

Notices and Future Events

- **Monthly Thursday Lunch group** The Red Lion is closing for refurbishments in the New Year. Christmas meal main course and pudding for £5.99 **11th December.**
- **Claudette a member of the Elstow Congregation** is happy to read to adults who can't do it themselves. If interested please call her on 01234 216375.
- **Bedford Messiah Choir** presents Handel's Messiah on Saturday 29th November 2008 at 7.30pm at Bunyan Meeting. Tickets £8.50 concessions £7 available from Bedford Box Office (269519) or Chris Knell (214140).
- **Forthcoming Friends of Elstow Abbey Music Festival** 1st Dec 08 6.30 p.m. Hitchin Concert Band brass ensemble with Kingshott School chamber choir, 31st Jan 09 12 noon Organ recital by Bedford Organists Association and 28th Feb 09 7.30pm Luton Male Voice Choir.
- **Choir Practice** will now be in the Church Hall over the winter.
- **Christmas Bazaar** 29th November Help needed on stalls please. We need raffle prizes, tombola, cakes, books, bric-a-brac and mince pies if possible please. Please speak to Barbara Routledge (854369).
- **Quiet Day at Moggerhanger Park**, Park Road, Moggerhanger, Beds MK44 3RW on Wednesday 7th January 2009 meet at 9.30am for 10.00am start ~ depart 3.00pm.
- **Request for adult help** it is planned in the New Year to start a younger Youth club for those aged 7 – 11 ½ from 5.45 – 7pm, if you'd like to help please can you let Jeremy know.
- **Music at St Andrew's Church** Kimbolton Road Saturday 6th December at 8pm Pre-concert dinner 6.30pm Concert tickets £7 concessions £5. Dinner & Concert £14. Church office – 216881, Box Office 269519

JRC Holiday: Mon 17th November – Wed 26th November

Church Wardens Contact details: Colin Albon 01234 407084 & Barbara Routledge 01234 854369. Wedding/ Baptism Bookings/enquiries or Notices for weekly Bulletin to Samantha Nagel, Tuesday and Thursdays 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 16th November 2008,
The Second Sunday Before Advent

- 10.00am Holy Communion with Sunday School (JRC) with the baptism of Hannah Dimpleby - Celebrant the Reverend Mary Railton-Crowder
Hymns: SoF: 506, 120, 99, 296, 102 Anthem—Let all mortal flesh, 42
Banns: (3rd) 12/12/08 1pm; Robert Featherstone and Katie Pinel (3rd) 03/01/09 12.30pm; Duncan Castle and Kristina Tiplady
- 11.15am Morning Prayer (JRC)
Hymns: NEH: 333, 112, 418, 466 Psalm 90 vs 1-6
- 3.00pm Baptism of the Taylor and Reed family (JRC)
4.00pm Casting of the pantomime at the Church Hall
- 6.30pm Evensong (Captain David Wells)
Hymns: NEH: 466, 64, 57, 252 Psalm 16 vs 1-6

COLLECT

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. AMEN.

Diary for the Week

Sunday 16 th	10.00am	Holy Communion with Sunday School (JRC) with the baptism of Hannah Dimbleby - Celebrant the Reverend Mary Railton-Crowder
	11.15am	Morning Prayer (Group) (JRC)
	3.00pm	Baptism of the Taylor and Reed family
	4.00pm	Casting of the Pantomime
	6.30pm	Evensong (DW)
Monday 17 th	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	10.00am	Mums and Toddlers @ Elstow Hall
	2.00pm	Prayer Group in the Summerhouse
Tuesday 18 th	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	10.00am	Sing and Sign in the Church Hall
	4.30pm	Dance club in the Church Hall
Wednesday 19 th	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	11.30am	Coffee morning and Soup in Hall
	6.30pm	Youth Group meet at Church Hall
Thursday 20 th	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	11.00am	Holy Communion service at Elstow (Rev. Len Moore)
Friday 21 st	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	9.30am	Clergy chapter at Wotton
	8.00pm	Bell Ringing
Saturday 22 nd	9.00am	Visit by Londons school of theology- Professor Lane
	'till 1pm	
	2.00pm	Children's Workshop in the Church Hall

Next Sunday

23rd November 2008,

Next Sunday Before Advent

Christ the King

10.00am	Young People's Service (JEH)
11.15am	Holy Communion (Canon Nigel Morell)
4.00pm	Service of Remembrance at St Mary's Cardington
6.00pm	United Service @ Christ the King, London Road
6.30pm	NO EVENSONG AT ELSTOW

Future Dates for your diary

- Youth Alpha from Monday 19th January from 6 – 7.30pm for 10 weeks ref David Wells.
 - Pantomime rehearsals from 11th January 3.30 – 5pm until 1st March.
 - Diocesan trip to Taize 19th – 26th July 2009. *Further details in the New Year.*
 - Parish holiday to the Isle of Wight 9th August – 15th August. *Further details in the New Year.*
 - Greenbelt festival 28th August – 31st August ref David Wells.
 - Adults beginners to the Bible and Christian life course 8 week course starting 6th January at the vicarage from 8pm.
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