

## Notices and Future Events Cont.

- **The APCM** is to be held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm at Elstow Church Hall. Nomination forms for the PCC please call Glynis Annan, PCC Secretary 403533.
- **Cool Britannia** Time of our lives music theatre mix of music, dance stand up& sketch comedy. On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm at Elstow Abbey. Tickets from Jeremy Colin, Barbara or Miriam, Adult £10, Child £7 family of 4 £25. Offers of Raffle prizes are needed, please speak to Barbara or Rosemary.
- **Bible Group** at Cardington Centenary room each Wed 8-9.30pm
- **Christian Aid Week** 11-17<sup>th</sup> May. Volunteers needed for the house to house collection in Elstow Parish. Christian Aid meal at the Rectory on 13<sup>th</sup> May from 6pm. All welcome, for catering please use sign up sheet. Free. Any donations received will go to Christian Aid collection. 11<sup>th</sup> May Joint service at St Michaels 6pm, no evensong at Elstow that day. Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 2.30pm Penny Leigh-Brown talk at Priory Methodist church Newnham Ave. Can you help and set up and dismantle the Christian Aid Exhibition 5<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> May at the central library. Contact Sheila Batiuk 01234 741112.
- **St Michaels Fayre** 17<sup>th</sup> May in Barford Avenue, 2-4pm
- **Friends of Elstow AGM** 5.30pm on Sun 18<sup>th</sup> May in the church hall. Coffee and cake provided. Guest preacher Canon Dr Peter Sedgwick at 6.30pm evensong
- **Benefice Social Evening** at St Michaels Scott Hall 24<sup>th</sup> May 7-9.30pm international bring and share.
- **Southill Park Estate Afternoon** Benefice trip on Fri 6<sup>th</sup> June, organised by Friends of Elstow Abbey. 50 spaces only and all names of those who wish to go are needed by JRC by 4<sup>th</sup> June. £10 per person. Arrival at estate is 2.15pm prompt. Please use sign up and indicate if you can offer or need a lift.
- **St Michaels After-School club** for 5-10yr olds starts 22<sup>nd</sup> Apr 3.45-5.15pm in St Michaels church.

JRC Day off: Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April

**Church Wardens Contact details: Colin Albon 01234 407084 & Barbara Routledge 01234 854369. Wedding Bookings/enquiries or Notices for weekly Bulletin to Diana Hill, Tues/Thurs 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 20<sup>th</sup> April 2008**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

10.00am	Family Communion (PL)
Hymns:	SoF: 44, 73, 470, 330, Anthem: Christ is risen, 418
11.15am	Morning Prayer (Matins Group)
Hymns:	NEH:205, 376, 107, 377, 486, Psalm 22 Vs1-6
6.30pm	Evensong (Capt DW)
Hymns:	NEH: 437, 383, 463, 113, 245, Psalm 148 Vs 1-6

### **COLLECT**

Almighty God  
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ  
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:  
grant that, as by your grace going before us  
you put into our minds good desires,  
so by your continual help  
we may bring them to good effect;  
through Jesus Christ our risen 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 20 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Family Communion (PL)
	10.30am	JRC at St Mary's Cardington
	11.15am	Morning Prayer (Matins Group)
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>	6.30pm	Evensong (Capt DW)
	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	10.00am	Toddlers and Tea in Church Hall
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	2.00pm	Prayer group meet in Summer House
	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	10.00am	Mums and Toddlers at St Michaels
	12.00noon	JRC at Abbey Middle School
	3.45-5.15pm	St Michaels after school club
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	4.00pm	Dance class in Elstow Church Hall
	<b>8.00pm</b>	Youth Leaders meeting at Rectory
	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	10.45am	JRC at funeral of "Honey" at Bedford Crematorium
	11.30am	Coffee morning and Soup in Hall
	3.00pm	Pastoral meeting
	4.00pm	Burial of Ashes of Florence Astle at Elstow (JRC)
	5.30pm	Wedding Interview at Rectory
	6.30pm	Youth Club
	8.00pm	Baptism interview
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	11.00am	Holy Communion service at Elstow (JRC)
	12.00noon	Meeting with Father Gorman
	2.00pm	English Heritage meeting at Rectory
	4.00pm	Meeting with Bishop of Bedford
	5.00pm	Cardington Parish Council meeting
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Elstow APCM in the Church Hall
	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	11.15am	Funeral at Elstow Abbey for David Howe (JRC)
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Time of our Lives presents "Cool Britannia"
	2.00-4.00pm	Children's Workshop in Elstow Church Hall

## Next Sunday

27<sup>th</sup> April 2008.

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

### Rogation Sunday

10.00am	Young People's Service (10.15am - JRC at St Michaels)
11.15am	Parish Communion (Canon NM)
3.00pm	Baptism of Rebecca Wood (JRC)
6.30pm	Evensong with Holy Communion and Laying on of Hands for Healing (JRC)

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- **Abbey Choir Vacancies** both junior 7 years+ and adults. Interested? Come and meet the choir at one of the recruitment practice dates: 11/4, 18/4, 9/5, 16/5 between 7-8pm. More information email Director of Music Stephen McDonald – [stevetmcdonald@btinternet.com](mailto:stevetmcdonald@btinternet.com)
- **May Festival** is Sat 10<sup>th</sup> May 12-4pm, parade at 2pm. **Volunteers needed.** Stalls available £7.50 each. FOC for charities. Help needed to move the carriage. Please speak to Jeremy or Barbara if you can help in any way. 8pm Tues 15<sup>th</sup> Apr in Rectory is a meeting for all involved.
- **Grand Raffle** tickets from all PCC members £1 per book. Fabulous prizes including Lunch at St Helena Restaurant, Santa Pod Tickets and a family half day at the Fire station.
- **St Michael's Mums and Toddlers** on Tuesdays 10-11.30am in St Michael's church, each week.
- **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 1st May.** All welcome. Choice of starter and main with Tea/Coffee for £5.99.
- **Sunday Lunch group** is being co-ordinated by Laura and Alistair (768137) for couples to meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month. Sunday roast, dessert and coffee. Next date May 11<sup>th</sup>
- **Dance Club** Tuesdays 4-6pm in the church hall. Details from Penny Rigden (269023). 3½-5yrs at 4pm, 5-7yrs at 4.30pm, 8-11yrs 5-5.45pm. Cost £2.50 per child per session.
- **Sing and Sign** classes each Tuesday in Elstow Church Hall for children aged 7-18months. Call Julie 01767 691488 or email [enquiries@beds-singandsign.com](mailto:enquiries@beds-singandsign.com).