



Methodist
Church

Partnership News

9 July 2006

Ordinary 14 (NCH Sunday)

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



Church of
England

Church Services Today

8.30 Holy Communion St Mark's Church only

9.30am St Mark's Church - Morning Worship

Preacher - Mrs Sue Plant

Leadership Team - Mrs Delia Shephard

Intercessions -

11.00am Putnoe Heights - Morning Worship

Preacher – Mrs Sue Plant

Leadership Team - Mrs Jenny Emsley

Intercessions - Mr Tim Wilkes

Joan is at General Synod this Sunday, please remember her & the Synod in your prayers.

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8.30 Holy Communion

at Putnoe Heights Church only

9.30am St Mark's Church – Holy Communion

Preacher - Revd. Charles Royden

Leadership - Mrs Linda Parry

Intercessions - Mr Mike Elliott

11.00am Putnoe Heights - Holy Communion

Preacher– Revd. Charles Royden

Leadership Team - Mr Dave Allen

Intercessions - Mrs Sylvia Cohen

Reading 1 : Amos 7: 7-15

Reading 2 : Ephesians 1: 3-14

Reading 3 : Mark 6 : 14-29

Thank You

The flowers at St Mark's Church have been given by John and Margaret Standley on the happy occasion of the first birthday of their granddaughter Isobel.

The NCH Prayer for Sunday

Lord Jesus, you showed us how to put the child at the centre when they were pushed to one side to be seen but not heard. You were encouraging, positive, gentle generous with your time patient in your listening and loving in your response. Let us put children at the centre and give them safe space and boundaries to grow and develop a sense of themselves of others and the world. Let us give them courage when they need it freedom to play, laugh and cry and above all, let us give them the same endless love that you offer each one of us.

Help us to find the child in ourselves and put them at the centre of who we are so that we rediscover the trust, honesty and vulnerability in our relationship with you and so come closer to seeing and bringing about your kingdom. Amen



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Please inform us if you know of anyone who is ill, bereaved, housebound, requires a visit, home communion or counselling services.

Please also ask us if you would like a home visit for any reason.

Putnoe Heights Church Centre

Open 9am - 12 noon Monday & Friday

9am - 5pm Tuesday/Wednesday & Thursday

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Regular Weekly Activities - A Guide To Our Churches

Monday

9.30 - 12.00 pm Mon-Fri Putnoe Heights Pre-school Mrs Janet Smith 326685

8.30 - 5.30 pm Mon-Fri St Mark's Pre-school Mrs. Helen Harpin 312634

(See website for more details)

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

Mini-Strikers Sport for Children at Putnoe aged 2-4 years. Contact Andy Carey 01908 313751 or 07766 142754, or www.ministrikers.co.uk

12.00pm - 1.00pm Story box Putnoe Heights church welcome the under 5's and their carers to join them between 12noon and 1pm for a sandwich lunch followed by a Bible story, singing and activities. Lots of fun, donations. Contact Liz on 01234 302349

4pm Story Box Plus at St. Marks for 4 -11 year olds meet at 3.30. for refreshments & games, then till 5pm make props, sing & rehearse a short play to perform in church the 1st Sunday of each month. Lots of fun. Free. Contact Liz 302349

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

4.15 - 5.45pm Kumoni Maths at Putnoe Heights. Contact Ms Raksha Mistry 01908 392698

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

6.15 pm Brownies Putnoe. Penny Fulham 406045

7.30pm Sugarcraft Guild meets first Monday every month at St. Mark's Mrs Pauline Parrott 768419

7.15 m Guides -St. Mark's. Mrs Gill Lake 218091

7.15pm Yoga at Putnoe Heights Church. Contact Karen Simpson 244970

7.30pm Creative Needles at Putnoe Heights.

Jacky Hayward 307648. New members welcome.

7.30pm Whist Drive - At St Mark's each month the next 17 July Mrs. Judith Stanton. 823313

7.30pm Housegroup 30 The Ridgeway. The home of Eddy & Margaret Peck 267567.

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

Tuesday

9.30am Candlewicking (Needlework) at Putnoe Heights. Mrs Olive Shotbolt 267203

10.00am Keep Fit at Putnoe Heights. Mrs Stileman 822230

1.30-3pm Toddlers Playtime at Putnoe Heights. Geraldine Skeel 406828

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

2.00pm Library Walk W.I. at Putnoe Heights meets monthly. Contact Morag Tompkins 356895

2 - 5pm Police Surgery. St Mark's Foyer.

2.15pm Putnoe Heights Women's Fellowship - Next meeting 11 July Bible Holidays remembered. Betty Wyatt 350188.

2.15pm Putnoe Heights Men's Fellowship. Next meeting. Lawrence Wyatt 350188.

2.30pm Mother Teresa Support Group. Meets fortnightly at St. Mark's. Wool and knitting needles provided. Mrs Maureen Watling 262225

2.30pm Tuesday Afternoon Housegroup. Meets fortnightly at St. Mark's. next meeting 18 July Mary Stubbs 406784.

3.45 - 5.30pm Stars School of Dance at Putnoe Heights. Esther Sancto 272517 or 07917 0582468.

6.30 - 7.30pm Yoga at Putnoe Heights. Rachel Leontyne 783129

7.00 - 8.00 pm Keep Fit at St. Mark's. Mrs Jan Gregory 214107.

7.00 - 10pm Card Makers Club meets fortnightly at St Mark's. Carol Houghton 346718

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

7.30pm Dog and Puppy Training at Putnoe Heights. Contact Lynn Southwell 07974 743240

7.45 pm Putnoe Heights Ladies Tuesday Club - Meets fortnightly. Next meeting 11 July. Talk about Healthy Eating. Contact Madge Walsh 359088

8.30pm St Mark's Church Qi Gong. Contact Mrs D Steele 356384

Wednesday

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

9.30am - Body Control Pilates at Putnoe Heights. Stephanie Smith 357787.

9.00 a.m. Clubhouse at St Mark's for those with Learning Disabilities. Contact Karen Bywater 315460.

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

10am Sewing & Chat Putnoe Heights Contact Valerie Russell 01462 815966

Luncheon Club at Putnoe Heights fortnightly. Next meeting 12 July Putnoe 365630

1 - 3pm Police Surgery at Putnoe Heights .

1.30 - 4.00pm. Bridge Club for the Retired at St. Mark's. Mrs Truss Boyce 781133

2.15pm - Fifty plus Keep Fit at Putnoe Heights . Mrs Webster 856966

4.15pm - Kumon Maths at Putnoe Heights Ms Raksha Mistry 01908 392698

6.00pm Self Defence at Putnoe Mr James 07711 687449

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

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

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

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

7.45pm Kick Boxing Junior classes at St Mark's. Contact Mr James 07711687449 or 07810234890
7.45pm Badminton Club at Putnoe Heights - all welcome. Ken Marriott 214867

Thursday

9.30am Thursday Prayer Group at Putnoe Heights in the quiet room. Sylvia Cohen 343424 *Request for prayer can be written in the prayer diary on the information table.*

9.30am Jo Jingles at St. Mark's. Music & movement for pre-school children. Jayne Phillips 01582 485333

9.45am Yoga at Putnoe Heights. Karen Simpson 244970

1.30pm - 3.00pm Clinic at St. Mark's 267444

12pm Story box St Mark's Church welcome the under 5's and their carers to join them between 12 noon and 1pm for a sandwich lunch followed by a Bible story, singing and activities. Lots of fun, donations. Contact Liz Spavins on 302349

1.30-3pm Toddler Playtime at Putnoe. Geraldine Skeel 406828

1.30pm St. Mark's Church Toddler Group. Debbie Coppenhall 356828.

2pm - Putnoe Bridge Club. Gerald Palmer 345991

2pm U3A Indoor Games at Putnoe Radmila Dancer 404811

4.00 Story box Plus at Putnoe Heights for 4-11year old. Meet at 3.30 for refreshments & games. Then till 5pm make props, sing & rehearse a short play to perform in church on the 1st Sunday of each month Lots of fun And it's free! Liz Spavins 302349

5.30 - 7.30pm Police Surgery. St Mark's Foyer.

6.15 pm Weightwatchers at St. Mark's. Mrs Margaret Ralph 01767 224978.

6.15pm Brownies at Putnoe Helga Nash 218521

6.15pm Bedford Junior Chess Club. St. Mark's Mr & Mrs Pike 823795

7pm Street Dance at Putnoe Heights. Contact Curtis Ritchie 349255 or 07984 525147

7.00pm Club 2000 at Putnoe Mrs M White 404992

7.30pm - 11.00pm Bedford Senior Chess Club at St Mark's Mr P Housden 376597

7.30 - 9.30pm Embroiderer's Guild at St Mark's 3rd Thursday of the month. Mrs E Rigby 344442

7.30 - 9.30 Tabernacle of Truth Church at Putnoe Bible Studies every 2 Thursday- Pastor Tarr 360188

7.45pm. Housegroup- Meets fortnightly at 3 Little Headlands. Newcomers always welcome. Betty Wyatt 350188

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

Friday

9.30am U3A Exercise at Putnoe Heights. Carole Maunder 301325

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

1.30 - 2pm Stars School of Dance at Putnoe. Contact Esther Sancto 272517 or 07917 582468

2pm U3A Gardening Group at Putnoe Heights.

6pm Self Defence at Putnoe. Mr James 0771 687449 or 07810 234890

7.30pm Youth Club for age 13-18 at St Mark's Church. Contact PCSO Rowland Gilbey 349179

Saturday

9.30 - 11.30am Stars School of Dance at Putnoe. Contact Esther Sancto 272517 or 07917 582468

10.00am - 1.00pm Theatre Train at St Mark's - dancing acting, singing. - Kate Randle 01234 782414

2.30pm Calligraphy Group at Putnoe. Meets monthly next meeting. Philip Jones 350295

7.15pm - 10.30pm Duplicate Bridge at St Mark's Contact Ann or Peter 212066

Sunday

Junior Church with crèche for under 3's

9.30 - 10.30 at St.Mark's

11-12 at Putnoe Heights.

1 - 4pm Tabernacle of Truth Church at Putnoe Heights - Worship. Contact Revd. Tarr 360188 Mob. 07866775515

6.00pm TNT (The Nearly Teens) meet fortnightly at Putnoe Heights for various fun activities. Contact Putnoe Office 365630

Diary Dates

St Mark's Church Council , 11 Oct
Circuit Meeting -

St Mark's Leadership Team – 12 Sept

Putnoe Heights Leadership Team -

St Mark's Church Management Meeting -
12.30pm 2 August

Putnoe Heights Management -

Putnoe Church Council 9 Oct

Pastoral Group Meeting –

Churchyard Committee - 30 August

Putnoe Heights Mission Group Meeting - .

Partnership Council - 19 Sept

Brickhill Parish Council -

Deanery Meeting , 14 September, 16 November

Putnoe Heights Children & Youth - 4 September
7.30

Calendar dates appear on our church website
www.ThisChurch.com. Please advise St Mark's
Church Office of the dates of your meetings.

Ordinary 14

Verse of Scripture Isaiah 53:3

He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

A Collect Prayer - Before we read we pray

Servant Lord, grant us both the opportunity and the will to serve you day by day. May all that we do and how we bear each other's burdens be our offerings of love and service to the glory of your name. Amen

First Bible Reading - Ezekiel 2:1 - 5

He said to me, "Son of man, stand up on your feet and I will speak to you." As he spoke, the Spirit came into me and raised me to my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. He said: "Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against me; they and their fathers have been in revolt against me to this very day. The people to whom I am sending you are obstinate and stubborn. Say to them, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says. 'And whether they listen or fail to listen--for they are a rebellious house--they will know that a prophet has been among them.

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

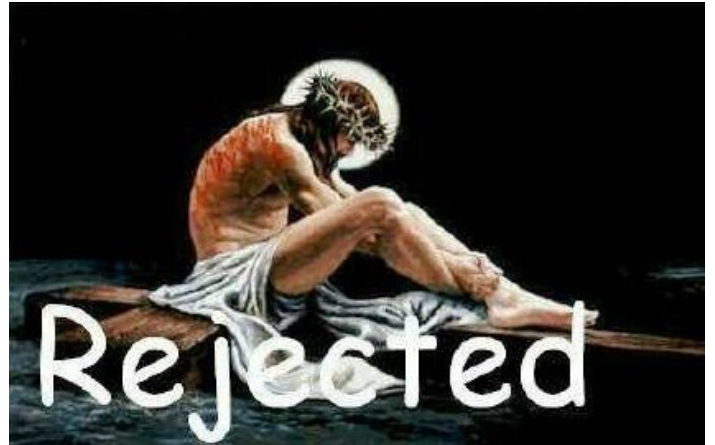
Second Reading - 2 Corinthians 12: 2 - 10

I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know--God knows. And I know that this man--whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God knows -- was caught up to paradise. He heard inexpressible things, things that man is not permitted to tell. I will boast about a man like that, but I will not boast about myself, except about my weaknesses. Even if I should choose to boast, I would not be a fool, because I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain, so no one will think more of me than is warranted by what I do or say. To keep me from becoming conceited because of these surpassingly great revelations, there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

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

Third Reading - Mark 6: 1 - 13

Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed. "Where did this man get these things?" they asked. "What's this wisdom that has been given him, that he even does miracles! Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?" And they took offence at him. Jesus said to them, "Only in his hometown, among his relatives and in his own house is a prophet without honour." He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. And he was amazed at their lack of faith. Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village. Calling the Twelve to him, he sent them out two by two and gave them authority over evil spirits. These were his instructions: "Take nothing for the journey except a staff--no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. Wear sandals but not an extra tunic. Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town. And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, shake the dust off your feet when



you leave, as a testimony against them." They went out and preached that people should repent. They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.
(Reader : This is the word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God)

Hymns

Ye servants of God 278 Tune *Hanover*
Thank you Jesus 633 Mission Praise - on Partnership News
The Church of Christ in every age 804 Tune *Heronsgate*
When our confidence is shaken 686 Tune *Rhuddlan*
Father hear the prayer 436 Tune *Sussex*

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Commentary

The population of Bedford is about 150,000, yet I often think what a small place Bedford is. There are few secrets, everybody seems to know what is going on and you bump into people you know all over the place. At the time of Jesus Nazareth had a population of perhaps between 500 and 2,000 people. It is no surprise that everybody would know everybody else. They would know who was the child of who, who was married to somebody else. It is the same principle upon which the now ridiculous marriage bans operate. It is to this small village of Nazareth that Jesus returns in the episode from St Mark. Over the last couple of weeks we have heard about the most amazing miracles of Jesus. He has been tremendously successful, he has stilled the storm and healed the demon-possessed man, he has also restored the daughter of Jairus to life. Jesus has shown his great power on both sides of the Sea of Galilee – the eastern Gentile side and the western Jewish side. It is following this that Jesus returns to his hometown of Nazareth, perhaps expecting a hero's welcome. If he was then he would be disappointed. The passage today is quite remarkable, for Jesus is shown to fail in his ministry and he will later send his disciples out expecting them to fail also. The passage is often referred to as Jesus rejection at Nazareth.

In Nazareth Jesus went to teach at his home synagogue. The response of those who heard him had the potential to be deeply hurtful to Jesus. They know Jesus, they know he was a carpenter, his mother was Mary and his brothers were James and Joses and Judas and Simon. The crowd also knew sisters of Jesus. They knew that Jesus was an ordinary man, how could he teach them?

The use of the phrase "the son of Mary" (v. 3), is interesting. People would usually identify a man by his relationship with his father rather than his mother, and he is so identified in John 6:42. It is possible that Joseph is dead by this time, although we would expect people to identify Jesus by his father's name even after the father's death. This identification by Mary's name is probably intended as an insult and is perhaps a slur on the legitimacy of his birth.

There has been long-standing controversy over Jesus brothers and sisters. Catholics, favoring a doctrine of Mary's perpetual virginity, believe that these are Jesus' half-brothers and sisters – perhaps the children of Joseph by an earlier marriage. Protestants believe that they are the natural children of Joseph and Mary. For all of his success Jesus was not unused to failure. In Mark 3:21, we are told that his family thought that he was out of his mind and tried to restrain him. In Mark 3:31, his mother and brothers and sisters try again to remove him from his teaching ministry. It is against this background of rejection by those who were nearest and dearest to him that Jesus speaks the famous words

"Prophets are not without honour, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house."

Following his own complete rejection Jesus then gives to his disciples their task of ministry. He tells them that they should go two by two into the countryside preaching and casting out unclean spirits. He advises them to travel lightly taking nothing but a staff. They are to carry no bread, no bag, and no money in their belts. They are to wear sandals and not even take an extra tunic.

Yet Jesus prepares the disciples in advance for the failure which lies ahead of them also. In verse 11, Jesus says, "If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." Jesus makes it clear that they will not be insulated from failure just because they are going in his name.

Jesus knows that failure will come and so they are to be prepared with a predetermined response - shaking the dust off their feet. It is not that Jesus is sending the disciples out to fail. Rather, he is showing them

how to carry on in the face of failure. The failure should not come as a surprise, or catch them off guard. Forewarned is forearmed, so that we are empowered to carry on when we fail.

It is important for us to understand that we can fail even when we are doing everything in our power to serve Christ. In a generation in which it is common to hear that faithfulness to Christ will be rewarded with all manner of success, this is an important message. Jesus warns us to expect the same kind of rejection that he experienced, so we should not be surprised that almost all of the first twelve disciples suffered martyrdom for Christ. It is appropriate therefore that immediately following this passage Mark will tell us of the death of John the Baptist. The greatest servant is willing to suffer and die for the master. *Charles Royden*

Meditation

At different times of our lives we can all discover what it feels like to be rejected. At such times it might help to know that you are not alone. We all know that Jesus was eventually crucified, a most complete rejection, but he also knew what it was like to be abandoned by those who were his own friends and family. Perhaps it was because he was so badly treated and experienced such incredible rejection that he was able to be so compassionate towards those who were on the fringes of society. He went out of His way to meet a lonely 'foreign' woman who no-one else had time for. He touched people who dreaded skin disease which made them outcasts. He knew how important it is to give time to those who feel rejected or bullied. When being executed, Jesus was rejected by society and was abandoned by many of His friends. He even cried out that he was 'God forsaken'! Jesus fully understands what it's like to be alone and can help us when we feel isolated unwanted or unloved.

Prayers for NCH Sunday - 9 July 2006

The second Sunday in July is designated by the Methodist Church as a Special Sunday to celebrate the founding of the first children's home by Rev Thomas Bowman Stephenson in 1869. It is an opportunity to remember, give thanks and pray for the continuing work of NCH and recognise the support given to their children's charity by Methodists all over the UK.

Prayer

Loving Lord, you placed children at the centre of your work and ministry; made each one welcome, let them know they were special, wanted and loved. You challenged the tradition that their value is as tomorrow's people, that their place is to listen and learn; when it is we who can listen and learn from them a pattern for discipleship today. We pray for children and young people who have been left on the fringes of decisions that affect their lives. For those who feel powerless, frustrated and hopeless; those who are confused and hurt, caught in the middle of adults' battles, and for those who are the centre only of unwelcome attention. You said it would be better to die than to harm a child; that to understand you we must understand children. So when we look at children and young people help us to see your face looking back at us. Amen.

Intercession

In these prayers, remember particularly the children, young people and families that NCH works with, as well as the staff and volunteers in our projects.

Creator God, parent of all, who knows and loves each one of us; hear our prayers for those of your children who are too easily forgotten. For children and young people who care for their parent, grandparent, brother or sister; carrying the responsibilities of an adult on the shoulders of a child. For children and young people whose parents are separated or divorced their world turned upside down; their fear of changes that the future may bring the anger and guilt they feel at what has gone wrong. Help them to understand that it's not their fault.

For children and young people who cannot live with their own families, all those who are looked after in foster homes and residential care. For those who feel betrayed, confused or rejected, unsure of who they are or where they belong. We pray for carers and independent visitors who can restore confidence and self worth and help to rebuild trust and hope for the future.

We pray for all these children and young people, whose childhood disappears too quickly. Help us to make sure that they and their families are loved and supported in our churches and our community. 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name, welcomes me'. Amen

News and Information

The bans of marriage are published between Jason Paul Crowther and Fay Ann Groom both of this Parish. This is for the 3rd time of asking.

Putnoe Children and Youth Committee the next date for the Children and Youth committee is Monday Sept 4th at 7.30 .

Putnoe Junior Church The help rota until to September is now on the board. If you would like to join us one Sunday please sign up. Thanks for your support. Liz and Sam

Partnership Junior Church & Storybox Plus Summer Activity Day. Thursday 24 August 9.30 to 3.30 at Putnoe. Join us in putting together 'Jonah Man Jazz', a short musical. We need musicians as well as singers & anyone who likes to make lots of fun. See Joan or Liz.

Barn Dance 4 November 6pm at Putnoe. Suitable for all ages. Details to follow. See Liz

Youth Work The youth group on Friday evenings at St Mark's is going well, attracting many young people. This produces a need for more leaders willing to come along and assist the police officers who are responsible for running the group. If you are interested in becoming involved, please see PC Dave Hawkey at St Mark's.

For Sale. Bosch dishwasher £45 or offer & Nutool Electric Tile Cutter £15 10% to the church Mrs. Frank 215340.

Footprints Walking Group Sunday 16 July Meet at Bromham Mill for a 3 -4 mile circular walk at 2.30pm , further details Sue 407264

Footprints September Weekend in September New venue - return visit to 'Three Swans ' at Market Harborough.

The Bedford Community Chamber Orchestra's first concert is on the 22nd July at All Saints Church, Queen's Park, Bedford. Concert starts at 7.30pm. Pieces will be from music used in films, and will include Finlandia (Sibelius), Gabriel's Oboe (Morricone) and Music from Gladiator. Tickets are on the door at £6 (£3 concessions)

Storybox plus at Putnoe needs some adult help on a Thursday afternoon. Please consider joining us in September once a month? see Liz

'Amazing Grace' the annual prayer handbook

published by Methodist Publishing will be available in August. This gives daily Bible readings ; Prayers for the church in Britain & overseas (Ecumenical) and quotations of inspiration. The cost £2.25 inc. postage. To order contact Vera Pearson 270737

Yarl's Wood Befrienders Volunteers needed to visit asylum seekers. Training given. Contact Heather Jones on 01933 318378

Summer arrangements for children in the partnership

Junior Church. Next Sunday, the 17th July, will be the last Jr Church at St Marks and Putnoe for the summer holidays, however the crèche at St Marks will continue as normal thanks to Debbie. We will begin back as normal Sunday 10th September. We hope to plan a outing, possibly to Wickstead Park? following a Sunday Service in September please see Liz or Sam Ware if interested.

Storybox (under 5's, older siblings welcome) continues at 12.00 on Tuesday 25 July and Mon 31 July at Putnoe and Thurs 27 July and Thursday 3 August at St Marks please bring own lunch
Storybox Plus (4 to 10 years, younger siblings welcome with carer) continues 1.15 on Tuesday 25 July and Monday 31 July at Putnoe and Thursday 25 July and Thursday 3 August (this session starts at 10.30) at St Marks.

Jonah Man Jazz join us on Thursday 25 August for singing, music and fun.
We hope you all have a good summer, from all the leaders

NCH Envelopes distributed last week at Putnoe Heights are for today NCH Sunday. Please Support this worthy cause. NCH help in so many different ways the under privileged Children in our society. Thank you

The NCH Covenant Every child has the right to live, to be safe and to be loved. Every young person has the right to be housed, to have enough money to live in dignity and to have enough support for the future. Every young person has the right to justice, to realise their potential and to be given the space to become independent. In an often cruel and imperfect world, we uphold the work of NCH with children and young people in danger, in need and at risk. We support the growth of this work and the pursuit of all these rights for the young, the discounted and the vulnerable. We make this covenant with NCH for the sake of all God's children. Amen



Beetle Drive at Putnoe Heights Saturday 22 July at 7 for 7.30pm. Tickets available From Church offices £4 adults- £2 under 12's. Proceeds split between Church funds St.John's, Moggerhanger. Stephen Clare.

Bedfordshire Crafts at Willington Dovecote and Stables - Sunday afternoon July 23rd 2006 between 1 and 5pm. Crafts made by many people from Bedfordshire and the surrounding counties will be on display and most will be for sale. Admission 50p, children under 16 free. Tea, coffee and cakes will be on sale in the nearby church. Hear about the History of these unique Tudor buildings and take a walk round Willington Village. For more information contact Dorothy Jamieson 01234 404879.

"Call for your coins" Storybox plus and Jr Church will be marking the 50th anniversary of the stone laying ceremony of the Church. We will be "drawing" a large 50 on the floor in the main hall we invite you to bring all your loose change so that we can cover the numbers (a little like a mile of pennies) all proceeds to church funds. Liz

"God Talk" is a house group which meets on Monday mornings at 10.30, for prayer, worship and fellowship. It is mostly for mums with children at school, and so doesn't meet in the school holidays. New members welcome. Ring Joan for details. 344536

A Hymn for Sunday

Thank you Jesus, thank you Jesus,
Thank you Lord, for loving me,
Thank you Jesus, thank you Jesus,
Thank you Lord, for loving me

You went to Calvary,
there you died for me,
Thank you Lord, for loving me.
You went to Calvary,
there you died for me,
Thank you Lord, for loving me.

Thank you Jesus, thank you Jesus,

You rose up from the grave,
to me new life you gave,
Thank you Lord for loving me.
You rose up from the grave,
to me new life you gave,
Thank you Lord for loving me.

Thank you Jesus, thank you Jesus,

You're coming back again,
and we with you shall reign
Thank you Lord, for loving me.
You're coming back again,
and we with you shall reign
Thank you Lord, for loving me.

Thank you Jesus, thank you Jesus,

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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.

**Pete Belcher
Keith Knight**

*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 Margaret Tysoe, mother of Linda Tysoe will take place at a date to be announced in a future edition of Partnership News.