

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.
- **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.
- **Benefice Advent Study Course 1.** The Patriachs, Canon Nigel Morell @ St. Michaels, 2. The prophets, Rev. JRC @ St Marys, 3. John the Baptist, Rev. Stephen Smith @ Elstow and 4. Mary, Rev. Peter Littleford @ St Michaels. Monday 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd Dec at 8.00pm.
- **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.
- **Choir Practice** dates – 12th & 19th December 2008, 9th & 30th January and 6th February 2009.
- **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.
- **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.
- **Community Resettlement Support Project** looking to recruit & train volunteers to provide befriending support to men aged 21+ who prepare to be released from HMP Bedford please contact Rob Burton 07940211527.

JRC Day Off: Friday 5th December 2008

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 30th November 2008, The First Sunday of Advent

10.30am Joint Benefice Holy Communion at Elstow with Sunday School (JRC)

Hymns: NEH: 453, 3, 9, 297 Anthem – Steal away to Jesus, 5

6.30pm Evensong followed by Holy Communion with the Laying on of Hands for Healing (JRC) with guest preacher Robert Hely.

Hymns: NEH: 3, 14, 15, 11 Psalm 122 vs 1-6

COLLECT

Almighty God,
give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness
and put upon us the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which thy Son Jesus Christ cam to visit us in great humility;
that in the last day
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge both the quick and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever. AMEN.

Diary for the Week

Sunday 30 th	10.30am	Joint Benefice Holy Communion with Sunday School (JRC)
	6.30pm	Evensong followed by Holy Communion with the laying on of hands for healing (JRC)
Monday 1 st	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	10.00am	Mums and Toddlers @ Elstow Hall
	2.00pm	Prayer Group in the Summerhouse
	6.30pm	Hitchin Concert Band Brass ensemble and Kingshott School Chamber in aid of The friends of Elstow Abbey
	8.00pm	Advent Study Course 1. The Patriachs Canon Nigel Morell @ St. Michaels
Tuesday 2 nd	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	10.00am	Sing and Sign in the Church Hall
	10.15am	JRC @ Elstow Lower School
	4.30pm	Dance club in the Church Hall
	8.30pm	David Wells review meeting @ Vicarage
Wednesday 3 rd	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	10.00am	JRC @ Abbey Middle School
	11.30am	Coffee morning and Soup in Hall
	2.00pm	Clergy staff meeting @ St Michael's Vicarage
	6.30pm	Youth Group meet at Church Hall
	8.15pm	Youth Leaders meeting @ Vicarage
Thursday 4 th	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	11.00am	Holy Communion service at Elstow (JRC)
	12 Noon	No Monthly Lunch Club, next 11th December
	12.30pm	JRC Team Rectors Meeting @ Vicarage
Friday 5 th	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	8.00pm	Bell Ringing
Saturday 6 th		

Next Sunday

7th December 2008

The Second Sunday of Advent

10.00am	Holy Communion with Sunday School (JRC)
11.15am	Morning Prayer (Group)
3.30pm	Christingle (MEB, Hinsons)
6.30pm	Evensong (Canon Philip McDonough)

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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Please Pray For:

Recently Deceased:
Gwendoline Eglington