

## Notices and Future Events

- **The Bishop of St Albans**, The Right Revd Christopher Herbert, announced on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January that he will be retiring on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2009, his 65<sup>th</sup> birthday. His final service will be on 8<sup>th</sup> 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.
- **Thursday Lunch** usually the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month after the communion service, at the Red Lion Pub, from 12 noon. **Next date 6<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> 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. 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 18<sup>th</sup> – Thy will be done, led by Jane Findlay, Mon 25<sup>th</sup> – Our daily bread, led by Mick Benjamin, Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar – As we forgive, led by Josie Line, Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Mar – United service with preacher Rev Rupert Hankey.
- **CARGO** the musical by Paul Field is being performed by St Neots Christian Performing Arts on 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> March at the Priory Centre, St Neots. (Not recommended for young children due to the nature of the subject) Tickets £8 per person and £6 concessions. Contact David Brown & Co 01480 377140.
- **Funeral for Marjorie Titmus** will be held at Elstow Abbey 11.15am on Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Feb. Rev Peter Littleford will be conducting the service.
- **PCC meeting** will be 7.30pm on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February at Elstow Church Hall. The APCM is to be held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm.

JRC Study Leave: Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> December to Saturday March 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



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

We extend a warm welcome to everyone today

### **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2008** **Second Sunday of Lent**

- 10.00am Family Communion with Sunday School (Rev Christopher Terry)  
Hymns: SoF: 44, 120, 445, 28, Anthem: Jesus is Lord, 559
- 11.15am Morning Prayer (Mattins Group)  
Hymns: NEH: 453, 76, 427, 378, 449, Psalm 121 Vs 1-10
- 6.30pm Evensong (Robert Heley)  
Hymns: NEH: 449, 76, 382, 337, 250, Psalm 27 vs 1-6

### **COLLECT**

Almighty God,  
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,  
that they may return to the way of righteousness:  
grant to all those who are admitted  
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,  
that they may reject those things  
that are contrary to their profession,  
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;  
through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
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 17 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Family Communion with Sunday School (Rev Christopher Terry)
	11.15am	Morning Prayer (Matins Group)
	6.30pm	Evensong (Robert Heley)
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	10.00am	Toddlers and Tea in Church Hall
	2.00pm	Prayer group meet in Summer House
	7.30pm	Lent course at London Road Methodists
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	11.00am	Coffee morning and soup in Hall
	6.30pm	Youth Club
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	11.00am	Holy Communion service at Elstow (Rev Len Moore)
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	8.00pm	Bell Ringing
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	2-4.00pm	Youth Workshop in Church Hall

## Next Sunday

### 24<sup>th</sup> February 2008 . Third Sunday of Lent

10.00am	Young Peoples' Service
11.15am	Parish Communion (Bishop Richard)
6.30pm	Evensong with Holy Communion and Laying on of Hands for Healing (Rev Peter Littleford)