

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** 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** 2. The Prophets, Rev. JRC @ St Marys, 3. John the Baptist, Rev. Stephen Smith @ Elstow and 4. Mary, Rev. Peter Littleford @ St Michaels. Monday 8th, 15th and 22nd Dec at 8.00pm.
- **Choir Practice** dates – 12th & 19th December 2008, 9th & 30th January and 6th February 2009. Choir Christmas party at vicarage on 19th December at 8.15pm
- **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: Saturday 13th 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 7th December 2008 The Second Sunday of Advent

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| 10.00am | Holy Communion with Sunday School (JRC) |
| Hymns: | SoF: 466, 357, 442, 443, Anthem – Hills of the north rejoice, 205 |
| 11.15am | Morning Prayer (Group) |
| Hymns: | NEH: 14, 7, 15, 12, Psalm 80 vs 1-7 |
| 3.30pm | Christingle (MEB, Hinsons) |
| 6.30pm | Evensong (Canon Philip McDonough) |
| Hymns: | NEH: 12, 377, 500, 252, Psalm 85 vs 1-6 |

COLLECT

Blessed Lord,
which has caused all Holy Scriptures
to be written for our learning:
Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and
inwardly digest them, that by patience
and comfort of thy holy word, we may embrace,
and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life,
which thou has given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. AMEN.

Diary for the Week

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| Sunday 7 th | 10.00am | Holy Communion with Sunday School (JRC) |
| | 11.15am | Morning Prayer (Group) |
| | 3.30pm | Christingle (MEB, Hinsons) |
| | 4.00pm | St Michael's Christingle service |
| | 6.30pm | Evensong (Canon Philip McDonough) |
| Monday 8 th | 8.30am | Morning Prayer at Cardington |
| | 9.30am | Elstow Lower school @ Elstow Abbey |
| | 10.00am | Mums and Toddlers @ Elstow Hall |
| | 2.00pm | Prayer Group in the Summerhouse |
| | 8.00pm | Advent Study Course 2.The Prophets, Rev. JRC @ St Marys, Cardington |
| Tuesday 9 th | 8.30am | Morning Prayer at Cardington |
| | 9.30am | Elstow Lower school @ Elstow Abbey |
| | 10.00am | Sing and Sign in the Church Hall |
| | 4.30pm | Dance club in the Church Hall |
| | 5.45pm | Baptism interview @ vicarage |
| | 6.30pm | Wedding Rehearsal @ Elstow Abbey |
| Wednesday 10 th | 7.30pm | Wardens Meal @ St Helena's Restaurant |
| | 8.30am | Morning Prayer at Cardington |
| | 11.30am | Coffee morning and Soup in Hall |
| | 6.30pm | Youth Group dinner @ Swan pub |
| Thursday 11 th | 8.30am | Morning Prayer at Cardington |
| | 11.00am | Holy Communion service at Elstow (JRC) |
| Friday 12 th | 12 Noon | Monthly Lunch Christmas meal @ Red Lion all welcome |
| | 7.00pm | Parish Council meal @ Swan pub |
| | 8.30am | Morning Prayer at Cardington |
| | 1.00pm | Wedding of Robert Featherstone and Katie Pinel (JRC) |
| | 3.00pm | Funeral of Gwendoline Eglington |
| | 7.45pm | Choir Practice |
| Saturday 13 th | 8.00pm | Bell Ringing |

Next Sunday

14th December 2008

The Third Sunday of Advent

10.00am Holy Communion with Sunday School (JRC)

6.30pm Evensong followed by Holy Communion and Laying on of hands for healing (JRC)

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, Julie Dicks