



Methodist  
Church

# Partnership News

5 November 2006

## Celebrating Creation Service

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



Church of  
England

### Church Services Today

8.30 Holy Communion at PUTNOE ONLY  
**9.30am St Mark's Church - Family Worship - Celebrating Creation Service**  
 Preacher - Revd Dr Joan Crossley  
 Leadership - Mrs Avril Williams  
 Intercessions - Mr Warwick Holden  
**11.00am Putnoe Heights - Family Worship - Celebrating Creation Service**  
 Preacher - Revd Dr Joan Crossley  
 Leadership Team - Mrs Sam Ware  
 Intercessions - Mrs Sue Allen

### November 12th

8.30 Holy Communion at ST MARK'S ONLY  
**9.30am St Mark's - Remembrance Sunday**  
 Preacher - Rev Dr Sam Cappleman  
 Leadership - Mrs Janet Day  
 Intercessions - Mr Ian Farthing  
**11.00am Putnoe Heights - Remembrance Sunday**  
 Preacher - Rev Dr Sam Cappleman  
 Leadership Team - Mr Dave Allen  
 Intercessions - Ministers  
**3.00pm Partnership Commemoration Service at St Mark's Church**  
**Reading 1 : Micah 4: 1- 5**  
**Reading 2 : Romans: 8: 31 - end.**  
**Reading 3 : 1 Corinthians 15: 50 - end**

### Thank You

The flowers at St Mark's this week have been given by Maureen Charge in memory of her husband Alan who died at this time.

The flowers at Putnoe Heights Church this week have been given by The flowers at Putnoe Heights Church this week have been given by Mrs Veta Hudson-Rae to celebrate the christening of her grandson, Samuel.

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

### Prayer for Sunday

Grant us, O Lord,  
 To seek first your Kingdom and your righteousness.  
 Out of the abundance of your grace,  
 grant us sufficient light and strength for our journey.  
 Forgive what we have been,  
 sanctify what we are  
 and order what we shall be,  
 in you and for you, now and forever. Amen  
*Mary Tileston 1820 - 1895*

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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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**Leadership Team** - Mr Alan Bayliss 268101  
**Treasurer** Mr Ian Morse 216428 treasurerph@thisischurch.com  
**Gift Aid Administrator** - Mr John Hitt 404186  
**Junior Church Co-ordinator** - Mrs Liz Spavins 302349

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**Centre Manager** Miss Wendy Rider 342613  
**Leadership Team** - Mrs Janet Day 295592  
**Treasurer** - Mr John Day 295592 treasurer@thisischurch.com  
**Gift Aid Administrator** Mr Jim Williams 360605

# 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

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

**4pm Monday Club** at St. Marks for 3—8 year olds meet at 3.30. for refreshments , between 4 & 5 Bible story, craft activities & songs. Lots of fun. Contact Liz 302349

**4.15pm - Rosemary Conley Diet & Fitness.** Putnoe Heights. Miriam Adcock 01908 565044

**4.15 - 6.00pm Kumon 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 20 November Contact 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 7 November—Revd. J. Arthern Contact Betty Wyatt 350188.

**2.15pm Putnoe Heights Men's Fellowship.** Next meeting 7 November with Women's Fellowship 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. For details of next meeting contact 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.

**Tuesday - 7pm-9pm MT Karate** [all ages] at Putnoe Heights. Please contact Karen King 07941 264885

**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. 45 pm Putnoe Heights Ladies Tuesday Club** - Meets fortnightly. Next meeting 14 November - The work of a verger. 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

**10.30 am U3A Art Appreciation** meets fortnightly at Putnoe Heights - For details of next meeting Contact Audrey Hancock 365915.

**Luncheon Club** at Putnoe Heights fortnightly. For details of next meeting 15 November contact 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 - 6pm Kumon Maths** at Putnoe Heights Ms Raksha Mistry 01908 392698

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

**6.15pm - 7.45pm Yoga and Relaxation** at Putnoe Heights. Please contact Racheall Monton 01234 297138

**6.30 - 7.30 at St Mark's** .Karate contact Karen 079412 64885

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

**7.00pm Archaeological & Local History Society** meets monthly at Putnoe Heights. Contact Sylvia Woods 365095

**7pm Putnoe Guild** meets monthly at Putnoe Heights. Janice Loxley 347073

**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

**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

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

#### Friday

**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 Contact Eve Whitehead 356875

**7 - 10pm Bedford Arts Society** meets fortnightly at Putnoe Heights from 8 September. Contact Malcolm Smith 01234 400741

**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 Theatretrain** at St Mark's – dancing acting, singing. - Kate Randle 01234 782414

**5 - 7pm Bethesda Church** . Contact Pastor Denis Baka 07944 749357

**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

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

**6—7.30pm T.X.T** for 13 + fortnightly , join us for fellowship , debate & discussion at Putnoe. Ring Liz 302349

## Diary Dates

**St Mark's Church Council** , 6 February 2007  
**Circuit Meeting** -

**St Mark's Leadership Team** – 27th November  
**Putnoe Heights Leadership Team** - 21 November

**St Mark's Church Management Meeting** - 12.30pm 6 December

**Putnoe Heights Church Management** - 6th Nov

**Putnoe Church Council** 29 January 2007

**Pastoral Group Meeting** – 31 January 2007

**Churchyard Committee** - 29 November 11am.

**Putnoe Heights Mission Group Meeting** – .

**Partnership Council** - 20 February at St Mark's

**Brickhill Parish Council** - 30 Nov

**Deanery Meeting** , 16 November

**Putnoe Heights Children & Youth** -

**Calendar dates appear on our church website [www.ThisChurch.com](http://www.ThisChurch.com). Please advise St Mark's Church Office of the dates of your meetings.**

# All Saints Day

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## Verse of Scripture Colossians 1:12

Give thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.

## Collect Prayer All Saints - Before we read we pray

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.



They will receive blessing  
from the Lord and vindication  
from God their saviour  
Psalm 24:5

## First Bible Reading - Isaiah 25: 6-9

On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine the best of meats and the finest of wines. On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove the disgrace of his people from all the earth. The LORD has spoken. In that day they will say, "Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the LORD, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation." (Reader: This is the word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God**)

## Second Reading - Rev 21: 1-6a

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life.

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

## Third Reading - John 11: 32-44

When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. "Where have you laid him?" he asked. "Come and see, Lord," they replied. Jesus wept. Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. "Take away the stone," he said. "But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odour, for he has been there four days." Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."

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

## **Post Communion Prayer**

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. (All Saints)

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

1. For the Beauty of the Earth
2. If I were a Butterfly
3. All things Bright and Beautiful
4. Who put the colours in the rainbow?
5. The God who made us human is the God who made the sea

## **Commentary**

### **Franciscans Today**

Although Saint Francis of Assisi was born over eight hundred years ago, very many people know something of him, perhaps as a little man in a brown tunic with a special way with animals. One well known story is of a rather wild young man who lost his love of wealth, and tried to base his life entirely on that of Jesus. One day, after hearing the Gospel of St. Matthew (19.21) Francis was drawn to following that scripture literally. He chose to live in extreme poverty, loving and reverencing the whole of God's Creation and serving people for love of Christ. Soon he was joined by others, and so the brotherhood of St. Francis developed. The movement grew and the basic values have survived. In 1980 the Pope proclaimed St. Francis the Patron Saint of Ecology.

Francis soon recognised that there were many people, in ordinary family and working lives who felt called to a similar way of life. There were soon three Orders of Franciscans- the men who had gathered around Francis in increasing numbers, women, who served God and his people similarly but accepted enclosed lives because of the social restrictions of the time, and those who became known as The Third Order. Based in the Anglican Church, though not exclusive to it, the members of the Third Order of the Society of Saint Francis try and live according to Franciscan values in the world. They are part of a scattered Community, seeking to follow Christ in everyday life after the pattern of St Francis. The membership consists of men and women, young and old, clergy and lay.

If you are interested in joining the Third Order or learning more about their disciplined and prayer-centred lives, I would be delighted to talk to you. Eileen Brown of Putnoe Heights Church. (Phone 267909)

### **Meditation.**

The attitude of humans towards the animal kingdom has, in the Judaeo-Christian tradition, been that of master and servants. In this view animals were made for humans: to feed us, clothe us, work for us, amuse and comfort us. Animals have always been exploited for human need or amusement, although increasingly cruelty has been curbed by public opinion and the Law. Although the rights of animals has a higher profile than ever before, our relationship to the animals, whether as pets or in the wild, is still shifting and uncertain. Humans reactions to animals range widely between cruelty at one extreme and violent animal rights activism at the other.

In our all-age worship this morning we are giving thanks to God for all that animals mean to us, their beauty, usefulness and companionship. But perhaps we should try and break away from seeing animals only in relationship to us? If we look back to the life and writings of Francis of Assisi, a man who nearly lived eight hundred years ago (1182-1226) we see a very radical view of the relationship between man and all other parts of the created world. Francis had the spiritual insight to recognise the essential unity of God's creation. Each part of that creation, from the mighty Sun to the smallest mouse, are recognised as beautiful and precious in God's sight, and therefore worthy of equal respect. In his "Canticle of the Creatures" Francis developed the idea of the unity of all creation by calling it a family, thus the Sun is a Brother, the Moon a Sister. Francis even called birds and animals his sisters and brothers. This revolutionary idea: that there is an equality in every part of creation, was and remains a challenge to the notion that animals were made by God as a commodity to be used and abused. The Franciscan view of the interconnectedness of all creation may be of great use to our generation. The old model of greedy exploitation of the planet and its other inhabitants has brought us to the brink of ecological disaster. That is the very serious message underpinning today's celebrations. Joan Crossley

### **Canticle of the Creatures....**

Most High, all-powerful, good Lord, Yours are the praises, the glory, and the honour, and all blessing,  
To you alone, Most High, do they belong, and no human is worthy to mention your name.  
Praised be to you, my Lord, with all your creatures, especially Sir Brother Sun,  
Who is the day and through whom you give us light.  
And he is beautiful and radiant with great splendour; and bears a likeness of you, Most High One.  
Praised be you, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars,  
in heaven you formed them clear and precious and beautiful.  
Praised be you, my Lord, through Brother Wind, and through the air, cloudy and serene,  
and every kind of weather, through whom you give sustenance to your creatures.  
Praised be you, my Lord, through Sister Water,  
who is very useful and humble and precious and chaste.  
Praised be you, my Lord, through Brother Fire, through whom you light the night,  
and he is beautiful and playful and robust and strong.  
Praised be you, my Lord, through our Sister Mother earth, who sustains and governs us,  
and produces various fruit with coloured flowers and herbs.  
Praised be you, my Lord, through those who give pardon for your love,  
and bear infirmity and tribulation.  
Blessed are those who endure in peace for by you, Most High, they shall be crowned.  
Praised be you, my Lord, through our Sister Bodily Death, from whom no one living can escape.  
Woe to those who die in mortal sin.  
Blessed are those whom death will find in your most holy will,  
for the second death shall do them no harm.  
Praise and bless my Lord and give Him thanks and serve Him great humility.

### **Prayers of Francis of Assisi for Sunday and the week ahead.**

Most High and glorious God, enlighten the darkness of our hearts. Give us a true faith, a certain hope and a perfect love. Give us a sense of the divine and knowledge of yourself, so that we may do everything in fulfilment of your holy will through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me bring love. Where there is injury, let me bring pardon.

Where there is discord, let me bring union. Where there is doubt, let me bring faith.

Where there is error, let me bring truth. Where there is despair, let me bring hope.

Where there is sadness, let me bring joy. Where there is darkness, let me bring light.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive.

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned. It is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

You are holy, Lord, the only God, and Your deeds are wonderful. You are strong. You are great.

You are the Most High. Amen

You are Almighty. You, Holy Father are King of heaven and earth. You are Three and One, Lord God, all Good. You are Good, all Good, supreme Good, Lord God, living and true. You are love. You are wisdom. You are humility. You are endurance. You are rest. You are peace. You are joy and gladness. You are justice and moderation. You are all our riches, and You suffice for us. You are beauty. You are gentleness. You are our protector. You are our guardian and defender. You are our courage. You are our haven and our hope. You are our faith, our great consolation. You are our eternal life, Great and Wonderful Lord, God Almighty, Merciful Saviour. Amen

Hear our humble prayer, O God, for our friends the animals, especially for animals who are suffering; for all that are overworked and underfed and cruelly treated; for all wistful creatures in captivity that beat against their bars; for any that are haunted or lost or deserted or frightened or hungry; for all that are in pain or dying; for all that must be put to death. We entreat for them all thy mercy and pity, and for those who deal with them we ask a heart of compassion and gentle hands and kindly words. Make us ourselves to be true friends to animals and so to share the blessing of the merciful. For the sake of thy Son the tender hearted, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, who has taught us that without our Father in heaven no sparrow falls to the ground, help us to be very kind to animals, and to our pets. May we remember that you will one day ask us if we have been good to them. Bless us as we take care of them; for your mercy's sake.

# News and Information

**Mission Project** Thank you to everyone who took envelopes and letters regarding the Kisiizi mission project last week. If you did not have the opportunity to take one last week please pick one up on your way out of church this morning if you would like to be involved. Please place completed letters and donations in the offertory plate each week or hand in to one of the church offices. We will keep you regularly posted on progress thorough out the project. Once again thank you for your support.

**Bedford Festival of Music, Speech & Dance** 3-10 March 2007. If any of our young people from the Partnership would like to enter the Bible Reading, to continue the success of this year, could they please see Liz, as we need to register shortly.

**'Modern Singers'** If you enjoy singing, come along to Bedford Modern School for an hour 6-7pm on Wednesdays. All voices welcome - no auditions! For more information –speak to Mike Cooper, Tim Wilkes or Clive Simmonds.

**Salvo Brass** will give a charity concert on Friday 17 November at Salvation Army Centre, Commercial Road, at 8pm. Tickets £5, in aid of Fisherman's Mission. This internationally renowned band is based in the East Midlands. More details from Paul Jarrett 01234 306149 or see the Poster.

**Belief.** Bedford Ecumenical Lay Institute for Education and Faith. In place of our Advent Course we are encouraging everybody to attend. Course leaflets are available in the foyer with details of some excellent sessions. The courses are held at St Andrew's Church in Bedford. Please take a leaflet and consider joining one of the courses this advent. The next module "Thinking about God" led by Rev'd Dr Ian McIntosh begins on 8 November at 7.45 .  
Weds 8 Nov. God as Creator  
Weds 15 Nov God in Jesus  
Weds 22 Nov God and Suffering  
Weds 29 Nov God the Holy Spirit  
Weds 6 Dec God as Trinity

**St Mark's Christmas Fayre** will take place on Saturday 25 November. Flyers are now available to be distributed around the area if you are able to help please take a bundle from the table in the foyer.

**Card sales at Putnoe Heights** continue to do very well. We have recently sent £50 to Riverbank Children's Ward at South Wing Hospital and we are now raising money for the British Diabetic Association. Cards for special occasions and Christmas can always be made to order. Telephone

267567. Thank you for your continuing support. Margaret and Claire Peck.

**Charities Christmas Sale (NSPCC)** will be held at Putnoe Heights Church on Saturday 11th November from 2-4.30pm. Admission £1 which includes tea or coffee. Christmas cards and gifts, toys, games, Tombola, raffle.

**Friends of the John Bunyan Museum** invite you to An Evening with Terry Waite CBE on Thursday 23rd November 2006. 6.45 Refreshments, 7.30pm talk. Bunyan Meeting Free Church, Mill St Bedford. Tickets £8, friends £6, from church or phone 342711

**Christmas Fair** at Priory Methodist Church, Newnham Ave. Saturday 18 November from 10am to 2pm. Many stalls crafts, books, paintings, gifts etc. Light refreshments and lunches available. Admission 50p (children free).

**Thank you** to Judith Stanton and her group for a donation of £200 and their continual support.

**Putnoe Provender** will be open for business on Sunday December 3rd after Morning Service. Cakes, jams, marmalade, chutney and of course, Putnoe's celebrated Christmas Puddings will be on sale. All proceeds to Kisiizi Hospital All contributions gratefully received( we have freezer space). John and Sally Gunning 305925

**Partnership Commemoration Service** Sunday 12 November at 3.00pm at St Mark's Church our preacher this year will be The Reverend Dr Sam Cappleman.

**Concert by Kempston Musical Society** In aid of The Child Development Centre at Putnoe Heights on Saturday 11th November at 7.30pm. Music to suit all tastes, Tickets available at the door.

**Did you miss the Archbishop of Canterbury** on Radio 4 seeking to help John Humphrys in Search of God ? It was a great programme asking if faith possible in a world of suffering, much of it arguably caused by religion or religious extremism and to which God seems to turn a blind eye? Is there a place for religion in an age dominated by science? You can listen again online or catch coming programmes with Professor Tariq Ramadan, Muslim academic and author; and Sir Jonathan Sacks, Chief Rabbi. Tuesday Radio 4 at 9-9.30am, repeated 9.30 -10.00pm  
Visit - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/programmes/misc/insearchofgod.shtml>

**Methodist Homes for the Aged** is today Sunday 5 November. There will be envelopes in the foyer at St Mark's and at Putnoe Heights if anyone would like to support these wonderful homes.

**This interesting opportunity** has arisen for someone to work with BME communities across Bedfordshire. The hours are flexible and can be fitted around other commitments although some evening work will be needed. For an informal chat and to find out more information about the job, please ring Gill Cook on 01525 844402!

**Available free!** Greenhouse; seen some service but complete. No charge, but new owner to dismantle and take away. Available immediately. Contact Eddy or Margaret Peck T: 267567

**Footprints** Today 5th November. Come and join us for a walk along some of Bedford's footpaths. Meet at Putnoe Heights Church at 2.00pm. This is the last walk of 2006 and the weather forecast looks good! Eddy & Margaret Peck T: 267567

**On Friday 1st December (World AIDS Day)** : there will be a half hour service of prayer, readings, quiet and the lighting of candles at 6.00pm at St Paul's Church, Bedford to which all will be welcome.

**The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals**

The RSPCA was the first animal protection society in the world, founded in 1824. In the 1800's compassion for animals was regarded as unusual

and most were little more than commodities supplying food, transport or sport. Many animals were treated horrendously by their owners and in the early years, the Society's major campaign was to change people's indifference to animal cruelty. Since these early days inspectors have worked to promote kindness and prevent cruelty to animals and of course the public's attitude to animal care has greatly improved.

There are however, still many animals suffering unnecessarily and it is very good to know that the new Animal Welfare Bill is just one step away from the Statute Books. Owners and keepers will then need to meet their animal's basic needs under the Duty of Care. It will be a legal requirement for them to do what is reasonable to provide for their animal's needs and inspectors will be able to step in before suffering occurs. All animals should have the Five Freedoms:-

1. Freedom from hunger and thirst
2. Freedom from pain, injury and disease
3. Freedom from discomfort  
*(shelter and resting place)*
4. Freedom to express normal behaviour
5. Freedom from fear and distress

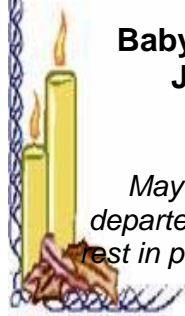
The RSPCA also supports animal care overseas and RSPCA International is one of the main organisations assisting in the humane treatment of these animals.



**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.

**Baby Finlay Michael Barker  
Justin Stephen Platt  
Paul Collins**



*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 Malcolm Donald Cracknell** will take place at Bedford Crematorium at 11.30am on Wednesday 8 November (Royden)

**The funeral of Renato Marcello Montalbetti** will take place at Bedford Crematorium on Friday 10 November at 11.30am (Royden)