of 2005 Carribean type BBQ at 7.30pm - All Welcome

**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.

**"Call for your coins"** Storybox plus and Jr Church will be marking the 50th anniversary of the stone laying ceremony of the Church. 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

**"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

**Storybox plus at Putnoe** needs some adult help on a Thursday afternoon. Please consider joining us in September once a month? see Liz

**Fantastic Launch for Telecare!** Thank you to all who helped by completing a Telecare form last week. We now have 31 individuals or families on the list which gets the scheme off to a flying start. Please consider completing a form, especially if you are a senior member of the church, or if you are the only person who comes to church in your family. This will be an important way for us to ensure that we keep in touch with everybody in our church family.



**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.

- Michael Smith**
- Edith Hansen**
- Margaret Sylvia Worthington**
- Jeffrey John Tiller**
- George Alfred Smart**
- Sylvia Wilson**
- Alice Northwood**
- Daniel McKay**



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

**Rest in Peace**



**The funeral of Peter Stephen Belcher** will take place at Bedford Crematorium on Wednesday 5th July at 11.30am

**The funeral of Keith Knight** Will take place at Bedford Crematorium on Thursday 6th July at 3pm