

## Notices and Future Events

- It has been decided to replace the Boiler system. Work will start soon.
- 19<sup>th</sup> April at London Road Methodist Church 8-9pm. Soth Bedford Council of Churches United Prayer Fellowship. (Refreshments after.)
- There is a study course A Journey into Faith which starts 20<sup>th</sup> April . Please see information leaflets at the back of church.
- 26<sup>th</sup> April 11.15am at St Michael's, Funeral of the late Bill Pillsbury
- 28<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm Elstow Parish Council meeting at Playing fields Hall
- 10<sup>th</sup> May liturgy committee meeting 8pm at Hinsons
- 15<sup>th</sup> May Start of Christian Aid week .Offers the help distribute of collect money please speak to Sheila Battick.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> May Friends AGM at 3.15pm followed by talk at 3.45pm by Jeremy Crocker on 'Elstow and Bunyan', 4.15pm Afternoon Tea, 5.15pm Annual Friends Service of Evensong with Guest Preacher Rev Wyn Beynon. Offers of sandwiches and cakes for this meeting are needed. Please speak to Rosemary Albon if you are able to help.
- 24<sup>th</sup> May Combined PCC meeting at 7.30pm for three PCC's of the United Benefice. Bring and share meal following at Scott Hall next to St Michael's Bedford. Guest speaker Canon Robin Brown.
- 26<sup>th</sup> May Joint Wardens meeting at 7pm for the three churches.
- Christian Aid Meal Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May, 7pm at the Rectory. Jeremy will cook Sausages, mash and Beans with Banana and Custard and coffee to follow. This is a free event and all are welcome. There will be a bowl for any donations for Christian Aid. Please add your name to the sign up sheet at the back of church to help with catering numbers.
- To celebrate 24 years of Service by Miriam Clark as Church Warden there will be a buffet meal with a presentation at 7.30pm on 4<sup>th</sup> June. Previous ministers will be invited to come when we pay tribute and give thanks for her dedication and hard work. Any donations towards the presentation gift please to John Hinson. Venue is either the Church Hall or outside in the Caretakers garden dependant on the weather. Venue will be confirmed nearer the time.
- 4<sup>th</sup> July, 7.30pm at Elstow Abbey, The Right Rev'd Christopher Herbert, The Bishop of St Albans, will present a Lecture on 'Images of the Resurrection' part of the study programme starting 20<sup>th</sup> April.

Jeremy Crocker Day off: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

Notices for inclusion in the weekly bulletin to the Rectory FAO Diana Hill by 12 noon Tuesdays. Wedding Bookings and enquiries to Diana Hill either Tuesday or Thursday mornings. (01234 261477)



## **THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST MARY AND ST HELENA, ELSTOW** *Part of the Elstow Team*

We extend a warm welcome to everyone today

**17<sup>th</sup> April 2005**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, Vocation Sunday**

9.30am	Family Communion (Jeremy Crocker)
Hymns:	SoF: 597, 40, 27, Anthem: God sends us his Spirit, 514, 21
11.00am	Matins (Jeremy Crocker)
Hymns:	NEH: 121, 239, 113, 357, 206, 114
6.30pm	Evensong (Stephen Smith)
Hymns:	NEH: 366, 407, 353, 339, 331 Refreshments following the service

## **COLLECT**

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:  
raise us, who trust in him,  
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,  
that we may seek those things which are above,  
where he reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## Diary for the Week

Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Family Communion (Jeremy Crocker)
	11.00am	Matins (Jeremy Crocker)
	6.30pm	Evensong (Stephen Smith)
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	1.00pm	Meeting of Lister Hospital Chaplain
	5.45pm	Evening Prayer
	7.00pm	Prayer Group in the Summerhouse
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	1.00pm	Clergy Team Meeting
	5.45pm	Evening Prayer
	8.00pm	United Prayer Fellowship at London Road Methodists
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	10.30am	Meeting with the Patron Mr Sam Whitbread
	5.30pm 6.30pm	Wedding interview Choir Club in Hall, no choir practice.
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	11.00am	Holy Communion Service
	2.00pm	Meeting with Council re Abbey Ruins
	5.45pm	Evening Prayer
	7.30pm	PCC Meeting in Church Hall
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	8.00pm	Bellringing
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	2-4.00pm	Workshop 'A journey begins'
	6.30pm	Music rehearsal
	7.00pm	Diocesan Taize Service with Hot Supper following the service

## Next Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April , 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

9.30am	Youth Service
10.30-11am	Following the Youth Service and before the Matins service there will be Celebratory refreshments for Tabithas 1 <sup>st</sup> Birthday in the Hall
11.00am	Matins Group
11.30am	St Michael's AGM
6.30pm	Evensong with laying on of Hands for Healing (Jeremy Crocker and Guest Preacher Rev Gareth Parry, Chaplain and Teacher at Tattenhall College)

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## Monthly Guest Preachers at Elstow

8 <sup>th</sup> May	Rev'd Edward Lewis (Chief Executive of Hospital Chaplains)
22 <sup>nd</sup> May 5.15pm	Rev'd Wyn Beynon (Rural Dean of Biggleswade)
12 <sup>th</sup> June 6.30pm	Rev Canon John Tibbs
17 <sup>th</sup> July 6.30pm	The Right Rev'd Christopher Foster (The Bishop of Hertford)

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## Please pray for:

<i>The Sick:</i>	Ron Chappell, Betty Finch, Joyce Cross Glenys Godden
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