

Church online: Putnoe Heights – website and Facebook

Two new webpages:

- <https://www.putnoechurch.org.uk/corona> – latest updates, links to resources to use at home, live streams etc
- <https://www.putnoechurch.org.uk/worship-at-home> – service sheets and additional resources shared during our usual service time on Facebook

Facebook group:

- Putnoe Prayer Room (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/210622553493650>) – advertised to congregation, circuit and North Bedford Churches Together. “The Putnoe Prayer Room is a new space to share prayers that you've found helpful and prayer requests. Everyone is welcome to join the group, not just members of Putnoe Heights Church, and we hope that it will be a place of welcome and support during an uncertain time for our community and the country.”
- Private group – means requests to join must be approved so the potential for inappropriate posts is reduced and members can feel secure that potentially sensitive requests are not being publicly read.
- Non Facebook users invited to submit prayers via email.

Facebook on Sunday mornings:

- Admins online between 11-12 to respond to comments etc. Open invitation to share comments and thoughts during the hour or later in the week.
- Scheduled posts through the hour to share resources etc – this means the whole hour can be set up in advance leaving admins free to interact and take part in the service.
- Order of service available on the website (see above) and shared on Facebook on Saturday and again at 10:45 on Sunday.
- Any visitor to the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/PutnoeChurch> can see all posts and comments (unless individual Facebook users have set high level privacy settings in which case their comments will not be visible to people that they are not Facebook friends with). Potential to reach beyond regular congregation comes with huge positives but also risks – remember that admins have the ability to delete inappropriate comments and ban people from the page.

Evaluation:

- Facebook lets you measure two things – reach (how many people saw a post in their feed) and engagement (how many people liked, commented on or clicked a link). Our reach was relatively low compared to regular Sunday attendance on week 1 (22nd March) but we had a good engagement rate with several of the posts, particularly the illustration we shared to go with the Bible reading. Many of the points above are based on things we learned on week 1 and have tweaked for week 2.

Example series of posts – Sunday 29th March

10:45 – welcome plus link to service sheet

11:00 – all music links in one post

11:10 – digging deeper into scripture – links to web resources

11:20 – question to think about – based on Roots resources <https://www.rootsontheweb.com/>

11:30 – images to support intercessory prayer themes

12:00 – wrap up and Grace

Over the page you can see screenshots of the above posts. The graphics were created using Canva - <https://www.canva.com/> - free to use and includes an image bank and templates. Initial time commitment early on to set them all up but then can be reused for as long as necessary.

Putnoe Heights Church
March 29, 2020 at 11:00 AM

The music for today can be found at:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M5keJHZdWYM>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6GGFb6LcX3U>

Putnoe Heights Church
March 29, 2020 at 11:10 AM

For illustrations and commentary visit:
 Ezekiel 37: 1-14 - <https://thevcs.org/dry-bones>
 John 11: 1-45 - <https://thevcs.org/i-am-resurrection-and-life>
 Picture: The Raising of Lazarus by John Reilly - find out more at
<https://www.methodist.org.uk/.../the-raising-of-lazarus-john.../>

Church Send Message

Putnoe Heights Church
March 29, 2020 at 11:30 AM

A question to think about now and over the coming week:
 In what ways is Jesus present when things go wrong?

Putnoe Heights Church
March 29, 2020 at 11:20 AM

Some images to help with the intercessory prayer suggestions.

**Intercessions
and prayers**

Our Father, who art in heaven,
 Hallowed be thy name;
 Thy kingdom come;
 Thy will be done;
 On earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread
 And forgive us our trespasses
 As we forgive those who trespass against us.
 And lead us not into temptation;
 But deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
 Forever and ever. Amen.

Church Send Message

Putnoe Heights Church
March 29, 2020 at 10:45 AM

Join us live this morning between 11-12 to share in the service which you can download below or use the material in your own time. Please join in the conversation in the comments at any time.

You are also welcome to join the [Putnoe Prayer Room](#) which is a dedicated space for sharing prayers and prayer requests.

<https://irp-cdn.multiscreensite.com/.../29th%20March%20Servic...>

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Join us on Facebook on Sundays between 11:00-12:00 for prayer, worship and fellowship.

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Putnoe Heights Church
March 29, 2020 at 12:00 PM

Thank you for joining us this morning - feel free to pop back to these posts over the week and share any thoughts.
 We hope to see you again next Sunday.

The Grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all now and for evermore. Amen.