

Notices and Future Events

- **Elstow Extraordinary PCC meeting** This is notice that there will be a meeting on Sunday 24th at 9am in the Church Hall. The agenda of the 8th November is the agenda for the meeting on the 24th. All PCC members please collect a letter from the Rector before this meeting.
- **Confirmation** Classes meet at 324 Church Lane Cardington. 6.30pm young people, 7.30pm adults. Confirmation service at Elstow Abbey on 10th Dec at 7.30pm.
- **Advent Study Course** starts 3rd Dec 8pm at St Michaels. First meeting led by Rev Peter Littleford. 2nd meeting is on Tuesday 11th Dec at Elstow led by Canon Nigel Morrell and the final meeting is 19th Dec 8pm at St Mary's Cardington led by Rev Jeremy Crocker.
- **Becoming a Christian** Bible study group has started which meets each Wednesday 8-9.00pm in the Centenary Room at Cardington Church.
- **Thursday Lunch** usually the 1st Thursday of the month after the communion service, at the Red lion Pub, from 12 noon. **Next date 13th Dec.** All welcome. Selected items from the main menu. Main + dessert with tea or coffee for £5.99.
- **We Welcome Susan Simms** to our organists team. We are pleased to welcome Susan to our team. Susan will play at the third Evensong in each month commencing from this week. Susan is organist and Choirmaster at Flitwick Parish Church. Susan Simms assisted Stephen McDonald (Abbey Director of Music) when he was organist and Choirmaster at Flitwick Church.
- **Rachel Marchbank** History of Elstow book is on sale until Christmas at the special price of £3.50. (Usual price £5) See the Friends Table by the Vestry.
- **Bellringers Dates** Tues Nov 20th 7.30pm ¼ peel for Queens Diamond Wedding, Sat Nov 24th 11-11.45am Visiting ringers from Milton Keynes,. Tues Dec 4th 7.30pm ¼ peel by a ladies band, Tues Dec 11th 11-12 noon Bedford District "Tailenders" monthly ringing.
- **Saturday Social** is a supper and quiz for the whole benefice. 1st Dec from 7pm in Elstow Church Hall. Please us the sign up sheet for your choice of food. Cost £3.20 each. Bookings for supper needed by Thursday 29th November.
- **Panto** 15th December 6.30pm followed by bring and share in the church hall. Next rehearsal TODAY 18th November, 4-6pm in the Church Hall.
- **Annual Concert of Christmas Music** at Elstow Abbey by Kempston Musical Society in aid of "The Friends of Elstow Abbey" Monday 17th December at 7.30pm. Admission for Members of Friends £5 and non members £5.50.
- Wedding Bookings/enquiries or Notices for weekly Bulletin to Diana Hill, Tuesday or Thursday mornings at the Rectory - 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

Sunday 18th November 2007 **Second Sunday before Advent**

- 10.00am Family Communion with Sunday School (JRC)
Hymns: SoF: 395, 290, 147, 381, Anthem: Come on and celebrate, 148
- 10.15am St Michaels Service including Dedication of the Garden of Remembrance (JRC attending at the end)
- 11.15am Morning Prayer (Mattins Group with Captain David Wells Preaching)
Hymns: NEH: 496, 461, 114, 369, 433 Omit * verses), psalm 17 vs 1-6
- 6.30pm Evensong (Robert Heley)
Hymns: NEH: 410, 416, 456, 360, 252, psalm 62 Vs 1-6

COLLECT

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Diary for this week

Sunday	10.00am	Family Communion Service with Sunday School (Baptism of Natasha Heron postponed due to illness) (JRC)
	10.15am	St Michaels Service with Dedication of the Garden of Remembrance (JRC attending at the end)
	11.15am	Morning Prayer (Matins Group with Captain David Wells preaching)
	4-6.00pm	Panto rehearsal in Elstow church hall
	6.30pm	Evensong Service (Robert Heley)
Monday	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
19 th	10.00am	Toddlers and Tea in Church Hall
	4.15pm	Finance and premises meeting at Abbey Middle School
	6.30pm	Young Peoples confirmation class
	7.00pm	Prayer Group in Summer House
	7.30pm	Adult Confirmation class
Tuesday	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
20 th	7.00pm	John Bunyan Governors meeting
	7.30pm	Bell Ringing ¼ Peel
Wednesday	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
21 st	11.30am	Coffee morning in Elstow Church Hall
	6.30pm	Youth Club Beach Party
Thursday	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
22 nd	9.30am	Chapter meeting at Wootton
	11.00am	Holy Communion at Elstow (JRC)
	7.30pm	Deanery Synod re General Synod
Friday	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
23 rd	8.00pm	Bell Ringing
Saturday	11-11.45am	Bell Ringing Visitors from Milton Keynes
24 th	2-4.00pm	Children's Workshop in Elstow Church Hall

JRC Day Off:

Tuesday 20th November

Next Sunday 25th November, Christ the King Sunday Last before Advent

9.00am	Extraordinary PCC Meeting
10.00am	Young Peoples Service
10.30am	JRC at St Mary's Cardington
11.15am	Parish Communion (Rev Peter Littleford)
6.00pm	Joint Service SBCC at Christ the King (JRC to Preach) No 6.30pm Evensong service at Elstow

Elstow Services times are changing

During the trial of the new times the pattern for the next few weeks will be: (subject to PCC agreement)

2/12/07	10.00am	Family communion with Sunday School
	11.15am	Morning Prayer
	6.30pm	Evensong
9/12/07	10.00am	Family communion with Sunday School
	11.15am	Morning Prayer
	3.30pm	Christingle Service at Elstow
	6.30pm	Evensong
16/12/07	10.00am	Family Communion with Sunday School
	11.15am	Morning Prayer
	6.30pm	Evensong with Holy Communion and Laying on of Hands for Healing
23/12/07	10.00am	Young Peoples Service
	11.15am	Parish Communion
	3.30pm	Cardington Carols
	6.30pm	Nine Lessons and Carols service at Elstow

General Pattern of Services: 1st & 2nd & 3rd Sunday: 10am Family Communion with Sunday School, 11.15am Morning Prayer, 6.30pm Evensong **4th Sunday:** 10am Young Peoples service, 11.15am Parish Communion, 6.30pm, Evensong with Holy Communion and Laying on of hands for Healing.

Please pray for:

The Sick: William Coward, Judy Carpenter, John Wagstaff, Barbara Gale, John Emerson, Mary Bartram, Jean Harlow, Peter Slade.