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Partnership News

4th November 2007

All Saints Sunday



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Partnership Church Services Today All Saints Day

8.30am Holy Communion every Sunday on the 1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday at Putnoe Heights Church. On the 2nd & 4th Sunday in St Mark's Chapel.

9.30am St Mark's - St Mark's Family Baptism

Preacher - Revd Dr Sam Cappleman
Leadership Team - Mrs Linda Parry
Intercessions - Mrs Wendy Waters

11.00am Putnoe Heights - Putnoe Heights Family Worship with Baptism

Preacher - Revd Dr Sam Cappleman
Leadership Team - Mrs Wendy Nash
Intercessions - Rev Charles Royden
Revd Crossley will be preaching in New Bedford, USA

2.30pm Service of Commemoration at Bedford Crematorium

Nov 11 - Remembrance Sunday

9.30am - Morning Worship

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

11.00am - Morning Worship

Preacher - Revd Dr Joan Crossley
Leadership Team – Mr Alan Cooper
Intercessions - Mr Eddy Peck

Bible Readings

1: Micah 4: 1-5 2 Romans 8: 31-end
3: 1 Corinthians 15: 50-end

Thank You

The flowers at Putnoe Heights Church this week have been given by Stephen and Pauline Clare on their 24th wedding anniversary, and by Lucy Hedley in memory of her husband, Bill, on the day of her granddaughter's christening.

We are always grateful for any donations for flowers perhaps to celebrate a special occasion, an anniversary or in memory of a loved one. Please contact Miss Marion Prior 303254 (St Mark's) or Miss Jennie Cooper 404950 (Putnoe Heights)

Prayer for Sunday

Praise to you, O Lord our God, for the voice of the prophets calling us to obedience, for the melody of the psalmist inviting us to praise, for the wisdom of the proverbs informing our conscience and for the record of salvation leading us to faith in your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Lancelot Andrewes, 1555-1626

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Partnership Pastoral Support Team Co-Ordinator & Churchyards Administrator

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Please inform us if you know of anyone who is ill, bereaved, housebound, requires a visit, home communion or counselling services. Please also ask us if you would like a home visit for any reason.

Putnoe Heights Church Centre

Open 9am—5pm Monday to Friday

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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

10.45am U3A Playreading St Mark's C Birks ☎219607

12.00pm Story box 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

2.30pm Bedford Arts Society Putnoe Heights Malcolm Smith ☎01234 400741

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

4.15pm 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 St Mark's 1st week every month Pat Nicholson ☎353518

7.15pm 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 meeting 19 November - St Mark's Judith Stanton. ☎823313

7.30pm Housegroup 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 Candlewicking (Needlework). Putnoe Heights. Judi Staughton ☎341821

9.30am -12.30 & 4-9pm Slimming World St. Mark's.

Helen Folbigg ☎351223

10am -Bedord Arts Society starting at St Mark's on the 11th September. ☎Mrs Brown 771676

1.30pm Toddlers Playtime. Putnoe Heights Majella Atkinson ☎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 of the month Mrs Berman ☎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 6 November Rev. J. Arthern Betty Wyatt ☎350188.

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

2.30pm Tuesday Afternoon Housegroup. St Mark's alternate weeks. Mary Stubbs ☎406784.

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

6.30pm Yoga Putnoe Heights. Rachel Leontyne ☎783129

7.00pm Hearts in Beds Cardiac Support Group

St Mark's 1st Tuesday ☎Parsons 351150

7pm Creative Card Making St Mark's 1st & 3rd Week of the month Carol Houghton ☎346718

7pm Keep Fit. St. Mark's Jan Gregory ☎328455

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

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 of the month. Mrs Dimmock ☎01525 862374

7.45pm Putnoe Heights Ladies Tuesday Club - Meets fortnightly. Next meeting 6 November- AGM. Audrey Wilkins ☎365068 or Margaret Gentle ☎309043

Wednesday

9.00am Paint Tots 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 14 November 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

2pm U3A Whist Group St Mark's 3rd week of the month Ken Silvester ☎400584

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 Rachell Monton ☎01234 297138

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

7.00pm Bunyan Bridge. St. Mark's Brian Sallows ☎407725

7pm U3A Whist Group St Mark's 4th Wednesday of the month. Ken Silvester ☎400584

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

7.00pm Yoga St Mark's Dorothy Turner ☎721763

7.00pm Putnoe Guild Putnoe Heights monthly Janice ☎Loxley 347073

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

8.00pm Tudor Reeds Folk Dance Club St Mark's, 1st, 3rd & 5th Wednesday. Next meeting 7 November Graham ☎406359 or Danny ☎401668.

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. Sylvia Cohen ☎343424

Request for prayer can be written in the prayer diary on the information table.

9.30am 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 Chat and Play weekly at St. Mark's. A group for Mums & toddlers. £1.75 for first child. More details from St. Marks Office ☎342613 or Emma Strangwick ☎211070

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

12pm Storybox weekly at 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

1.30pm Toddler Playtime. Putnoe Majella Atkinson ☎325293.

2pm Putnoe Bridge Club. Gerald Palmer ☎345991

5.30pm 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 C Hill ☎772922

7.00pm Club 2000 Putnoe Heights Sheila Jakeman ☎261935

7pm U3A Folk & Poetry Group. St Mark's 2nd & 4th week of the month. Doug Ovenden ☎825059

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

7.30pm Bedford Embroiderers' Guild St Mark's 3rd Thursday of the month. Mrs C Smith ☎344544

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

8.00pm Bedford Writers Circle. St Mark's 1st week each month. Mr Newton ☎01525 378193

8.00pm Magpies Women's Group St Mark's 2nd & 4th week Mrs Cotchin ☎402089

8.00pm Brickhill Wives St Mark's 1st and 3rd week Next meeting Mrs Woods ☎404702

Friday

9.30-12.30pm & 12.30 - 2.30pm U3A Photography Group St Marks 4th week Joyce Fildes ☎353086

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

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

2.00pm U3A Gardening Group Putnoe Heights Eve Whitehead ☎356875

6.30pm Line Dancing. St Mark's Christine Rushton ☎782360

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

7pm Youth Club for age 10-15. St Mark's Church. Contact PC Dave Hawkey ☎349179

Saturday

9.00pm Stars School of Dance. Putnoe

Esther Sancto ☎272517 or ☎07917 582468

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

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, games & outings. Liz ☎302349.

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

Diary Dates

St Mark's Church Council – 12 November

St Mark's Leadership Team – 28 November 2007
27 February 2008, 13 May 2008

Putnoe H Leadership Team – 13th November 07

St Mark's Church Forum Meeting - 28th
November 2007 at 12 noon

Putnoe H Centre Management - 19 November

Putnoe Church Council - 28 January 2008

Pastoral Group Meeting – January

Churchyard Committee - 16 January 2008

Putnoe Heights Mission Group Meeting :

Partnership Council - 26 Feb 2007

Brickhill Parish Council Meetings

Deanery Meeting - 8 November

Circuit Meeting - 10 March 2008, 12 June 2008

Woodland Burial Trustees - January 21st 2008

Putnoe Heights Children & Youth-

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 feedback, especially if somebody is poorly or in hospital. If you have not yet put your name down on the

Telecare scheme, 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.

All Saints Sunday

Opening Verse Psalm 84: 1

You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.

Collect Prayer for the Day

Almighty God, you have knit together your chosen people in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord. Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys which you have prepared for those who love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

First Bible Reading - Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel had a dream, and visions passed through his mind as he was lying on his bed. He wrote down the substance of his dream. Daniel said: "In my vision at night I looked, and there before me were the four winds of heaven churning up the great sea. Four great beasts, each different from the others, came up out of the sea. "I, Daniel, was troubled in spirit, and the visions that passed through my mind disturbed me. I approached one of those standing there and asked him the true meaning of all this. "So he told me and gave me the interpretation of these things: 'The four great beasts are four kingdoms that will rise from the earth. But the saints of the Most High will receive the kingdom and will possess it forever--yes, for ever and ever.'

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

Second Bible Reading - Ephesians 1: 11-23

In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, in order that we, who were the first to hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession--to the praise of his glory For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

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

Third Reading - Luke 6: 20-31

Looking at his disciples, he said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when men hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man. "Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their fathers treated the prophets. "But woe to you who are rich, for you have already received your comfort. Woe to you who are well fed now, for you will go hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all men speak well of you, for that is how their fathers treated the false prophets. "But I tell you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those

who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. If someone strikes you on one cheek, turn to him the other also. If someone takes your cloak, do not stop him from taking your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

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

Post Communion Prayer

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Commentary

The word Hallow means 'Holy', (blessed, consecrated or set apart in a special way) and so 'All-Hallows' or 'All Saints' refers to the Saints—the Holy Ones who died for their faith or who lived extraordinary lives. This day dates back to the 5th century Antioch in Syria when the church dedicated a day to the memory of all those who had been killed for their faith. The theme of God's holiness permeates the entire Bible and as human beings we are invited to participate in the holiness of God through His Son, Jesus Christ. So today we continue to celebrate a Communion of Saints that embraces all Christians, past present and future; including those whose lives are not necessarily like us, or whose lives are not notably marked by saintliness! 'We live among saints but saints are not perfect. Their weaknesses and strengths are woven into our own'. But together we are part of that great community God calls His saints. Our own holiness starts then with a relationship with God through Jesus Christ, the mediator of all holiness. Our holiness also entails being in communion with one another and all the saints who have gone before us. Holiness therefore implies relationships; relationships which sometimes make it feel like it's very difficult to be holy!

But however challenging some of our relationships seem, it's impossible to be in communion alone. God's own holiness is part of being in communion, a communion of Father, Son, and Spirit dwelling together in love. To enter into a relationship with God is to enter into a relationship with all who share in that same fellowship of God; past, present and future. Just as we are called into a relationship with God, we are called into a relationship with each other, the Communion of Saints, the Priesthood of all believers. In our gospel reading Jesus reminds us that being His holy people, the Communion of Saints on earth, can be tough. We are to love those who are our enemies, to do good to those who hate us, pray for those who treat us badly and to turn the other cheek time and time again. Jesus also points out that the more we have, the harder it can be for us to be that kind of person because our personal riches can get in the way of the riches we inherit through Christ. Riches which enables us to be the holy people He wants us to be. This is the inheritance that Paul talks about in Ephesians. He speaks about the Holy Spirit being the pledge of our inheritance in Christ, an inheritance which God gives to all of us so that we can be truly free. Free to be ourselves, Free to be the people God on earth. Freedom to be the Communion of Saints and to be part of God's transforming and redeeming work.

It's our inheritance in Christ that links us back to the saints that have gone before us and forward to the saints that are to come. We are at the same time a part of that inheritance and guardians of it for future generations. As the saints before us have been examples for our lives, so we should set our sights on being Christian examples for those that will follow us. Examples that are based not on our worldly wealth or power but on our openness to God and our humility before Him as we live out His precepts in our lives. *Sam Cappleman*

Meditation

The book of Daniel is set in the days of the exile in Babylon and was probably written around 165 BC. It was written to give hope to the Jews who were suffering persecution under Antiochus IV Epiphanes, a Hellenistic ruler who tried to eliminate Judaism. The revelation through Daniel in our reading today reminds us that our earthly kingdoms, however powerful they may appear, will pass away to make way for the kingdom of God. As we remember those saints who have gone

before us over the centuries we see the truth of the message of Daniel. Many kingdoms have passed away in the many centuries since the book of Daniel was written, but the kingdom of God remains strong through His people on earth. Earthly lives may pass away, but as Christians we are part of God's heavenly kingdom, an inheritance which will last for all eternity.

Hymns (Please distribute Mission Praise, special service sheets and baptism booklets)

1. Lo He comes with clouds descending, 424
2. Fear not rejoice and be glad, 144
3. For all the saints, 148 (Verses 1, 2, 6, 7, 8)
4. Sing to God new songs of worship 600
5. Ye holy angels bright, 783

Prayers for Sunday and the Week Ahead

For all the saints who went before us,
Who have spoken to our hearts and touched us with your fire,
We praise you, O God

For all the saints who live beside us,
Whose weaknesses and strengths are woven into our own,
We praise you, O God

Who challenge us to change the world with them,
We praise you, O God

Janet Morley (in *Bread of Tomorrow, Christian Aid and SPCK, 192, 2004*)

O Lord, in every age you reveal yourself to the childlike and lowly of heart, and from every race you write names in your book of life, give us the simplicity and faith of your saints, that loving you above all things, we may be what you would have us be, and to do what you would have us do. So may we be numbered with your saints in glory everlasting. Amen.

Father God, you have brought us near to the spirits of those who have been made perfect, and to an innumerable company of angels; grant us during our earthly pilgrimage to abide in their fellowship, and in the heavenly country to become partakers of their joy. Amen

Lord God, we thank you for calling us into the company of those who trust in Christ and seek to obey His will. May your Spirit guide and strengthen us in mission and service to your world; for we are strangers no longer but pilgrims together on the way to your Kingdom. Amen *Prayer of the Inter Church Process (The Swanwick Declaration)*

May almighty God grant you to be numbered with the saints in glory everlasting; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen

Grant to us, Lord, the gift of inward happiness and the serenity that comes from living close to you. Renew in us each day the gift of joy that, bearing a good courage, we may meet what comes with a gallant heart, giving thanks to you in all things; through Christ our Lord. Amen. *(Toc H Prayer)*



For all your Christmas presents this year

Please always log on to Amazon through www.thisischurch.com to buy all your books, music, DVD's, electrical goods, we receive 5% commission.



Church Christmas Cards in aid of church funds. Are now available from the church offices. The cards are priced at £2.50 for 10 cards and envelopes. If you ordered from St Mark's Church these are now ready for collection. More orders are still being taken.

Footprints Walking Group

Sunday 4 November 2.00pm start. 'A Riverside Walk' Meet at Aspects car park (bays 7 or 8 close to Bingo Hall). Suitable for comfortable walking shoes or boots. Contact Sheila Cracknell 217009.

Wednesday 14 November. Annual Planning meeting at 1 Mitford Close, 7.30pm. Please bring ideas for next year's programme. Contributions to light supper will be welcome. Those who are unable to attend may like to volunteer to lead a walk and choose their date.

Sunday 2 December 2.00pm start. Meet at St Mark's Church for walk in Mowsbury area followed by cup of tea in the coffee shop. Contact Sue 407264

Bedford Town Band. A concert featuring all four groups within the band. A varied programme will range from Souza to Strauss and the ET theme to Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture. Sunday 4th November at 3.00pm at Wooton Upper School, Hall End Road. Tickets £6 for adults, £4 for concessions and £10 for a family group. Pay at the door or book from Roger Nicholls on Bedford 357268

Commemoration Service for the Faithful Departed.

11 November at 3.00 pm at St. Mark's Church

This year we are delighted that our speaker will be the Reverend Martin Hounsfield, Superintendent Minister.

All are invited to this very special service of remembrance. Following bereavement there can be a very deep sense of loss for many years, this service is found by many to be a great comfort. Please remember that we are always pleased to visit, if you feel that it would help to speak with somebody.

You may have been helped by one of our Pastoral Support Team and members will be present at this service. If you are able to remain behind after the service, tea and coffee will be served.

Our Book of Remembrance will be available to view in the chapel after the service and if you have not yet had an opportunity to make an entry somebody will be available to help you and take details.

Partnership' God Talk ' Group. For the last two years a group of women have been meeting on a Monday morning to pray, to share talks about God and enjoy each other's company. Since many of us are now working, we have decided to meet monthly on a Wednesday evening. We hope that you might like to join us. Our first meeting is on Wednesday December 8-9pm at the home of Claire Peck, 22 Brecon Way. Contact Majella Atkinson (group co-ordinator) on 325293 or Liz 302349

Charity Performance for Cancer Research UK Sharnbrook Mill Theatre Trust is donating all proceeds from their performance of "Thoroughly Modern Millie" on Friday 16th November to Cancer Research UK. Tickets are now available for this performance at £12.50 each to include a glass of wine/juice and nibbles prior to the 7.45pm start of the show at the Mill Theatre, Sharnbrook. Tickets are available from Sue and Richard Butler (Tel: 354183) or Howard Lawrence (Tel: 267837). Please come, and bring your friends - we want this performance to be a sell-out!

Sunday Offerings at St Mark's Church

New sets of weekly offering envelopes are now available. There are a number of ways you can make regular gifts to St Mark's Church including the weekly offering envelopes, or by taking out a standing order, or by using the yellow Gift Aid envelopes left on the Church chairs each Sunday. In addition, if you are a UK tax payer, you can complete a declaration form and St Mark's can claim back the tax on the gifts you make through the above ways of giving – increasing your gift by 28%. If you don't currently make regular gifts to St Mark's and would like to find out more, please contact Jim Williams after the service or on 01234 360605.
Jim Williams Gift Aid Administrator

Holy Communion at Sir William Harpur House.

There will be a service of Holy Communion this coming Monday 5 November starting at 10.00am. All are welcome to attend this service which will be followed as usual by coffee. This service is always held on the first Sunday of every month.

Wednesday Holy Communion - Please do not forget that there is a service of Holy Communion every Wednesday at St Mark's Chapel, you are always offered a warm welcome and the service is followed by refreshments.

Bedford Deanery Synod will take place on Thursday this week at Christchurch, Goldington Road at 7.30pm

Mission Update. Thank you to all who have already taken their envelopes. If you were unable to get one last week they are still available from the table in the foyer at St Mark's or from the church offices. Please return as soon as possible and at the latest by 2 December. We will keep you updated on progress.



Smartie Tubes will be available at St. Mark's and Putnoe today. Eat the Smarties & replace with money for BeCHAR / Keech Cottage. Please return cash filled tubes on Gift Sunday 2 December.

Fun Barn Dance Putnoe 17 November 6.00pm - 9.00pm .Superior Sausage & Mash supper, please bring your own drinks. Tickets £3 each or £10 for 4 available from Church Office or contact Liz to reserve. Contributions for raffle prizes for the Barn dance would be appreciated.

TNT meets 11th and 25th November for Christmas crafts. Butterfly Park visit will be Sunday 9th December 6pm till 8pm £4.50 adults, £4.00 concessions, £3.50 under 16's to include light refreshments, please see Liz or Wendy to book a place. All members of the congregation are very welcome to join us to see this attraction at night and be guided around by Andrew Green its owner. Contributions small items for cracker fillings for our Christmas children and youth project. Would be appreciated.

Hazeldene Heights Pre-school Nearly New Sale. At Putnoe Heights Church Friday 16 November. 7 - 7.54pm. Entrance 50p.

Peals of Wisdom Quiz- £1 per entry, proceeds to Putnoe Mission Funds. Draw made on Sunday 25 November. Quiz sheets available from the church office. Sylvia Cohen

Saturday 10th November 7.30pm Emmaus Village Chapel, Carlton Kempston Musical Society present a concert of mostly light music in aid of funds for Emmaus. Tickets available at the door. Further information 01234 854858

St Mark's Christmas Craft Fayre

There are only 3 weeks left to our Annual Christmas Craft Fayre on Saturday 24th November 2007. We would be grateful for help with the following:- Tombola – Any NEW unwanted gifts\Christmas present etc. for our Tombola stall. Please bring any items up to the Church Office in the week beginning 19th November 2007.

Raffle – Raffle books are now available as for Sunday 21st October.

It would be appreciated if you could take a few books to sell to family and friends. We would also be grateful for any new items suitable for the raffle.

Cake Stall -Milly is kindly co-ordinating the cake stall again. If you are able to bake a cake for this stall please contact Milly via the Church Office.

Refreshments – We would very much appreciate donations of tray bakes to sell with tea and coffee. Ploughman's lunches will be on sale at lunchtime as usual. Volunteers to help in the kitchen on the day would be very much appreciated. To put your name down please see Avril Williams or Trudy Bunday. Any help gratefully received.

Secondhand Book Stall

Delia has very kindly volunteered to co-ordinate the second hand bookstall. Any good second hand books can be brought up to the Church anytime during the week beginning 19th November 2007.

This is one of our main fundraising events of the year and we are hoping to make it an even bigger success than last year, with your help I am sure we can achieve this. Thank you. Avril Williams

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

Rex Gadsden

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 Mr George Mallows will be held at St Mark's Church on a date to be announced over the coming week. Please contact St Mark's office for details. Royden