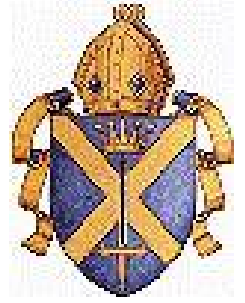




Partnership News

8th August 2010
Ordinary 19



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 –Morning Worship
Preacher -Revd Charles Royden
Leadership – Mrs Laura Farthing
Intercessions – Mrs Wendy Waters
11.00am Putnoe -Morning Worship
Preacher - Revd Charles Royden
Leadership - Mr Gordon Evans
Intercessions - Mrs Sue Allen

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9.30am St. Mark's– Holy Communion
Preacher– Mr Richard Ledger
Leadership - Mr Mick Ovenden
Intercessions - Mr Ian Farthing
11.00am Putnoe –Holy Communion
Preacher – Mr Richard Ledger
Leadership - Mrs Jean Kirk
Intercessions – Ministers

Readings 1 Jer 23: 23-29 .2. Heb 11: 29 –12:2
3. Luke 12: 49-56

Midweek Worship

Holy Communion at St Mark's Chapel every Wednesday
at 10.00am and at Sir William Harpur House on first
Monday of every month at 10.00am

Thank You

We are grateful when people make donations towards flowers perhaps to celebrate a special occasion such as an anniversary or in memory of a loved one. Please contact Miss Marion Prior 303254 (St Mark's) or Ann Hitt 404186 (Putnoe Heights) or add your name to the rota in the foyers.

Prayer for this Week

O God, you are the light
of the minds that know you,
the life of the souls
that love you,
and the strength of the wills
that serve you;
help us so to know you
that we may truly love you,
so to love you
that we may fully serve you,
whom to serve is perfect freedom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Augustine of Hippo (354-430)

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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

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Regular Weekly Activities - A Guide To Our Churches

Monday

9.15 -11.45 am Mon-Fri Putnoe Heights Pre-school

Head teacher 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 Mrs Berry ☎211955

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.

3.30pm Storybox Plus Putnoe Heights for 4-9 year olds. Meet at 3.30 for refreshments & games. Then until 5pm stories, drama, singing & craft activities.

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 19 July 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 Jo Jingles. St. Mark's. Music & movement for pre-school children. Renu Elston ☎07790296016

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

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

10am Autism Beds Adult Support Group. St Mark's. Sally Cripsley ☎350704

11.15am U3A Keep Fit Putnoe Heights Sally Banks ☎ 870357

1.15pm Sing and Stomp. For toddlers & their carers. Run by the Putnoe Children's Centre. 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 August 17 Cream Tea.. 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-6.15pm Stars School of Dance. Putnoe Heights. Esther Richardson ☎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 in Beds. Cardiac Support Group 1st Tuesday in the month at St Mark's. Brian Ibberson ☎403497

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

7.30pm Putnoe Heights Ladies Tuesday Club - Meets fortnightly. Next meeting August 10 For more details call Janet King 313946

8.15pm - 10.15pm Bedford Advanced Dancers St. Mark's 1st Tuesday in month. Shirley Sadler ☎01767 651767

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

10am U3A Card Making, St Mark's Church. 4th week in the month. Janet King ☎313946

12.30pm Luncheon Club. Putnoe Heights fortnightly. Next -September 15 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 or 07910835994.

6-8pm Karate. St Mark's Karen King ☎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 meet at St Mark's 1st,3rd & 5th Wednesday in month. Next meeting September 1st. Everyone welcome. All dances called, only £1 including refreshments. Ring Alan ☎ 345312. Graham 406359 or Rosemary 405594 for more details.

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. Valerie Capon ☎356306 .

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

9.45am Yoga Putnoe Heights Denise Green ☎244970

9.45am Chat and Play St. Mark's. A group for Mums & toddlers. Emma Strangwick ☎211070

11am-12noon Citizens Advice Bureau at Putnoe Heights.

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 Jaana Swaby ☎ 363283

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. Malcolm Smith ☎400741

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 Lou Watkins 07919402797

7.00pm Club 2000 Putnoe Heights Nina Ovenden ☎825059

7pm U3A Folk & Poetry St Mark's 2nd & 2th 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. Pauline Lynham ☎01525 714517

8 -10pm Bedford Folk dancers (formerly Barn dancers) Will meet weekly at Putnoe Heights from 2 September Different guest callers each week. All welcome, cost £2 Including refreshments. More details Ron Law 825574.

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. Julia Nicholson ☎353642

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 & 1.15 - 3.15pm 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

5-8pm Stars School of Dance Putnoe Heights Contact Esther Richardson ☎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

7.45 - 10.45pm Bedford Astrology Club. St. Mark's. Carol Brown ☎01438 233385

Saturday

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

Young Embroiderers bi monthly Putnoe Heights Terry Fletcher ☎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.

"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):

Diary Dates

St Mark's Church Council – 8 November.

St Mark's Leadership Team –

Putnoe Heights Leadership Team - 18 October

Putnoe Heights Management Meeting - 27 Sept.

St Mark's Church Forum Meeting - 12 noon, 15 September, 16th November

Putnoe Church Council - 25 October.

Pastoral Group Meeting -

Churchyard Committee - 29 September

Putnoe Heights Mission Group

Partnership Council—TBA

Brickhill Parish Council Meetings

Deanery Meeting - .

Circuit Property/Treasurers Meeting

Circuit Meeting 13 Sept.

Woodland Burial Trustees –22nd August 12.30pm

Putnoe Heights Children & Youth –

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

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Opening Sentence from Scripture -1 Peter 5:7

"Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you."

Collect *(Before we read we pray)*

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please 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. Amen. Common Worship



Old Testament Reading - Gen 15: 1-6

After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward. " But Abram said, "O Sovereign LORD what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir." Then the word of the LORD came to him: "This man will not be your heir, but a son coming from your own body will be your heir." He took him outside and said, "Look up at the heavens and count the stars-if indeed you can count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." Abram believed the LORD , and he credited it to him as righteousness
(This is the word of the Lord -- **All: Thanks be to God**)

Epistle Reading –Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16

Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for. By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible. By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith Abraham, even though he was past age--and Sarah herself was barren--was enabled to become a father because he considered himself faithful who had made the promise. And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore. All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance. And they admitted that they were aliens and strangers on earth. People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. Instead, they were longing for a better country--a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them
(Reader This is the Word of the Lord, **All: Thanks be to God**)

Gospel Reading - Luke 12:32-40

"Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will not be exhausted, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. "Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, like men waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes. I tell you the truth, he will dress himself to serve, will have them recline at the table and will come and wait on them. It will be

good for those servants whose master finds them ready, even if he comes in the second or third watch of the night. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him."

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

Post Communion Prayer

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever. Amen

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

1. New every morning 480 (Tune Melcombe)
2. Jesus stand among us 381
3. Lord they word abideth 446 (Tune Ravenshaw)
4. Lord you were rich (On Partnership News Tune:
5. Through all the changing scenes of life 702 (Tune Wiltshire)

Commentary

In the parable which Jesus tells today in Luke we are presented with one of those one line statements which express so much and challenge us to the core.

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also " (Luke 12:34

Jesus deals with the paradox of life, that one who regards wealth as a means of acquiring perfect happiness in this life will be fantastically unhappy and ultimately perish. It is a salient feature of Jesus' teaching that the heart's disposition cannot be centered on earthly possessions. The heart must be centered on God, in whom alone security rests. If we depend upon God, then we avoid a false dependence on material, created goods. Possessions in themselves are neither inherently good or bad; however it is the choices that one makes concerning them that determines their significance.

This is easy to say, but of course a difficult thing to live out in our society. In a sense it was much easier for the followers of Jesus to live a simple life. We have motor cars which require insurance and maintenance and taxes. For travel in first century Palestine you had a donkey if you were lucky, it was not insured, or taxed, there was no pet plan to cover vet bills.

The early disciples did not need pensions, most of them had been martyred within a few years. But we are probably going to live a lot longer and we have to responsible enough to make such provision as we can for ourselves. Life today has so much changed from when Jesus spoke those words, we have to try and take his words and apply them to our situation.

Jesus is surely against greed in all its forms. If we take scripture seriously and study it we find that Jesus was not against possessions or reward for our labour. I know that we are studying from verse 32 today, but if we look back to verse 15 of this chapter we are reminded of where Jesus real attentions lie. Listen to verse 15

Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."

The Greek word used here means

"to be present in superfluity."

In other words the person has more than he or she needs. Jesus of all people affirms the right of every child of God right to have their basic needs fulfilled, while at the same time he pinpoints the negative, destructive notion of desiring more than we need.

If we look at Jesus we know that his ministry was well supported by wealthy women especially who gave of their money. Jesus often associated with the rich, felt quite comfortable to attend meals with wealthy businessmen and was not averse to expensive perfume being poured over him. Even Zacchaeus when he repented for the money he stole, only returned half of the money!

Our attitude towards our money and our possessions betrays an inner spirit of heart, that is what is so important. John Wesley's rule of life was to save all he could and give all he could. When he was at Oxford he had an income of 30 pounds a year. He lived on 28 pounds and gave 2 pounds away. When his income increased to 60 pounds, 90 pounds, 120 pounds a year, he still lived on 28 pounds and gave the balance away. The Accountant-General for Household Plate demanded a return from him. His reply was,

"I have two silver tea spoons at London and two at Bristol. This is all the plate which I have at present; and I shall not buy any more, while so many around me want bread."

The Romans had a proverb which said that:

'money was like sea-water; the more a man drank the thirstier he became'.

And so, to have the attitude always to get more, is the reverse of the Christian way. Dependence on the goodness of God is the only thing that will prevent us from a false dependence on material, created goods. Possessions in themselves are neither inherently good or bad; it is the choices that one makes concerning them that determines their significance.

Meditation

The Apollo 15 spacecraft splashed down into the ocean in 1971. The astronauts had spent 2 days 18 hours on the Moon. One of them, James Irwin, wrote that the greatest effect of that spaceflight had been to deepen and strengthen his faith and all the religious insight he ever had. "When you lean far back and look up, you can see the earth like a beautiful, fragile tree ornament against the blackness of space. It's as if you can reach out and hold it in your hand. "As we reached out in a physical way to the heavens, we were moved spiritually. As we flew into space we had a new sense of ourselves, of the earth, and of the nearness of God. We were outside of ordinary reality; I sensed the beginning of some sort of deep change taking place inside me. Looking back at the spaceship we call "Earth", I was touched by a desire to convince mankind that we have a unique place to live, that we are unique creatures, and that we must learn to live with our neighbours. "I had become a sceptic about getting guidance from God, and I know that I had lost the feeling of his nearness. On the moon, the total picture of the power of God and his Son, Jesus Christ, became abundantly clear to me."

Let us pray using Psalm 8, a copy of which was left on the Moon in a metal canister during the first manned landing in July 1969:

Lord, our God and King, your greatness is seen throughout the earth. When I gaze at the heavens which your fingers have formed, and look at the moon and the stars which you have set there, I realise how small we are in the magnificence of your creation. Yet you treasure us above all that you have made, and you give us control over all the works of your hand animals both wild and tame, birds in the air, and the creatures of the sea. Lord, our God and King, your greatness is seen throughout the earth.

Intercessions

The Bidding: **In Faith** The Response: **We Pray**

Prayers

God of Abraham and Jesus, you invite your people to contemplate heavenly things and urge us toward faith in you. May your coming among us find our doors open, our tables set, and all your people ready to greet you. Amen.

Eternal God, in Christ you make yourself our guest. Amid all our cares and concerns make us attentive to your voice and alert to your presence, that we may prize your word above all else; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Knit my soul to your own, O Christ, so that I may never be separated from you. Only in you am I a person fully alive. Only in your light can I see and only in your strength can I pursue my way. To you I come, O wisdom without end. In you I rest, O mercy without limit. To you I give all praise, O crown of all majesty. Amen *Mechtild of Magdeburg, 1210-80*

Wonderful are you, God of creation, without whom nothing draws breath.
Wonderful are you, Christ Jesus, without whom our world stays in the dark.
Wonderful are you, Spirit-Friend, without whom our worship remains formal.
We trust you, we love you, we yearn for more of you;
we praise you for your holiness, beauty and inexhaustible love. Amen!

Junior Church at Putnoe Heights and St. Mark's
There is no Junior Church during August. We start again on 5th September. The crèche at St Mark's will be available all the time as normal.

Storybox and Story Plus at Putnoe Heights
starts back Monday 6th September. Thank you to all volunteers who do a great job every week! Emma

St Mark's Messy Church—helpers needed. This will be held monthly from 3.45pm to 5.30pm. First one Wednesday 6 October. Many thanks to those of you who have already responded to Wendy Water's talk on 18 July. As Wendy said on the day 'many hands make light work', so please prayerfully consider if this is something with which God is calling you to be involved. No special skills needed just willingness to be part of this exciting new venture for school age children and their carers. For more details please see the display at the back of the church, or speak to: Janet Day, Jean Bank, Marion Prior, Richard Ledger or Wendy Waters..

The Putnoe Heights Friday afternoon silent prayer group will not be taking place during the summer holidays. We will reconvene on Friday 3rd September. Many thanks. Sam Ware (304058) and Eileen Brown (267909)

Website Changes. Some of you will have noticed that the church website has not been refreshed for a couple of weeks. This is due to some technical changes which are taking place at present. We hope that the site will be up to date very soon but with a few major enhancements.



**St Mark's
Hog Roast and
Mini Quiz**

Saturday 4th
September 2010
7.30pm Tickets
£8.00 Please Bring
your own
refreshments. There

will be dietary concessions for those who do not love roast pig.

Come and join us for our Summer Workshop
Daniel and the Lion, for all children aged 5 yrs +, at Putnoe Heights Church. This will take place on Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th August 2010, 10.30am -until 3pm with games, singing, drama and crafts. Two fun days! Bring your own lunch, drinks provided. Some help on both days would be gratefully accepted. For further details contact

Emma Gordon-Youth Worker 07593266091 or
Carolyn Morris 01234 350722 after 12 noon.

Flowers from St Mark's For many years Putnoe Heights Church has distributed flowers to friends of the church. The flowers are removed from the displays around the church. These might be delivered on a special occasion, when somebody is poorly or bereaved. St Mark's will implement the same activity and flowers will be removed from displays etc to be taken out into the community. The Leadership Team will be responsible for this and would appreciate being told of anybody who would value this thoughtful gesture.

Your Church Needs You! Putnoe Heights are currently looking for church members who can help with Sunday Intercessions; communion stewards and office volunteers. Please consider becoming one of our invaluable volunteers and join one of our rotas. Contact Sam Ware 304050 or Lawrence Wyatt 350188.

Methodists respond to Pakistan emergency
With over 1,400 people dead and three million people affected after heavy flooding in Pakistan, the Methodist Relief and Development Fund (MRDF) and the Methodist Church are supporting efforts to help the survivors.

MRDF has set up an emergency fund and donations will be channelled through its partner Action by Churches Together (ACT) International, which is responding to some of the immediate needs. This includes providing food and temporary shelter to some of the most vulnerable communities, as well as setting up mobile health clinics.

In an appeal for help, the Bishop of Peshawar, Rt Revd Humphrey Peters, said: "The monsoon rains have caused havoc all over Pakistan, but the Khyber Pakhtunkwa province has been hit hard by the floods. Thousands of villages are under water and hundreds of people are either dead or missing. All road links within the Province have been cut down, relief workers are trying to reach through boats or on foot."

Simeon Mitchell, MRDF's Fundraising Director, said: "This the worst flooding Pakistan has experienced in over 70 years, and has affected a region already dealing with poverty and conflict. The immediate priorities are getting people to places of safety and trying to prevent the outbreak of waterborne diseases."

To donate to MRDF's emergency fund, visit www.mrdf.org.uk, or call 020 7224 4814 to give by debit or credit card or by a cheque made payable to 'MRDF (Pakistan emergency)' and sent to MRDF, 25 Marylebone Road, London NW1 5JR.

Putnoe Heights Church Grounds and Interior cleaning day. Saturday 14th August from 9.30am. Tea, coffee and cold drinks provided. Turn up and leave as available. Plan to end with shared lunch for those interested so please bring something. Jane Mason.

Action for Children –House to House Collection Action for Children works with disadvantaged and disabled children, and their families , through its family centres located throughout the country. It is an independent charity working with other groups in partnership including Social Services and the Methodist Church. Her Majesty the Queen is its patron.

The annual house-to-house Collection to support this vital work will take place as usual in the first two weeks in September. St Mark’s Church has the responsibility for covering most of Brickhill and last year we raised over £972 (includes Gift Aid) If you could spare a few hours during early September to distribute and collect envelopes in the Brickhill area, perhaps near to where you live, or you would like some more information then please contact me. Mike Elliott (Tel. 342507)

Thank You Doreen Smart would like to thank everybody at St Mark for the kind flowers. If you know of anybody who would value flowers from our churches, perhaps during an illness or following a bereavement, then please advise any member of the Leadership Teams.

Coach Trip to Festival of Quilts at NEC Birmingham on Thursday 19 August. £23 including entrance, leaving Putnoe Heights at 8.30am and

leaving NEC at 4pm. More details Val Morgan Bedford 266963.

A Hymn for Sunday

- 1 Lord, you were rich beyond all splendour, yet, for love's sake, became so poor; leaving your throne in glad surrender, sapphire-paved courts for stable floor: Lord, you were rich beyond all splendour, yet, for love's sake, became so poor.
- 2 You are our God beyond all praising, yet, for love's sake, became a man; stooping so low, but sinners raising heavenwards, by your eternal plan: you are our God, beyond all praising, yet for love's sake, became a man.
- 3 Lord, you are love beyond all telling, Saviour and King, we worship you; Emmanuel, within us dwelling, make us and keep us pure and true: Lord, you are love beyond all telling, Saviour and King, we worship you.

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Rest In Peace

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

Margaret Luff

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



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Forthcoming Funerals

There are no funerals this week