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Partnership News

6 April 2008

Third Sunday of Easter



Church of
England

Partnership Church Services Today

8.30am Holy Communion every Sunday

on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday at Putnoe Heights Church. On the 2nd and 4th Sunday at St. Mark's.

9.30am St Mark's Church -

Family Worship with Baptism of John and Lucie

Preacher - Mrs. Wendy Waters

Leadership Team - Mrs. Linda Parry

Intercessions – Mr. Warwick Holden

11.00am Putnoe Heights –

Family Worship with Baptism of Toby

Preacher – Mrs. Wendy Waters

Leadership Team –Mrs. Wendy Nash

Intercessions - Ministers

13 April - Fourth Sunday of Easter

9.30am St. Mark's Church - Morning Worship

Preacher - Revd Dr Sam Cappleman

Leadership Team - Mrs Avril Williams

Intercessions - Mrs Alison Holden

11.00am Putnoe Heights - Morning Worship

Preacher– Revd Dr Sam Cappleman

Leadership Team - Mrs Jenny Emsley

Intercessions –Mrs Sue Allen

Bible Readings.1. Acts 2:42-47, 2. 1 Peter 2: 19-25

3. John 10: 1-10

Thank You

The flowers in St. Mark's are given by Milly Rollinson in memory of her Parents

The flowers at Putnoe Heights Church have been given by Mary Stokes and June Cook in loving memory of their parents George and Doris Furness

Welcome

We welcome to our service today the families of Lucie Anne Crowther (*St Mark's*), John Marcus Micah Mortensen (*St Mark's*) and Toby Jonathan George Hamilton (*Putnoe*)

Prayer for Sunday

Lord, let nothing stand

between us and your kingdom.

May our souls be strengthened through our suffering, our lives clothed with your humility, and our desires purified by your holiness.



Footprints Walk Today

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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

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

1.45pm U3A History Group St Mark's 2nd & 4th week of the month. ☎ David Fowler 824474

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. Margo Needham 843747

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

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

6.15 pm Brownies Putnoe. Sharon Tanner ☎07720712735

6.15 Pilates at Putnoe Heights Jane Butcher 300859

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 Lena Holland ☎244970

7.30pm Whist Drive. St Mark's 3rd & 5th week each month. Next meeting 21 April Judith Stanton. ☎823313

7.30pm House group 30 The Ridgeway. The home of Eddy & Margaret Peck ☎267567.

8.00pm 'Get Fit, Stay Fit' Putnoe Heights. Mrs Diane Field ☎404976

Tuesday

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

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

10am -Bedford 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 8 April Mrs. Delia Shepherd 'YMCA', 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 ☎295862 or ☎07917582468.

7.00pm Hearts in Beds Cardiac Support Group St Mark's 1st Tuesday ☎Parsons 351150

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

7.30pm Putnoe Heights Ladies Tuesday Club - Meets fortnightly. Next meeting .Audrey Wilkins☎365068 or Margaret Gentle ☎309043

Wednesday

9.15am Paint Tots St Mark's Jacqui Hanahan ☎824475

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

9.30am Body Control Pilates. Putnoe Heights. Stephanie Smith ☎07973174430.

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

10.00am Holy Communion. St. Mark's Chapel. A half hour service followed by coffee. All welcome.

10am Sewing & Chat. Putnoe Heights Valerie Russell ☎01462 815966

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

Luncheon Club. Putnoe Heights fortnightly. Next meeting 9th April 2008 Putnoe Heights Office ☎365630

12.30pm Men's Fellowship Lunch St Mark's 2nd week each month. Chris Izzard ☎212164

1.00-3pm Police Surgery at Putnoe Heights .

1.15pm Bridge Club for the Retired. St. Mark's. Mr Barnes ☎261811

1.45 Scots Society Whist monthly .All welcome Nancy Barr 268147

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 Racheall 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

7.00pm U3A Sky at Night 2nd Wednesday of the month. Mr Farish ☎824984

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 16 April 2008
Graham ☎406359 or Alan 345312.

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.*

9.40am Jo Jingles. St. Mark's. Music & movement for pre-
school children. Jayne Phillips ☎01582 485333

9.45am Yoga Putnoe Heights Lena Holland ☎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
Nina Ovenden☎825059

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

7.00pm British Cardiac Patients Assoc.at Putnoe bi
monthly Mrs.E. marriot 303834

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

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 ☎295862 or ☎07917 582468

2.00pm U3A Gardening Group Putnoe Heights Eve
Whitehead ☎356875

**6.30pm –7.30pm Line Dancing. Beginners 7-8pm
Improvers** 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

7.45pm Astrology Group St Mark's as from 11th January.
Mr Kenworthy ☎402792

Saturday

9.00pm Stars School of Dance. Putnoe
Esther Sancto ☎295862 or ☎07917 582468

10.00am Theatretrain St Mark's. Dancing acting, singing.
Kate Howard ☎01234 782414

1.30pm Young Embroiders bi monthly Terry Fletcher Tel
357198

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 .Next meeting 10
February Liz ☎302349

Diary Dates

St Mark's Church Council – 17th June ,
18 November

St Mark's Leadership Team – 7th April,13 May

Putnoe Heights Leadership Team – May 12th

Putnoe Heights Children & Youth Committee –
21st April

Putnoe Heights Management Meetings 14th April
and 14th July.

St Mark's Church Forum Meeting - .

19 May, 11 July, 9 September, 12 November all at
12 noon

Putnoe Church Council - 16 June,6 October.

Pastoral Group Meeting -

Churchyard Committee - 11 June

Putnoe Heights Mission Group –

Partnership Council -

Brickhill Parish Council Meetings -

Deanery Meeting - 12 June, 18 September,13
November

Circuit Meeting - , 12 June

Woodland Burial Trustees - Sunday 6th April 2008
in the Wren Room at 3.30pm

Putnoe Heights Children & Youth–

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

3rd Sunday of Easter



Opening Verse - 1 Peter 1: 18

For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake.

Collect Prayer for the Day

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us also to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. *Common Worship Shorter Collect*

First Bible Reading - Acts 2: 14a, 36-41

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ." When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call." With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

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

Second Bible Reading—1 Peter 1: 17-23

Since you call on a Father who judges each man's work impartially, live your lives as strangers here in reverent fear. For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God. Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for your brothers, love one another deeply, from the heart. For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.

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

Third Reading—Luke 24: 13-35

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you only a visitor to Jerusalem and do not know the things that have happened there in these days?" "What things?" he asked. "About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of

angels, who said he was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?” And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus acted as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?” They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, “It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.” Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognised by them when he broke the bread.

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

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen

Hymns (Please distribute Mission Praise, All Age Worship & Baptism booklets)

1. Alleluia, alleluia give thanks to the Risen Lord 30
2. He's got the whole wide world in his hands 225
3. It is a thing most wonderful 224 (Tune Heronsgate)
4. The Spirit lives to set us Free 664
5. I heard the voice of Jeus say 275

Commentary By Wendy Waters

The book of Acts makes a good read, it is full of the ingredients that make for a gripping novel: heroes and villains, tragedy, intrigue, deception, miracles, feuds, camaraderie and much more. It has been said that we should not read Luke without going on to read Acts. The way the lectionary is set out today, we read Acts before Luke. In addition the reading from Acts takes place after Pentecost which we don't celebrate until the end of May and the first letter of Peter is estimated to have been written some 30 years after Jesus' death and resurrection. No matter there is much to be gained from careful study of all the readings.

'You can't tell them, they have to learn for themselves'. For those who are parents of young adults and not so young adults these words may ring a bell. I know, as my children have grown from children to adults in their mid to late twenties it has become increasingly necessary to hold my tongue about what they should, or should not, do in a wide range of situations and let them learn for themselves. Sometimes they have learnt the hard way and sometimes things have run more smoothly. Even though I might have the knowledge and or experience that might help them, they generally don't want advice unless they ask for it. As a parent seeing them learn the hard way is difficult. If you are not a parent you may be able recall times when your own parents might have been able to advise you on how to address a problem but you resisted it. Or perhaps you have listened to concerned parents who had to hold their tongue.

How God must have struggled to hold back as the Israelites went their own way time and time again until finally he sent His son to show them once and for all who he was how they were to live. But still many did not understand, resulting in the crucifixion of His son Jesus. In Acts there are recorded many speeches, or more likely summaries of speeches, by the disciples forcefully telling those who would listen the truth about Jesus and who he was. They did not hold back, they did not hold their tongues, they told them as it was, forcefully and explicitly.

In today's reading from Acts 2: 36 – 41 'post Pentecost' Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, tells all Israel to "be assured of this: God has made Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ". His bluntness 'cut them to the heart' and they asked him and the other apostles what they could do. He replied that they

must 'repent and be baptised'. He did not leave it at that he warned them and pleaded with them to 'save themselves from this corrupt generation'. The result was 3000 were baptised! It must be every Christian leaders dream to have such a response to their preaching and of course to some extent this does happen, usually at charismatic Evangelist's gatherings.

We too can find ourselves being drawn into being part of a 'corrupt generation'. It is easily done someone suggests it's alright to do something and we make excuses to ourselves why 'it will be alright just this once'. Then it is easier to do it just one more time and before we know it we regard it as an acceptable behaviour or action. All that is required to amend our ways is that we acknowledge before God where we have gone wrong, turn back from the path we are going down and allow the Holy Spirit to guide us forward.

Some 30 years after Pentecost in 1 Peter 1: 17 - 23 Peter was still reminding Christians of all ages and backgrounds, living in the area of what we know as Turkey, about how they should live differently from those around them who were not followers of Christ. Just as Peter urged those early Christians to 'live as strangers' so we to need to encourage and support one another in our struggles to live as Christ teaches us in this world, but not in such a way as to distance ourselves from those who might be in need of his Grace.

Meditation.

The recent drama on BBC1 'The Passion' was the latest in a series of attempts to portray the reality of the trial, crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. It is tempting to be critical of the 'accuracy' of its content. A difficult task in itself as there are at least 4 different versions to base the script on! From my perspective it did convey the very human responses and reactions to the rapidly changing and alarming situations the disciples found themselves in.

In this drama the 'two on the road to Emmaus' were shown as two male disciples. However it has been suggested that they may have been a husband and wife Cleopas, as named in Luke, and his wife Mary. This possibility appeals to me, perhaps touching on my passion for inclusiveness within the family of the church. The image of a couple walking together, trying to unravel the meaning of recent bemusing events emphasises the human aspect of Jesus' life and death. Luke describes their faces as 'downcast' it is no wonder they are downcast after the person they had pinned their hopes on to release them from Roman oppression had died in a horrific manner and not only that his body had then disappeared. Even more puzzling that some had claimed to have seen him alive!

So it is that Jesus enters into the picture but is not recognised. In 'The Passion' the risen Jesus is played by a different actor until he 'breaks bread' at Emmaus. Then the couple recognise him through his actions. Many analogies have been drawn from this, including that his disciples failed to recognise events as God's redemption. We can, I suggest, by slowly reading the story, draw our own analogies, perhaps with our own spiritual journey. A journey when at times we may have needed more convincing of the truth of the Gospel; times when our downcast spirits have blinded us as to the presence of Jesus; then bringing us through to the times when our hearts have burned with the love of our Risen Lord. Spend time on this reading, absorb it, ponder on it, and be captivated by it and may it speak to you afresh. *Wendy Waters*

Prayers for Sunday and the week ahead

O Lord God, who called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown: Give us faith to go out with a good courage, not knowing where we are going, but only that your hand is leading us, and your love supporting us, to the glory of your name. *Eric Milner- White and G.W. Briggs*

Christ our Guide, stay with us on our pilgrimage through life: when we falter, encourage us, when we stumble, steady us, and when we have fallen, pick us up. Help us to become, step by step, more truly ourselves, and remind us that you have travelled this way before us. *Angela Ashwin*

Set our hearts on fire with love for you, O Christ, that in its flame we may love you with all our heart, with all our mind, with all our soul, and with all our strength, and our neighbours as ourselves, so that, keeping your commandments, we may glorify you, the giver of all good gifts. *Kontakion for Love, Eastern Orthodox Church*

Lunch Club at Putnoe Heights would like to set up a list of drivers who could be called upon occasionally when regular drivers are unavailable due to holiday absence etc. If you could help in this way, please inform the Putnoe Church Office.

District Women's Network Spring Craft Day 2008 on 3rd May. 9.45am to 4.15pm at Priory Methodist Church. Booking Forms from Pam Seymour. Tel: 305695, to be returned by 23rd April.

Music at St Andrew's Church Saturday 10 May 2008 at 8.00pm. Ruth Palmer - violin Young Classical Brit Award Winner 2007 with Joseph Middleton - piano Winner of the Wigmore Hall International Pianist's Prize 2007 Strawberries and cream, and a glass of sparkling wine will be served on the Vicarage lawn during the interval (£2) Concert tickets: £7 (£5 concessions) from: St Andrew's Church Centre Office, tel: 01234 216881

Tower Trips, Displays, Teas. Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 April. Open weekend at All Saints Church, Odell. 2.00pm - 5.30pm. Take a trip up the tower for fantastic views across the Ouse Valley. Browse displays and archives. Tea and cakes. Join us for a special service on the Sunday evening at 6.00pm. Help raise money for our 'Tea and Toilet Project.'

Nominations for Putnoe Heights Church Council Please complete nomination form available from welcome area or office. Return by Sunday 13th April. Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday 20th April 12 noon.

Footprints Today Sunday 6th April. Meet at the Equestrian Centre, Keysoe (follow brown sign from B660) at 2.30pm for 3-4 mile circular walk including visit to the woodland burial site. Saturday 19th April. Meet at Ashwell and Morden station at 10.30 am. for all day walk (total 7.00

Think about it...

I am convinced that not even the apostles, although filled with the Holy Spirit, were therefore completely free from anxiety...Contrary to the stupid view expressed by some, the advent of grace does not mean the immediate deliverance from anxiety.

—St. Makarios of Egypt (5th century).

miles) including lunch stop in Ashwell and visits to places of interest in the village. Further details and route on sheet available from .Sue & Gerry407264

Kempston Musical Society Outing to Bury St. Edmunds, 10 May 2008. There are only 6 coach seats left for this outing. If you are interested in coming along to enjoy a day out , to include a concert in the evening by Kempston Musical Society at Trinity Methodist Church, contact Alan Bayliss on 01234 268101 asap for details.

British Cardiac Patients Association— Next meeting April 24th at 7.30pm at Putnoe. We are having a concert given by the 'Willing Warblers'. Admission is free and we will have refreshments and a raffle so please do come along and enjoy the evening with us. For further information ring 303834

Mission News. £175 has been sent to Faith In Action in Malawi for the following projects. - £94 to set up a poultry business. £47 to purchase 6x10kg bags of soya seed. £34 to mosquito net fund. Letter of acknowledgement in Welcome area. £200 has been sent to be divided between Church Missionary Society and Methodist Missionary Society. Sylvia Cohen 343424

Family Matters Institute, based in Moggerhanger, Bedfordshire is an educational charity with a Christian ethos supporting family life in Britain. We are currently have two job vacancies to work on an exciting new national online social networking site focused on fathers. The site www.dadtalk.co.uk aims to get fathers talking, to resource and support them in their vital role of being 'dad', raising confidence and championing fatherhood.

Project Manager (Full time) Salary £25,000 to £30,000 We are seeking a capable, energetic individual to manage the development and delivery of this national project.

Administrator & Accounts Assistant (Part time 21 hours) Salary £13,000 to £15,000 (pro rata)

We are seeking an enthusiastic administrator and accounts assistant to undertake day-to-day tasks associated with the project. Interested?

For further information on either position and request an application pack visit our website at www.familymatters.org.uk/jobs.php or phone the FMI Office on 01767 641002.

Closing date 1pm on Monday 14th April 2008.

St Albans Woodland Burial Committee meets today in the Biffa Room



Hazeldene Heights Preschool. Come & share in the activities with the children in our Preschool at Putnoe Heights. Please talk to Linda Hoar if you can spare a few hours each month or would like to know more about the group. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Linda Hoar 782717

Confirmations. We will be preparing people for a joint Methodist/ Anglican Confirmation on June 1st. If you are interested in joining the Confirmation classes, (Sundays in May) please see Charlie or Joan.

Women's Network Circuit Easter Offering Service on 27th April at 6.30pm at Priory Methodist Church. All Welcome.

Putnoe Storybox (12.00-1.00) Normal sessions restart again at Putnoe Monday 7th April.

Bark Available from St Mark's, we appreciate a donation of about 50p a bag.

TNT (our partnership 9+ group) starts again Sunday 13th April. Meet at Liz's home for pizza and dance mat!!!

St Mark's Church Leadership Team
Monday this week 7 April. If you have any matters which you would like the Leadership Team to discuss, then please speak with a Church Leader this morning.

St Mark's Church Annual General Meeting
4 May. Nomination forms for the Church Council are available from the church office.

Church Membership

As AGM's approach it is really helpful and sometimes quite important for us to have accurate membership information for our church. Our churches pay a financial contribution to the Church of England & the Methodist Church for members, it is therefore important to have an accurate record of membership to enable us to pay our church share. It is also helpful to have up to date details if we need to make contact with you, perhaps when a pastoral situation arises.

If you consider yourself to be a member of this church, please would you kindly check the church membership list this morning, or over the next couple of weeks. If your details require amendment then complete the form and return it to the church office, a minister or a member of the Leadership Team.

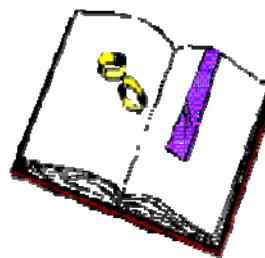
It is now very helpful to have your email address. We would like to be able to use this to communicate with you. Please consider giving us this information if you have not already done so. Please be assured we do not release your details to any other organisations.



St Mark's Coffee Shop

Every Sunday

2.30pm until 5.00pm



We publish the banns

And pray for the marriage of Elvis Donald Veira and Julie Diane Gilbert both of this parish to be married at St Mark's on 28 June.

1st time of asking

Rest In Peace

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

Carol Jackson

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 Mrs Etty Cobley will take place at Putnoe Heights on Thursday 10 April at 10.45am followed by cremation at Bedford Crematorium at 11.30am (Crossley)

The funeral of The Reverend Alan Cox will take place on Tuesday 8th April 12.30pm at St John the Baptist Parish Church, Bromsgrove

