

Notices and Future Events

- **The Bishop of St Albans**, The Right Revd Christopher Herbert, announced on Wednesday 23rd January that he will be retiring on 7th January 2009, his 65th birthday. His final service will be on 8th November. He will then spend the last few weeks sorting Abbey Gate house and taking a holiday. He asks for your prayers for himself, his wife Jan, and the staff and colleagues who have the task of appointing a successor and the extra load everyone will have to carry when he goes.
- **Graham Crowder** is to be licensed as Reader in Huddersfield Today, February 10th. He asks for your prayers of support for both him and Mary as he begins his new Ministry and the changes that it will bring.
- **Thursday Lunch** usually the 1st Thursday of the month after the communion service, at the Red lion Pub, from 12 noon. **Next date 6th Mar**. All welcome. Choice of starter and main with Tea/coffee for £5.99.
- **Parish Holiday** details are at the back of church and in the Elstow Parish Magazine. We will be staying at the Carlton Hotel, Sandown on the Isle of Wight 20th – 26th July 2008. Booking forms and deposits are required to secure your place. Please note there are now ONLY TWIN rooms available.
- **The Lent Course** will be organised this year by the Churches Together in South Bedfordshire. It shall run for 5 weeks each Monday beginning on 11th February, 2008. The York Course of 5 sessions is based upon the Lords Prayer, praying it, meaning it, living it. All sessions are at the London Road Methodist church starting at 7.30pm and ending at 9pm with a cuppa. Mon 11th – Our Father, led by Rosemarie Langley, Mon 18th – Thy will be done, led by Jane Findlay, Mon 25th – Our daily bread, led by Mick Benjamin, Mon 3rd Mar – As we forgive, led by Josie Line, Mon 10th Mar – United service with preacher Rev Rupert Hankey.

JRC Study Leave: Saturday 29th December to Saturday March 1st inclusive

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Wedding Bookings/enquiries or Notices for weekly Bulletin to Diana Hill, Tuesday or Thursday mornings at the Rectory – 01234 261477. (Please note: Feb half term only available 1-3pm Thurs 14th)



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

We extend a warm welcome to everyone today

Sunday 10th February 2008 **First Sunday of Lent**

10.00am Parish Communion with Sunday School (Ven Paul Hughes)
Hymns: NEH: 67, 63, 439, 445, Anthem: forty days and forty nights,
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6.30pm Evensong (Canon Philip McDonough)
Hymns: NEH: 67, 83, 64, 418, 243, Psalm 32 vs1-6

COLLECT

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
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.

Diary for the Week

Sunday 10 th	10.00am 6.30pm	Parish Communion with Sunday School (Ven Paul Hughes) Evensong (Canon Philip McDonough)
Monday 11 th	8.30am 10.00am 2.00pm 7.30pm	Morning Prayer at Cardington Toddlers and Tea in Church Hall Prayer group meet in Summer House Lent course at London Road Methodists
Tuesday 12 th	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
Wednesday 13 th	8.30am 11.00am 6.30pm	Morning Prayer at Cardington Coffee morning and soup in Hall Youth Club
Thursday 14 th	8.30am 11.00am	Morning Prayer at Cardington Holy Communion service at Elstow (Canon Nigel Morell)
Friday 15 th	8.30am 8.00pm	Morning Prayer at Cardington Bell Ringing
Saturday 16 th		

Next Sunday

17th February 2008 , Second Sunday of Lent

10.00am	Family Communion with Sunday School (Rev Christopher Terry)
11.15am	Morning Prayer (Mattins Group)
6.30pm	Evensong (Robert Heley)