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Partnership News

3 June 2007

Friendship Sunday



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Partnership Church Services Today

Friendship Sunday - 3 June

9.30am St Mark's - Family Worship

Preacher – Revd Dr Joan Crossley
Leadership Team - Mrs Morag Stewart
Intercessions - Mrs Morag Stewart

11.00am - Putnoe Heights - All Age Worship

Preacher - Revd Dr Joan Crossley
Leadership Team - Mr Lawrence Wyatt
Mrs Linda Hoar
Intercessions - Mr Alan Bayliss

10th in Ordinary - 10 June

9.30am St Mark's - Morning Worship

Preacher – Mr Paul Fricker
Leadership Team - Mrs Linda Parry
Intercessions - Mrs Pat Leusby

11.00am - Putnoe Heights - Morning Worship

Preacher - Mr Paul Fricker
Leadership Team - Mrs Linda Hoar
Intercessions - Ministers

Reading 1: 1 King 17:8-16

Reading 2: Galatians 1:11-24

Reading 3: Luke 7:11-17

Thank You

The flowers at Putnoe Heights Church this week have been given by Margery and Harry Charie and by Marie and Roy Laird, to mark their respective wedding anniversaries.

The flowers at St Mark's Church this week celebrate the wedding anniversaries of Barbara Joy and Elizabeth Bean

Prayer for Sunday

Blessed Lord, be to me at all times
my unending joy, my eternal bliss
and my enduring comfort.
Be to me light in the darkness,
strength in temptation
and refreshment in the desert.
Grant that, penitent for my sins,
I may never be separated from you
and, longing for your face,
I may behold you in heaven;
for your own name's sake. Amen.

Margery Kempe, c.1373-c.1433

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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.*

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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 Mon-Fri St Mark's Pre-school
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.

10.00am Bakers Barn Art Group. St Mark's Mr Kellie ☎721063

12.00-1.00pm 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 based story and singing. ☎Liz 302349

2.30-4.30pm Bedford Arts Society at Putnoe Heights Malcolm Smith ☎01234 400741 (weekly from 25 September 2006)

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. Miriam Adcock ☎01908 565044

4.15-6.00pm Kumon Maths Putnoe Heights. Ms Raksha Mistry ☎01908 392698

6.00pm Brownies St Mark's. Mrs C Mathew ☎826190

6.15 pm Brownies Putnoe. Sharon Tanner ☎364710

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. Putnoe Heights Karen Simpson ☎244970

7.30pm Creative Needles. Putnoe Heights. Jacky Hayward ☎307648.

7.30pm Whist Drive. St Mark's each month next 18 June 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). Putnoe Heights. Judi Staughton ☎341821

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

10.00am Keep Fit. Putnoe Heights. Mrs Stileman ☎822230

1.30-3pm Toddlers Playtime. Putnoe Heights. Andrea ☎210177 or Majella ☎325293.

1.30pm U3A Cinema Group. St Mark's. Last Tuesday of the month. Mr Austin ☎365184

2.00pm U3A Book Group. St Mark's (3rd Tuesday only) Mrs Burman ☎364723

2.00pm Library Walk W.I. Putnoe Heights, meets monthly. Mrs C Allen ☎363878

2-5pm Police Surgery. St Mark's Foyer.

2.15pm Putnoe Heights Women's Fellowship - Next meeting 5 June Revd. J. Owen Betty Wyatt ☎350188.

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

2.30pm Tuesday Afternoon Housegroup. St Mark's

Meets fortnightly. Mary Stubbs ☎406784.

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

6.30 - 7.30pm Yoga Putnoe Heights. Rachel Leontyne ☎783129

7.00pm Hearts in Beds Cardiac Support Group at St Mark's, (1st Tuesday) Contact Kate Parsons 351150

7-8pm Keep Fit. St. Mark's Jan Gregory ☎214107.

7-9pm MT Karate [all ages] Putnoe Heights. Karen King ☎07941 264885

7- 10pm Card Makers Club meets fortnightly at St Mark's. Carol Houghton ☎346718

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

7.30-10.30pm Chartered Management Institute St Mks

7.45pm Putnoe Heights Ladies Tuesday Club - Meets fortnightly. Next meeting 5 June Tourist Information Office Emily Williams Details : Audrey Wilkins☎365068 or Margaret Gentle ☎309043

Wednesday

9.00am Paint Tots at St Mark's Jacqui Harrahan ☎824475

9.30am Childminding Support Group. Putnoe Heights. Mrs S Longman ☎313949

9.30am - Body Control Pilates. Putnoe Heights. Stephanie Smith ☎357787.

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

10.30 am U3A Art Appreciation Putnoe Heights Fortnightly. Audrey Hancock ☎365915.

Luncheon Club. Putnoe Heights fortnightly. Next meeting 13 June 2007 Putnoe Heights Office ☎365630

1.00-3pm Police Surgery at Putnoe Heights .

1.30-4.00pm. Bridge Club for the Retired. St. Mark's. Mr Barnes ☎261811

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

4.15-6pm Kumon Maths. Putnoe Heights Mrs Raksha Mistry ☎01908 392698

6.00 pm Brownies. St Mark's. Mrs Carol Warden ☎219731

6.15-7.45pm Yoga and Relaxation Putnoe Heights Racheall Monton ☎01234 297138

6.30-7.30pm Karate. St Mark's Karen ☎079412 64885

7.00pm Bunyan Bridge. St. Mark's

Brian Sallows ☎407725

7.00pm Archaeological & Local History Society meets monthly. Putnoe Heights. Sylvia Woods ☎365095

7.00pm Yoga St Mark's Dorothy Turner ☎721763

7.00pm Putnoe Guild meets monthly. Putnoe Heights. Janice ☎Loxley 347073

7.45pm Badminton Club. Putnoe Heights All welcome. Ken Marriott ☎214867

8.00-10.00pm Tudor Reeds Folk Dance Club St Mark's, 1st ,3rd & 5th Wednesday. More details Graham ☎406359 or Danny ☎401668.

8.00pm Bedford Wine and Social Club St Mark's (1st week) Mrs Gansfield ☎215016

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.

9.30am-12.30 Jo Jingles. St. Mark's. Music & movement for pre-school children. Jayne Phillips ☎01582 485333

9.45am Yoga Putnoe Heights Karen Simpson ☎244970

9.45am-11.30am Chat and Play St.Mark's. A group for Mums & toddlers. £1.50 for first child + 50p for each extra child over 2 years. More details from St. Marks Office ☎342613 or Emma Strangwick ☎211070

1.30pm-3.00pm NHS Baby Clinic. St. Mark's ☎267444

12pm Storybox. 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 based story and singing. Lots of fun. Contact Emma Strangwick ☎211070

1.30-3pm Toddler Playtime. Putnoe Andrea ☎210177 or Magella ☎325293.

2- 4.30pm Putnoe Bridge Club. Gerald Palmer ☎345991

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

6.15 pm Weightwatchers. St. Mark's.

Mrs Margaret Ralph ☎01767 224978.

6.15pm Brownies. Putnoe Heights Helga Nash ☎218521

6.15pm Bedford Junior Chess Club. St. Mark's

Mr & Mrs Pike ☎823795

7.00pm Club 2000 Putnoe Heights

Sheila Jakeman ☎261935

7-9pm U3A Folk & Poetry Group. St Mark's (Fortnightly starting from 26th April) Contact Doug Ovenden ☎825059

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

7.30-9.30pm Embroiderers' Guild St Mark's

3rd Thursday of the month. Mrs E Rigby ☎344442

7.30-9.30pm Tabernacle of Truth Church Putnoe Heights Bible Studies every 2 Thursday- Pastor Tarr ☎360188

7.45pm Housegroup meets fortnightly

Betty Wyatt ☎350188

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

8.00-10.00pm Magpies Women's Group St Mark's (2nd & 4th weeks) Mrs Cotchin ☎402089

8.00pm Brickhill Wives St Mark's (1st and 3rd weeks) Mrs Woods ☎404702

Friday

9.30am & 12.30pm U3A Photography Group (4th week) Joyce Fildes ☎353086

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

1.30-2pm Stars School of Dance Putnoe Heights Contact Esther Sancto ☎272517 or ☎07917 582468

2.00pm U3A Gardening Group Putnoe Heights Eve Whitehead ☎356875

6.30-9.00pm Line Dancing. St Mark's A night of fun Christine Rushton ☎782360

7-10pm Bedford Arts Society fortnightly Putnoe Heights from 8 September. Malcolm Smith ☎01234 400741

7.30pm Youth Club for age 10-15. St Mark's Church. Contact PCSO Rowland Gilbey ☎349179

Saturday

9.00- 12.00pm Stars School of Dance. Putnoe Esther Sancto ☎272517 or ☎07917 582468

10.00am - 1.00pm Theatretrain St Mark's. Dancing acting, singing. Kate Randle ☎01234 782414

7.15-10.30pm Duplicate Bridge. St Mark's Ann or Peter ☎212066

Sunday

9.30 - 10.30 at St. Mark's Church and Sunday School with crèche for under 3's

11.00 - 12.00 Putnoe Heights - Church and Junior Church for the under 9's and Young Peoples Fellowship (Y.P.F) for our young adults. A crèche is also available.

1 - 3pm Tabernacle of Truth Church Putnoe Heights Revd. Tarr ☎360188 or ☎07866775515

6-7.30pm T.N.T. Putnoe. For 9-12 year olds (fortnightly) join us for fellowship, fun, games & outings. Liz ☎302349.

6 -7.30pm T.X.T Putnoe. for 13 + fortnightly, join us for fellowship, debate & discussion. Liz ☎302349

Diary Dates

St Mark's Church Council – 12 June

St Mark's Leadership Team – 26 June Linda Parry

Putnoe Heights Leadership Team –25 June at Lawrence Wyatt's.

St Mark's Church Management Meeting - 20 June.

Putnoe Heights Centre Management - 16 July

Putnoe Church Council -

Pastoral Group Meeting –

Churchyard Committee - 6 June

Putnoe Heights Mission Group Meeting Wednesday 13 June, 14 Flint Way.

Partnership Council -

Brickhill Parish Council

Meetings on 7 June, 5 July

Deanery Meeting -

Circuit Meeting 14 June at St Mark's

Putnoe Heights Children & Youth–

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

Telecare



It is extremely helpful to the Ministers to be able to have feed back, especially if somebody is poorly or in hospital. If you have not yet put your name down, please do so. Additional members of the Pastoral Team are sharing the task of making telephone calls. Please do not be concerned if a new person calls.

Friendship Sunday

Opening Verse

Jesus said "I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you." (John 15.12)

Introduction.

In today's service we shall celebrate friendship, giving thanks to God from whom all love and friendship comes. We shall praise God for the friends that He has sent us, in the past and in the present. We shall see how Jesus loved the friends he knew in his own time and how he feels that deep love for us.



Thank God
for good friends !

Hymn What a Friend we have in Jesus, Mission Praise 746

Prayer of Thanksgiving.

Heavenly Father, we give you thanks for our friends: For those who make us laugh

We thank you, God.

For those who share our games, dance with us, enjoy life with us,

We thank you, God.

For the friends who stay with us when we are sad, when we are ill or afraid.

We thank you, God. Amen

Confession

In a few moments of quiet we call to mind our friends, whether we see them now or not. We give thanks for them, for all that they have meant to us, for the ways in which they have helped us.

A silence is kept

We think about the kind of friend we would like to be. We think of the times when we have let our friends down, when we have failed to be kind to the people we meet. We say to God:

Father God, we ask you to forgive us when we have failed to be a good friend. We are sorry for the times we were too busy to help or to listen. Help us to see when someone needs us and to be a better friend to them. Amen

The offering is taken up

Offering Prayer

Gracious God, accept these gifts, and with them our lives to be used to your praise and glory. Amen

Hymn Be Bold, be strong 49 Mission Praise

Collect Prayer

God who is both father and mother, closest companion and dearest friend, be with us through every stage of our lives and guide us in the way that leads to Heaven. Amen

First Bible Reading Exodus 18: 9-27

Jethro was delighted to hear about all the good things the LORD had done for Israel in rescuing them from the hand of the Egyptians. He said, "Praise be to the LORD, who rescued you from the hand of the Egyptians and of Pharaoh, and who rescued the people from the hand of the Egyptians. Now I know that the LORD is greater than all other gods, for he did this to those who had treated Israel arrogantly." Then Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, brought a burnt offering and other sacrifices to God, and Aaron came with all the elders of Israel to eat bread with Moses' father-in-law in the presence of God. The next day Moses took his seat to serve as judge for the people, and they stood around him from morning till evening. When his father-in-law saw all that Moses was doing for the people, he said, "What is this you are doing for the people? Why do you alone sit as judge, while all these people stand around you from morning till evening?" Moses answered him, "Because the people come to me to seek God's will. Whenever they have a dispute, it is brought to me, and I decide between the parties and inform them of God's decrees and laws." Moses' father-in-law replied, "What you are doing is not good. You and these people who come to you will only wear yourselves out. The work is too heavy for you; you cannot handle it alone. Listen now to me and I will give you some advice, and may God be with you. You must be the people's representative before God and bring their disputes to him. Teach them the decrees and laws, and show them the way to live and the duties they are to perform. But select capable men from all the people—men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain—and appoint them as officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens. Have them serve as judges for the people at all times, but have them bring every difficult case to you; the simple cases they can decide themselves. That will make your load lighter, because they will share it with you. If you do this and God so commands, you will be able to stand the strain, and all these people will go home satisfied." Moses listened to his father-in-law and did everything he said. He chose capable men from all Israel and made them leaders of the people, officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens. They served as judges for the people at all times. The difficult cases they brought to Moses, but the simple ones they decided themselves. Then Moses sent his father-in-law on his way, and Jethro returned to his own country. (This is the word of the Lord -- **Thanks be to God**)

Second Bible Reading John 18:25-28

As Simon Peter stood warming himself, he was asked, "You are not one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it, saying, "I am not." One of the high priest's servants, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, challenged him, "Didn't I see you with him in the olive grove?" Again Peter denied it, and at that moment a rooster began to crow. Then the Jews led Jesus from Caiaphas to the palace of the Roman governor. By now it was early morning, and to avoid ceremonial uncleanness the Jews did not enter the palace; they wanted to be able to eat the Passover.

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

Address (at Putnoe a presentation by Storybox plus)

Hymn Think of a world without any flowers (Page 8 of Partnership News)

Prayers



Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, in earth as it is in Heaven
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen

Hymn As the deer pants for the water 37 Mission Praise

Final Prayer and Blessing

Commentary

Trinity Sunday is a special time in the church year when we remember who God is, Father Son and Holy Spirit, The Holy Trinity. This is at the heart of what it means to be a Christian and yet it is very difficult to believe that God can be one and three. Of course it is beyond human understanding, God is a mystery to us and it would be a remarkable thing if we were able to capture God within the measure of our human mind. The Christian teaching about the Trinity is not mean to be an explanation of God, rather it is a way of describing what we know about God, even though we know that humanly speaking it is beyond our reason. Read more in our Bible Notes

The word 'Trinity' is not used by Jesus, it is not found in the Bible at all, yet faith in the Holy Trinity is the touchstone of what it means to be a Christian. Those who do not believe in God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit cannot use the term Christian to describe themselves—Jehovah's Witnesses, Christadelphians etc.

Trinity Sunday is a special Sunday because we think about who God is—the Trinity of Father, Son, and Spirit. Even the most committed Christians find this hard because we all know that something cannot be individually three and also completely one. But this Sunday expresses and celebrates the fact that we encounter God in contradictory ways.

In our world there are some certain simple truths, like - 'water is generally wet.' But when we start to speak about things which really matter - like God, then we soon find out that we run out of words. Human language and thoughts simply fail to work. Truth is no more easily reduced to trite slogans than the scientific explanation of the creation of this wonderful world can be reduced to two chapters of Genesis. Through history we can see times when people have imagined that they did possess understanding and knowledge of God. But, actually this is an illusion, faith is not built upon the measure of the human mind.

As Christians we need to be honest about our inability to explain God. It would be wonderful to be able to speak of God in certain and simple truths, but if we are honest, certainty is the property of fools, not the learned. Those who are more intellectually secure will usually admit that the more that we find out - the less we seem to know. Issues are only seen in simple terms of black and white by the simplistic and those who seek to lead them.

Whilst the word Trinity is not found in the Bible, the belief which it expresses is stated many times. The early Christians soon discovered that they simply could not speak of God without speaking of the three ways in which he had revealed himself to them. This does not mean that there are three Gods. It means that there is one God who has shown himself in three ways: God the Father, God the Son or Jesus, and Holy Spirit of God who came to them and made God alive in them. *Charles Royden*

Meditation

To God, our ability is less important than our availability. Our ability can even get in the way if it obscures God's role in our achievement.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love: hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons yet one God, now and for ever.

Prayers for Sunday and the week ahead

We pray for our nation and those set in authority over us and for all the rulers and nations of this world. We ask that you would endue them with your spirit of justice and of compassion that peace may prevail. Lord God, especially we ask, that all people may enjoy the benefits of this great world which you have created. We pray for a more equal sharing, that all may prosper and share the blessings which you pour out upon the world. Amen.

Father we are concerned about the world and its conflicts and we are fearful of the hatred and bitterness which causes such waste of human life. Bring peace to those who are anxious and may we learn your lessons of peace and forgiveness. We pray for those in other lands and in our own country also who experience injustice and oppression, for those who hunger and cannot find food, for those who thirst and have no drink.

Gracious God, you have richly blessed us and yet so often we fail to thank you for these blessings. Instead we focus on what bothers us, what afflicts us, and we cry out, not in faith, but in doubt. Lord when we become mired in anger and despair and help us to have a faith that perseveres.

St Albans Woodland Burial Trust. The Consecration of the Woodland will take place on 7 June at approximately 2.00pm. Prior to the consecration of the woodland, the Bishop of Bedford will also consecrate the extension to the Garden of Remembrance at St Mark's at 1.00pm

Woodland Consecration. Please let Linda know if you will be going. Thanks.

Footprints Today !

Meet in Stagsden (parking around the church) at 2.30pm for a 4 mile circular walk. Contact Sue 407264

Putnoe Church 50th Anniversary Weekend Celebration 16 – 17 June.

Saturday 10 - 4 : The Church will be open for visitors to view the history display and flowers and meet friends for refreshments.

2-4pm. Activities for children and families with a Fancy Dress Parade, building activities—Jenga - Knockout !

7.30 Concert of light music by Kempston Musical Society - Programme £5 for more details contact Alan Bayliss for programmes 268101.or the church office

Sunday 11am Holy Communion

4pm Circuit Celebration Service - Preacher John Payne Cook (Partnership Minister 1976-85)

5.30pm Bring and share buffet. Please see list in Putnoe welcome area for ideas of food to bring.

Help Required. Storybox at St Mark's needs help with refreshments for about an hour over lunchtime. If anyone feels they could lend a hand once every six weeks, Emma would love to hear from you. If you leave your telephone number at the office Emma will get back to you or ring Emma 211070. Thank you.

TNT due to the Whitsun holiday the next TNT will now not be until Sunday 10th June. Beginners evening bird watch run by the Bedford Rangers. Meet Bedford park - main gates opposite De Parys Avenue, 7–9pm early pickups can be arranged) Bring binoculars, a drink and good walking shoes (and maybe a waterproof), New programme to be announced soon. Liz

Two Day Summer Special—'Joseph and his Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat'. We invite all our young adults and children over 5 years, throughout the Partnership, to join us at Putnoe Heights on Tuesday 21 & Wednesday 22 August between 9.30 and 3.30 for two days of fun. We will learn about Joseph and his family relationships through story, discussion, games, crafts and under the direction of Clive Simmonds put together the 20 minute musical performance. More details will follow. Liz

.50th Anniversary Pens ! Why not buy a special pen to mark the 50th Anniversary of Putnoe Heights Church ? The pens are black and come in a smart box. Available now at Putnoe, price £3 or phone Jenny Emsley 360397

For all involved in working with children

New child protection training announced

Following the demand for the above training additional sessions have been arranged as follows:
Wednesday 20th June 2007 7.00pm-9.30pm: Venue St Andrews Meeting room, Kimbolton Road, Bedford, MK40 2PF

Saturday 30 June 2007 10.00am-1.00pm: Venue St Andrews Meeting room, Kimbolton Road, Bedford, MK40 2PF

Mother Teresa Support Group – Would you like to spend a pleasant afternoon in good company, knitting and chatting with a cup of tea and biscuits to sustain you? If so, you would be very welcome to join us at St Mark's on alternate Tuesdays. Our next meeting is at 2.30pm on Tuesday 29 May. Wool, needles and patterns provided.

Storybox plus now meets at Putnoe on a Monday afternoon between 3.30 and 5.00. If any children aged between 4 and 9 years old within the Partnership would like to join us as we "Follow the Year" please contact Liz

Christian books for the under fives - If anyone has any books which would be suitable for using at Storybox on a Thursday at St Mark's, Emma and her team would be very pleased to have them. Books may be left at the Church Office at any time.

N.C.H. Home collecting boxes. Thank you to all the collectors who made the total this year £314. 99p locally. Some of our collectors can no longer help but if you would like to please ask me for a box. Margaret Standley. The amount of £98. 30 was collected at St Mark's Car Boot Sale and thank you for coming along to the stall on such a wet morning.

Coffee Morning Saturday 9 June 10am - 12 hosted by Young People Fellowship at the house of Sam Ware 1 Welbeck Gardens (off Buckfast Avenue). Please come and support the work of Keech Cottage Children's Hospice. Cakes, Raffle. All Welcome. Sylvia 343424

Tuesday Club Charity Concert Tuesday 19 June at 7.30pm by Five in Harmony (formerly Albany Concert) in aid of Hearing Dogs for the Deaf. Admission £5, including refreshments and lucky programme, all welcome.

A Hymn for Sunday

Think of a world without any paintings
Think of a room where all the walls are bare
Think of a rainbow without any colours
Think of the earth with darkness everywhere.
We thank you, Lord, for paintings and for colours
We thank you, Lord, and praise your holy name.

Think of a world without any poetry
Think of a book without any words
Think of a song without any music
Think of a hymn without any verse.
We thank you, Lord, for poetry and music,
We thank you, Lord, and praise your holy name.

Think of a world without any science
Think of a journey with nothing to explore
Think of a quest without any mystery
Nothing to seek and nothing left in store.
We thank you, Lord, for miracles of science,
We thank you, Lord, and praise your holy name.

Think of a world without any people
Think of a street with no-one living there
Think of a town without any houses
No-one to love and nobody to care.
We thank you, Lord, for families and friendships,
We thank you, Lord, and praise your holy name.

Christian Aid collection for Putnoe Heights raised the best ever sum of £1515. Sincere thanks to all who collected and organised.

An evening of Song and the Gershwin Story by The Moonlighters (based at Blunham) and Rex Walford on Saturday 23 June at 7.30pm at Putnoe Heights Church. Tickets £6 (concessions £4) from Liz Rouse (01767 313742) or Liz Calvert (01234 358100) or on the door. Refreshments included.

The new Pentecost banner, created by Val Morgan and Maureen Watling was displayed at Putnoe last Sunday. We thank them both for their excellent work.

Bedford Cricketing Saints & Warthogs.

Interested in playing? There is a busy fixture list of matches both home and away, on Sunday afternoons and mid-week, plus a tour in July. Contact Adrian Quarry on 409612 or Mike Cooper at St. Mark's.



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Rest In Peace

On the Sunday following a funeral service we remember in church those who have died. We light a candle to symbolise the light of Christ which eternally shines and brings hope. If you would like a person remembered in our service when the candle is lit, perhaps on an anniversary or birthday, please inform the ministers, or telephone the church office.



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 Vera Temperley will take place at Bedford Crematorium on Wednesday 6th June at 2.30pm (Crossley)

The funeral of Aubrey Keith Dugdale will take place in St Mark's Chapel on Tuesday 5th June at 2pm. (Royden)