

## Notices and Future Events Cont.

- **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 **12<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 2009 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: Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

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 27<sup>th</sup> April 2008**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**Rogation Sunday**

10.00am	Young Peoples Service (JEH) (11am JRC at St Michaels)
11.15am	Parish Communion (Canon NM)
Hymns:	NEH: 351, 262, 285, 365
3.00pm	Baptism of Rebecca Wood (JRC)
6.30pm	Evensong with Holy Communion and Laying on of Hands for Healing (JRC)
Hymns:	NEH: 285, 493, 416, 365, Psalm 66 Vs1-6

### **COLLECT**

God our redeemer  
you have delivered us from the power of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:  
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,  
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us  
to eternal joy  
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 27 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Young Peoples Service (JEH)
	11.00am	JRC at St Michaels
	11.15am	Parish Communion (Canon NM)
	11.30am	St Michaels AGM
	3.00pm	Baptism at Elstow of Rebecca Wood (JRC)
	4.00pm	Wedding Interview
	6.30pm	Evensong with Holy Communion and Laying on of Hands for Healing (JRC)
Monday 28 <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
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	10.00am	Mums and Toddlers at St Michaels
	11.00am	Baptism interview at Rectory
	12.30pm	Funeral of Frances Ayres at Bedford Crematorium (JRC)
	3.45-5.15pm	St Michaels after school club
	4.00pm	Dance class in Elstow Church Hall
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	11.30am	Coffee morning and Soup in Hall
	2.30pm	Clergy Team meeting
	5.30pm	Baptism interview
	6.30pm	Youth Club
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	11.00am	Holy Communion and Ascension Day service at Elstow (JRC)
	12.00noon	Monthly Lunch at Red Lion
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10-12.00pm	Group visit to Abbey and using Church Hall
	1.30pm	Baptism Interview
	3.00pm	Memorial Service at St Michaels for "Honey"

## Next Sunday

4<sup>th</sup> May 2008,

## Seventh Sunday of Easter

### Sunday after Ascension Day

10.00am	Family Communion (JRC)
11.15am	Morning Prayer (JRC)
6.30pm	Evensong (Robert Heley)

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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. Please speak to Jeremy or Barbara if you can help in any way.
- **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).