

## Notices and Future Events Cont.

- **Bible Group** at Cardington Centenary room each Wed 8-9.30pm
- **Betty Finch** sadly we have to announce that Betty has died. Her funeral service will be at the Abbey Next Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 12 noon followed by burial in the churchyard. Afterwards refreshments will be in the church hall.
- **Christian Aid** Can you help, set up and dismantle the Christian Aid Exhibition 5<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> May 2009 at the central library. Contact Sheila Batiuk 01234 741112.
- **Friends of Elstow AGM TODAY** 5.30pm Sun 18<sup>th</sup> May in the church hall. Coffee & cake provided. 6.30pm Evensong Guest preacher Canon Dr Peter Sedgwick
- **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 5th June.** 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 June 8<sup>th</sup>
- **Benefice Social Evening** at St Michaels Scott Hall 24<sup>th</sup> May 7-9.30pm Please do come & join everyone at the Benefice Social evening with an international theme. Please try to wear something which signifies another country (it could just be wearing something with the colours of another country e.g. red, white & green for Italy!) Food will be on a Bring and Share basis again with an international flavour. Tea, Coffee & soft drinks will be provided but bring your own wine (& glasses) if you wish. We're asking for £1 donation per adult towards the cost of hiring Scott Hall – if there's any surplus it will go to an international charity.
- **Southill Park Estate Afternoon** Benefice trip on Fri 6<sup>th</sup> June, organised by Friends of Elstow Abbey. 50 spaces only. 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 & indicate if you can offer/need a lift.
- **St Michaels After-School club** for 5-10yr olds Tuesdays 3.45-5.15pm in St Michaels church.
- **Abbey Choir Vacancies** both junior 7 years+ and adults. Interested? More information email Director of Music Stephen McDonald – [stevetmcdonald@btinternet.com](mailto:stevetmcdonald@btinternet.com)
- **St Michael's Mums and Toddlers** on Tuesdays 10-11.30am in St Michael's church, each week.

JRC Day off: Friday 23<sup>rd</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 18<sup>th</sup> May 2008**  
**Trinity Sunday**

- 10.00am Family Communion (NM)  
Hymns: SoF: 183, 102, 557, Anthem: Lord have mercy, 99, 390  
Banns: (2<sup>nd</sup>) 7/6/08 12.30pm; Steven Waterfield & Jacqueline Pryce  
(2<sup>nd</sup>) 21/6/08 2pm; Jason Parke & Donna Reed  
(2<sup>nd</sup>) 11/7/08 1.30pm; Jonathon Prior & Dawn Mather  
(2<sup>nd</sup>) 12/7/08 2pm; Daniel Hicks & Georgina Walker
- 10.15am JRC at St Michaels
- 11.15am Morning Prayer (Mattins Group)  
Hymns: NEH: 146, 388, 433, 408, 358, Psalm 29 Vs 1-6
- 1.00pm Baptism at Elstow of Isabella Kefford (JRC)
- 5.30pm Friends of Elstow AGM  
6.30pm Friends of Elstow Evensong (JRC with Guest Preacher  
Canon Dr Peter Sedgwick)  
Hymns: NEH: 367, 64, 146, 413, 252, Psalm 8 Vs 1-6

### **COLLECT**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you have given us your servants grace,  
by the confession of a true faith,  
to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity  
and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity:  
keep us steadfast in this faith,  
that we may evermore be defended from all adversities;  
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 18 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Family Communion Service (NM)
	10.15am	JRC at St Michaels
	11.15am	Morning Prayer (Matins Group)
	1.00pm	Baptism at Elstow of Isabella Kefford (JRC)
	5.30pm	Friends of Elstow AGM
	6.30pm	Friends of Elstow Evensong (JRC with Canon Dr Peter Sedgwick)
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	10.00am	Toddlers and Tea in Church Hall
	10.00am	Burial of Ashes of David Howe at Elstow (JRC)
	2.00pm	Prayer group meet in Summer House
	4.30pm	JRC at Abbey Governors meeting
	7.30pm	Wardens and Clergy meeting at St Michael's Church
	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Mums and Toddlers at St Michaels
	10.30am	Baptism interview
	11.00am	Baptism Interview
	12.00noon	Funeral and Burial of Betty Finch at Elstow with after refreshments in the church hall (JRC)
	3.45-5.15pm	St Michaels after school club
	4.00pm	Dance class in Elstow Church Hall
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	11.30am	Coffee morning and Soup in Hall
	6.30pm	Youth Club
	7.00pm	John Bunyan Governors meeting
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	11.00am	Holy Communion service at Elstow (JRC)
	11.30am	John Bunyan Upper
	1.00pm	Fraternal Lunch at Kings Arms
	7.30pm	Elstow PCC meeting @ Rectory Graden
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Benefice Social Evening at Scott Hall

## Next Sunday

25<sup>th</sup> May 2008.

## First Sunday after Trinity

10.00am	Young Peoples Service including the Baptism of Alfie Carr (JRC & DW)
(10.15am	Bishop of Bedford at St Michaels)
11.15am	Parish Communion (JRC)
3.00pm	Baptism at Elstow of George Childs-Gatty (JRC)
3.45pm	Baptism at Elstow of Megan Craig (JRC)
6.30pm	Evensong with Holy Communion and Laying on of Hands for Healing (JRC)

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## Please Pray for

Recently Deceased: Betty Finch, Kenneth Black

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