



Methodist
Church

Partnership News

7 June 2009
Trinity Sunday



Church of
England

Partnership Church Services Today

8.30am Holy Communion every Sunday
1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday at Putnoe Heights
2nd and 4th Sunday at St. Mark's Church

9.30am St Mark's - Family Worship

Preacher- Rev. Charles Royden
Leadership - Mrs. Avril Williams
Intercessions - Mr. Ian Farthing

11.00am Putnoe Heights - Family Worship

Preacher - Rev. Charles Royden
Leadership - Mrs. Linda Hoar
Intercessions - Mrs. Claire Peck

Sunday 14 June - Ordinary 11

9.30am St. Mark's - Morning Worship

Preacher - John Ayers
Leadership - Mrs M Stewart
Intercessions - Mrs P Leusby

11.00am Putnoe Heights - Morning Worship

Preacher - John Ayers
Leadership- Mrs Jean Kirk
Intercessions- Mrs Sue Allen

Readings Ezek. 17: 22-24 2 Cor 5: 6-10, 14-17
Mark 4: 26-34.

Thank You

The flowers at Putnoe Heights this week have been given by Dawn Allinson in memory of her husband Maurice, and by Roy and May Laird to mark their 45th wedding anniversary.

We are always grateful for any donations for flowers perhaps to celebrate a special occasion such as an anniversary or in memory

Prayer for Sunday

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.
Amen.

Contact Details

The Reverend Dr. Sam Cappleman

107 Dover Crescent, Bedford MK41 8QR
266952 Fax- 402624 nsm@thisischurch.com
(Sam also works full time as a General Manager for Hewlett Packard)

The Reverend Charles Royden

The Vicarage, Calder Rise. MK41 7UY
309175 Mobile 07973 113861
vicar@thisischurch.com

For Data Protection Purposes

Please note that any items submitted for inclusion in Partnership News will automatically be posted on our website.

Partnership News is also archived on our church website www.ThisIsChurch.com

Partnership Pastoral Support Team Co-Ordinator & Churchyards Administrator

Mrs Mary Stubbs 406784 Mary@ThisIsChurch.com
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 Monday to Thursday 9am - 5pm, Friday 9am - 1pm
Tel/fax & Answering Service 365630 putnoe@thisischurch.com
Centre Manager Mr Barry Snelson 365630 & 344417
Leadership Team Mr. Lawrence Wyatt 350188
Treasurer Mr Ian Morse 216428 treasurerph@thisischurch.com
Gift Aid Administrator - Mr John Hitt 404186
Youth & children's worker - Mrs Spavins 302349
youth@thisischurch.com

St. Mark's Church Centre (Open 9am - 5.00pm)

Tel/fax & Answering Service 342613 office@thisischurch.com
Centre Manager Miss Wendy Rider 342613
Leadership Team - Mrs Delia Shephard 273628
Treasurer - Mr Ian Farthing 210892 treasurer@thisischurch.com
Gift Aid Administrator Jim Williams 360605

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 Pre-school** Mon-Fri St Mark's
- 9.30-3.15pm Top Marks** Mon-Fri St Mark's
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.
- 9.45am - Body Control Pilates** –Putnoe Heights
Stephanie Smith ☎ 357787 or 07973174430
- 10.00am Bakers Barn Art Group.** St Mark's Mr Kellie ☎ 721063
- 10.30am U3A Play reading** St Mark's J Birks ☎219607
- 12.00pm Story box Putnoe Heights** 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
- 1.30pm U3A History Group** St Mark's ☎ David Fowler 824474
- 2pm U3A Drama** St Mark's 1st & 2nd week. Mr Ovenden ☎ 825059
- 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 or 07881730747
- 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 ☎ 07720713738.
- 6.15 Pilates** at Putnoe Heights Jane Butcher 300859
- 7.30pm Sugarcraft Guild** St Mark's 1st week Pat Nicholson ☎353518
- 7.30pm Cancer Care Society.** St Mark's. 1st Week. Mr J Dewhurst ☎01908 377020
- 7.15pm Guides.** St Mark's. Mrs Gill Lake ☎218091
- 7.15pm Yoga.** Putnoe Heights Denise Green ☎244970
- 7.30pm Whist Drive.** St Mark's 3rd & 5th week . Next meeting 15 June 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

- 9.30 12.30 Jo Jingles.** St. Mark's. Music & movement for pre-school children. Renu Elston ☎01908 587299
- 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 Mrs Brown☎771676
- 10am Autism Beds Adult Support Group.** St Mark's. Sally Cripsley ☎350704
- 11.15am U3A Keep Fit** Sally Banks ☎ 870357
- 1.30pm Toddlers Playtime.** Putnoe Heights Majella Atkinson ☎325293.
- 1.30pm U3A Cinema Group.** St Mark's 4th Week in

- month . Mrs Beaumont ☎261461
- 2.00pm U3A Book Group.** St Mark's 3rd Week Mrs Forrest ☎344043
- 2.00pm Library Walk W.I.** Putnoe Heights, meets monthly. Morag Tomkins ☎356895
- 2pm U3A Photography** (Group 3) St Mark's 1st Week. Janet King ☎313946
- 2.15pm Putnoe Heights Women's Fellowship.** Next meeting June 9 Edna Rowley. Betty Wyatt ☎350188.
- 2.30pm Mother Teresa Support Group.** St Mark's Fortnightly . Wool and knitting needles provided. Mrs Maureen Watling ☎262225
- 2.15pm Tuesday Afternoon Housegroup.** St Mark's Fortnightly. Mary Stubbs ☎406784.
- 3.45pm Stars School of Dance.** Putnoe Heights. Esther Sancto ☎295862 or 07917582468.
- 6.30pm Creative Card making.** Putnoe Heights Church. Carol Houghton 346718
- 6.30pm Yoga** Putnoe Heights Veronica Lafferty ☎781466 or 07788750360
- 7pm Keep Fit.** St. Mark's Jan Gregory ☎328455
- 7pm MT Karate** [all ages] Putnoe Heights. Karen King ☎ 07941 264885
- 7.30pm Hearts & Beds. Cardiac Support Group** 1st Tuesday in the month
- 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. Mrs Dimmock ☎01525 862374
- 7.30pm Putnoe Heights Ladies Tuesday Club** - Meets fortnightly. Meeting June 16 Swazi School ; Wendy Jones Details from Audrey Wilkins☎365068 or Margaret Gentle ☎309043

Wednesday

- 9.30am** Body Control Pilates. Putnoe Heights. Stephanie Smith ☎357787 or 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
- 12.30pm Luncheon Club.** Putnoe Heights fortnightly. Next - 17 June 2009 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
- 1.45 Scots Society Whist** Putnoe monthly .All welcome Nancy Barr 268147
- 2-5pm Police Surgery.** St Mark's Foyer. ☎349179
- 1.30-4.30pm U3A Craft St Mark's** 1st & 3rd week. Pat Holland ☎ 262823
- 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
- 6-8pm Karate.** St Mark's Karen ☎079412 64885

7.00pm Bunyan Bridge. St. Mark's Brian Sallows ☎407725
7.00pm Archaeological & Local History Society Putnoe Heights monthly. Vanessa Aykac 268098 or 07917385987
7.00pm Putnoe Guild Putnoe Heights monthly Janice Loxley☎ 347073
7.00pm Line Dancing Putnoe Heights Mike Del-Boyer ☎348378
8.00pm Badminton Club Putnoe Heights All welcome. Ken Marriott ☎214867
8.00pm Tudor Reeds Folk Dance Club St Mark's, 1st ,3rd & 5th Wednesday in month. Next Meeting 17 June Everyone welcome. Ring Graham ☎406359 or Alan 345312. or Rosemary 405594 for more details
8.00pm Bedford Wine and Social Club St Mark's 1st week in the month. Mrs Gansfield ☎215016
7.45 for 8pm God talk - women's group monthly meeting for worship and friendly chat at Wendy Nash's Contact Majella Atkinson ☎325293

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. (No meeting on 9th April)
9.45am Yoga Putnoe Heights Denise Green ☎244970
9.45am Chat and Play St.Mark's. A group for Mums & toddlers. Emma Strangwick ☎211070
12pm Storybox 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
1.30 - 3.00pm NHS Baby Clinic St.Mark's ☎267444
1.30pm Toddler Playtime. Putnoe Majella Atkinson ☎325293.
2pm Putnoe Bridge Club. Gerald Palmer ☎345991
2.30 - 4.30pm Bedford Art Society at St Mark's. Mary Rich ☎272470 Next meeting 24 September
4 - 7.00pm Police Surgery. St Mark's Foyer. ☎349179
6.15 pm Weightwatchers. St. Mark's. Mrs Margaret Ralph ☎01767 224978.
6.15pm Brownies. Putnoe Heights Caroline Morgan ☎07786508351
7.00pm Club 2000 Putnoe Heights Nina Ovenden☎825059
7pm U3A Folk & Poetry Group. St Mark's 2nd & 4th week in month. Doug Ovenden ☎825059
7.15pm Putnoe Art Group Bob Wardale ☎406094
7.30pm Bedford Embroiderers' Guild St Mark's 3rd week in month. Nadeen Salmon ☎301550
8.00pm Bedford Writers Circle. St Mark's 1st week in month. Mr Newton ☎01525 378193
8.00pm Magpies Women's Group St Mark's 2nd & 4th week Jean Birks ☎219607
8.00pm Brickhill Ladies Group St Mark's 1st and 3rd week in month. Pat Foulks ☎346505

Friday

9.30-12.30pm U3A Photography (Group 1) St Marks 4th week in month Val Scrivener ☎346397
9.00am Clubhouse St. Mark's for those with Learning Disabilities. Karen Bywater ☎315460.
10am - 12 U3A Beginners French St Mark's Joyce Fields ☎353086
12.15pm U3A Photography (Group 2). St Mark's 4th week in month. Sue Butler ☎354183

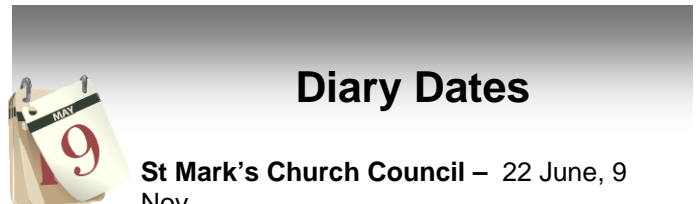
5pm Stars School of Dance Putnoe Heights Contact Esther Sancto ☎295862 or ☎07917 582468
2.00pm U3A Gardening Group Putnoe Heights Eve Whitehead ☎356875
6.15pm Yoga and Relaxation Putnoe Heights. Racheall Monton 297138 or 07910835994
6.30pm Line Dancing. St Mark's Christine Rushton ☎782360
7pm Bedford Art Society monthly Putnoe Heights. Next meeting 1st May Mary Rich ☎272470
7.45 - 10.45pm Bedford Astrology Club. St. Mark's. Carol Brown ☎01438 233385

Saturday

9.45am Bedford Stamp Auction at Putnoe Heights Next Auction 30th May. Contact Stuart or Anne 01327 876438
10.00am Theatretrain St Mark's. Dancing acting, singing. Kate Howard ☎01234 782414
Young Embroiders bi monthly Putnoe Heights Terry Fletcher Tel 357198
2.15pm Society of Recorder Players at Putnoe Heights. G Parry 01462 674792
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. Please see Liz ☎302349 .



Diary Dates

St Mark's Church Council – 22 June, 9 Nov

St Mark's Leadership Team –
Putnoe Heights Leadership Team – 8 June at Linda's, 12 Oct, 8 Feb 2010
Putnoe Heights Management Meeting 20 July
St Mark's Church Forum Meeting - 15 July, 8 Sept , 11 Nov, 12 Jan 2010
Putnoe Church Council - 15 Jun, 5 Oct
Pastoral Group Meeting -
Churchyard Committee -
Putnoe Heights Mission Group - Wednesday 3 June, 7.30pm 14 Flint Way.
Partnership Council - September 6th
Brickhill Parish Council Meetings -
Deanery Meeting 18 Jun, 17 Sep, 19 Nov,
Circuit/Deanery Meeting
Woodland Burial Trustees –
Putnoe Heights Children & Youth –

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

Trinity Sunday

Opening Verse of Scripture Acts 1:8

You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses .

Collect Prayer for the Day — Before we read we pray

Almighty and eternal God, you have revealed yourself as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and live and reign in the perfect unity of love. Hold us firm in this faith, that we may know you in all your ways and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory, who are three Persons in one God, now and forever. Amen. (*Church of S. India*)

First Bible Reading Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying.

And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty." Then one of the seraphs flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" (This is the word of the Lord – **Thanks be to God**)

Second Reading Romans 8: 12-17

Brothers and sisters, we have an obligation - but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it. For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs - heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

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

Gospel Reading John 3: 1-17

There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God. For no-one could perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him." In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no-one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again." "How can a man be born when he is old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb to be born!" Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no-one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit." "How can this be?" Nicodemus asked.

"You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? I tell you the truth, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? No-one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came

TRINITY



SUNDAY

from heaven - the Son of Man. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." (Reader: This is the word of the Lord - **Thanks be to God**)

Post Communion Prayer

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

Commentary The title 'Trinity Sunday' should not provide us with a day to indulge in theological speculation. Trinity Sunday is day consider the reality of God in our lives. I know a 56 year old woman who is a vibrant and fun-loving woman. She loves her family and they return that love. She has been described by her children as "the glue that holds the family together." She had severe back pain and an X-ray revealed a broken vertebrae. But when she was in surgery they discovered cancer. Further tests showed the cancer had spread to her lungs. It had metastasized. Her daughter called a young woman friend and wept hysterically over the phone asking, "Why did God do this to her?" It is a question we have all heard during similar crises and maybe is a question we too have asked at similar times in our own lives. It is the question we ask out of pain and confusion, when life takes a harsh turn and threatens our faith.

It is really a Trinity question, isn't it? Who is our God? What is our God like? It isn't a question about church dogma or "heavenly riddles." When Jesus looked at what was coming at him in the Garden of Gethsemane he felt it was more than he could bear, so he asked God for it to be taken away. But God wanted to stick it out with us, not pull the emergency brake and get off. If Christ had been given a quick exit that night in the garden, then we would feel even lonelier in our struggles and pain. Instead God stayed with us; Christ showed us in his obedience that no matter how many physical or emotional stresses we have on us, God is not a stranger to our pain: no stranger to emotional pain – Jesus wept; no stranger to physical pain – Jesus was broken on the cross. That's in the scriptures.

What's not in the scriptures is that God sends us pain and suffering to test our faith. After all, what good parent would do a thing like that to a beloved child? And we do believe God loves us and that we are God's children, don't we? Paul reminds us in the letter to the Romans today, "The Spirit bears witness with our spirits that we are children of God,..."

What is also not in the scriptures is what some people say to others who are in pain to console them. "God never gives us more than we can bear." When people say things like that, I imagine God pressing down on someone to test their faith, but stopping just short of their breaking point. What a miserable and harsh God that would be! That's not the God we celebrate on this feast of the Trinity. Here's another one: "God helps those who help themselves." I can't tell you how many times I have heard that quote used to describe God. I have even heard people say that in scripture groups with open bibles on their laps and they quote it as if it were in the Bible they were holding. If we could help ourselves we wouldn't need God, would we? When we are struggling and feeling lonely in our pain, we don't need to hear about a God who will help us, but only if we can first help ourselves.

No – life has its ways of testing us; sometimes giving us more than we can bear. God is the one who helps us carry what life piles on us. Not only so we can just bear up under our burdens, but that we can even grow and mature through them. God can get us through to the other side of suffering stronger than when we first entered in. Now that's the triune God Jesus sends his disciples into the world to proclaim.

When Jesus sends out his disciples to baptize, it is in the name of the God we have come to know through him: "Father, Son and Holy Spirit." God the Creator – the source of life, the Creator who loves the works God had made. God the Christ – God in our flesh, who walked our walk all the way through death to resurrection. God the Spirit – the very life of God, in Jesus, offered us again here today as we celebrate and pray together.

How do we define the Trinity? Jesus tells us – "I am with you all days, until the end of the age." Jesus has "defined" God for us – revealed God already with us. So, when someone calls us on the phone or weeps on our shoulder, and asks, "Why did God do this to me? What have I done to deserve this?" We can respond, as the young woman did, "I don't understand all this. But I know God didn't put this suffering on your mother. God is with us in this and God is crying with us too." This young woman who said this to her friend is a mother with three small children – she was balancing the youngest on her hip as she gave this response to her friend. There she was, a theologian, explaining the Trinity in a way her grieving friend could understand and embrace!

Meditation Environment Sunday -- 7th June

The Archbishop of Canterbury is urging churches to use Environment Sunday (June 7) to pray for the planet and campaign for climate change in the run up to the important UN talks later this year in Copenhagen. Dr Williams said it was vital for Christians and people of all faiths to take a lead in praying and campaigning for action. A new deal at the UN summit could directly improve the lives of the world's poor whose living conditions are affected by climate change.

"This year the theme of the United Nation's World Environment Day is 'Your Planet Needs You-UNite to Combat Climate Change'. Whilst it will be for governments meeting in Copenhagen in December to agree a successor to the Kyoto regime for global reductions in carbon emissions - and we all want those to be both ambitious and deliverable - we have a part to play. Governments need to know that people want them to be ambitious. They need a mandate. So what can we do? I think there are two things we can do. We can, and we should, pray. Climate change is not only an environmental issue - probably the most important we face; it is also an issue of justice. As usual the poorest are likely to suffer the most though the richest have contributed most to pollute the atmosphere and accelerate global warming. So we can pray that a proper sense of responsibility (not least to the generations who will follow us) and of justice guides the hearts and the minds of the politicians who will meet in Copenhagen. This Sunday - Environment Sunday - is an obvious opportunity for us to focus our own hearts and minds on this issue. The second thing we can do is get involved in the preparations for Copenhagen. Between now and December there will be activity, lobbying and hard thinking going on in civil society as well as government in preparation for the Climate Summit. Many faith groups and civil society organizations, (and that includes the Church of England), will be organising events to heighten awareness of the issues and the opportunities which the summit brings. I shall be going to Copenhagen to support those and to emphasise the strength of the concern that people of faith have for the future well-being of our planet. Please include in your prayers this Environment Sunday all whose efforts in the months to come could make a real difference for the sustainability of our planet and we who live in it - it is God's creation that we are striving to care for and as God's children that we pray and act."

Hymns (*Please distribute Special Service sheet and Hymns and Psalms*)

1. Blessed city heavenly Salem, 485 (Tune Westminster Abbey)
2. Thank you for every new good morning See Service sheet
3. Father, Son and Holy Ghost 791 (Tune Ratisbon)
4. Lord thy Church 774 (Tune Abbots Leigh)
5. Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty 7 (Tune Nicea)

Prayers for Sunday and week ahead

To God the Father who first loved us and made us accepted in the Beloved Son. To God the Son who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own Blood, to God the Holy Spirit who sheds abroad the love of God in our hearts; to the one true God be all love and all glory for time and eternity. (*Thomas Ken 1637-1711*)

We pray for world peace, that ways of aggression and violence against fellow-humans and against God's creation may be renounced, and that world leaders may lessen the threat of nuclear destruction; and we pray especially for our leaders and all who strive to bring peace. Let there now be light for all, Light of Creation. (*Worship in an Indian Context*)

Father, you sent your Word to bring us truth and your Spirit to make us holy. Through them we come to know the mystery of your life. Help us to worship you, one God in three Persons, by proclaiming and living our faith in you. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Help us, O Lord, to conquer anger with gentleness; to subdue greed with generosity and to overcome apathy with fervour. Help us to forget ourselves and reach out to others. Teach us to be courageous in risk-taking, patient in suffering and attentive in prayer; grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen. *Clement XI, 1649-1721*

Youth, children and friends summer diary dates

Sunday 14th June TNT and friends “Fun at the Priory” meet 1.00 outside visitors centre for picnic then join in the organised events learn to skateboard, canoe, sail, circus skills, assault course, story telling. Small charge applies.

Sunday 12th July TNT and friends “Cycle ride to Danish Camp” meet 2.00 by recycling area at Priory. All welcome to join us or meet for refreshments at the camp about 3.00. The young people remain the responsibility of their parent/guardian during the above two events.

Thursday 16th July St Marks last Storybox and Chat and Play. Restart Thursday 10th September.

Monday 20th July Putnoe Holiday Storybox 12.00 till 1.00 followed by Storybox plus until 2.45.

Monday 27th July at Putnoe The Cheeky Dog Children’s Entertainer and sandwich lunch 12.00 till 2.00. Tickets £2.50 from Liz or £3.00 on the door/office, accompanying adults £1.00, under 1 year free. This will be the last Storybox and Storybox plus until Monday 7th September

Monday 24th August under 5’s summer workshop 2.00 till 4.00 and Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th August 5 years plus summer workshop 10.00 till 3.00

Join us to “Travel God’s world.” Both these events celebrate the United Nations Year of the Child and will include stories of Children in the Bible, stories from around the world, music, games, crafts and Fun! Small charge.

There will be no Junior Church or YPF at Putnoe during August.

If you are able to help any of these groups in anyway over the summer or at the new term start in September please speak to Liz or Emma. Thank you for all your support. See Liz for further details on all the above events.

State-of-the-art Care Home with a family feel



The determination to create a lasting memorial for two loved children has been the driving force behind a stunning new MHA Care Home.

It is over 25 years since Clifton Ibbett’s daughters, Anita and Julia, were killed in a devastating road collision. It was his mother who suggested that the family trust be used to build a Care Home in their memory – something “has state-of-the-art as we can get it,”

says Clifton.

The new nursing and dementia Care Home will be called ‘Anjulita Court’ and is due to open later this year on the outskirts of Bedford.

The dramatic triple arch frontage will welcome residents and visitors into an interior full of impressive open spaces, as well as facilities that include a hydrotherapy room, hairdressing salon, and a range of lounges – one of which

is set up to allow film screenings.

Delighted to be working with MHA, which he describes as a leader in the field and willing to be innovative, Clifton sees the whole concept as pushing the boundaries of what is possible in a care facility. “My desire is that the Home will be part of the community. We want visitors to the nearby country park to come in and enjoy a snack meal.”

But what will really make Anjulita Court state-of-the-art, says Clifton – a life-long Methodist and former Action for Children trustee – isn’t the building but the organisation and staff running it. He describes Anjulita’s new manager as someone who’s “got that quality of care in her heart”.



Woodland Burial Trust St Albans Woodland Burial Ground Open Day Come and visit the woodland on Saturday 27 June from 2.00pm—5.00pm Refreshments served throughout. We would welcome offers of help with providing refreshments throughout the afternoon. If you are able to offer any help then please contact Janet Day 295592

Tudor Reeds Folk Dance Club who meet at St. Mark's on 1st/3rd & 5th Wednesdays are holding a Ceilidh at Roxton Village Hall on Saturday 13 June at 7.30pm. Dancing to Moondance Accoustics Tickets £6 plus a plate of food available from Rosemary 405594 or Lena 271664

Footprints Weekend 2009 Friday 25 - Sunday 27 September. Booking is now open. Bed, breakfast and dinner at The Four Pillars Hotel, Ducklington Lane, Witney, Oxfordshire is £52 per person sharing a double room. Walks daily or non walking option to visit Blenheim, Burford etc. Please contact Barry Snelson at the Putnoe Church office [Tuesday to Thursday] on 01234 365630 or at home on 01234 344417 as soon as possible to register your interest. If anyone has any old jam jars please can you give them to Liz Spavins at Putnoe. Thank you.

Footprints Sunday 7 June at 2.30pm. A pleasant, easy walk of approx. 3.5 miles, with a few stiles. Meet outside Pertenhall Village Hall which is 11 miles from Bedford just off the B660 Kimbolton Road. Further details from Jean and Alan Kirk 317699.

Footprints walk on Saturday 13th June Everyone is warmly invited to join us on an all-day walk on Saturday 13th June from St Neots to explore the Paxton Pits Nature Reserve. The distance is between 7 and 8 miles. The terrain is flat and is mostly on good footpaths with some walking on grass and some on tarmac. We will be walking beside water for most of the time and there should be plenty of wildlife to see, so don't forget your binoculars! You will need to bring a packed lunch, although there will be an opportunity early in the afternoon to stop for a cup of tea and light snack at

the Visitors' Centre. We will meet in time for a 10.30am start in the large free Riverside Car Park in St Neots, near the junction of the B1048 and the B1428. We will gather near the café. If you would prefer to do a shorter walk, it should be possible to do just the 4-mile circuit of the Nature Reserve. If this is your preference, please ring us on 01234 403551 or 07710 520674 and we'll arrange rendezvous. We look forward to seeing you. Alison and Warwick Holden, 01234 403551 or 07710 520674.

All 'Open the Book' Storytellers, past and present, are invited to the 10th Anniversary celebrations on Saturday 13 June from 10am to 4pm. Bob Hartman is the special guest and storytellers from other parts of the country are also coming for the event. We need a reply slip in advance plus £5 (lunch inc.) for catering & seating purposes. Please contact Dave Todd 364679 or Sheila Lawless 01234 359359 if you have not received an invitation

Salvation Army—Charity Shop Manager wanted in Bedford. 35 hour week salary £12,740—£14,560. Apply to Valerie Garrad 357174

Easter Offering—Women's Network The total amount raised for the work of the Methodist Church Fund for World Mission in Bedford North Circuit was £808.93. Many thanks for all your contributions. Pam Seymour.

A Celebration for the Life of Yvonne Holmes will be held in the Small Hall at Putnoe Heights Church on Friday 19 June 2009 at 6.30pm. All welcome.

Singing Together at Priory. Saturday 4th July 10.30am - 1.30pm. Open to all, from the experienced singer to the novice. Please bring a packed lunch. Donations to the Cameroon Project welcome. For more information and to book please contact John Ayres 843827.

Rest In Peace

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



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



Forthcoming Funerals Rest In Peace

The funeral of Mrs Olive Lucy Betts will take place at Putnoe Heights Church on Tuesday 9 June at 10.45am

The funeral of Catherine Jessica Shield will take place at 1-45pm on Thursday 11th June at Bedford Crematorium