

Notices and Future Events

- **If you work with Young People @ Elstow Abbey all CRB checks need to be updated. Please ring 08709090844 for a form, then give all your details to Margaret Baron for checking and sending off.**
- **Elstow Benefice knees up!** Saturday 14th February 7pm in Church Hall. David Wells is leading us in a Valentines quiz & during the interval there will be a fish/sausage & chips supper. Cod & chips £3, sausage & chips £1.50. Please fill in list at back of church deadline Wednesday 10th February if for any reason you can't come after placing your order the cost will still have to be paid for as we cannot cancel the order. Any queries please speak to Rosemary or Colin.
- **Winter Table-top Sale 21st February 2-4pm @ Scott Hall** to raise money for the quota. Help needed to clear out the bell tower 1pm and to prepare the hall; We need cakes, raffle prizes & tombola prizes & help on the stalls please see Barbara or Jeremy
- **Please Note: The date has changed for PCC meeting to 5th March '09**
- **Monthly Thursday Lunch group** The Red Lion is undergoing refurbishment. Next date March 5th hopefully at the Red Lion
- **Claudette a member of the Elstow Congregation** is happy to read to adults who can't do it themselves. If interested call on 01234 216375.
- **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 contact Rob Burton 07940211527.
- **Groups in the area who meet once a month South Side Chapter;** meets in the afternoon of the last Wednesday of the month. Also **Chapter Two;** a new group meeting on the last Tuesday of the month at 7.45pm. New members welcome, a chance to meet new people in your area. Please contact Rachel Kirkham on 01234 314093 for details
- **Cheques for the Parish Holiday to 'Revd J. Crocker Expense Acc.'**
- **'Rene Mallett has sadly died her funeral is at Bedford Crem, Norse Road: Tues 17th Feb @ 10.45am**

JRC Away @ General Synod 10-13th February, Day off: Saturday 14th

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 8th February 2009 **The Third Sunday Before Lent**

10.00am Holy Communion with Sunday school (Revd Peter Littleford) Preacher Mr John Hinson
Hymns: SoF: 384,510,469,27,377 Anthem: Sanctus (Barnard)

Banns: 4th April @ 2pm John McCarthy and Kelly Evans (1st)
Banns: 25th April @ Noon Adam Bishop and Jennifer Davies (1st)

10.15am JRC @ St Michael's Bedford
3.30pm Pantomime Rehearsal in the Church
6.30pm Evensong (JRC)
Hymns: NEH: 486,44,393,252 Psalm 24 vs 1-6

COLLECT

Almighty God,
who alone canst order the unruly wills
and affections of the sinful:
grant unto thy people
that they may love the thing which thou commandest
and desire that which thou dost promise,
that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world,
our hearts may surely there be fixed
where true joys are to be found;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. AMEN

Diary for the Week

Sunday 8 th	10.00am	Holy Communion with Sunday school (Revd Peter Littleford) Preacher John Hinson
	3.30pm	Pantomime Rehearsal @ Church
	6.30pm	Evensong (JRC)
Monday 9 th	10.00am	Mums and Toddlers at Church Hall
	12noon	Wedding Interview @ Rectory
	2.00pm	Prayer Group meet at Summerhouse
	2.30pm	Funeral Visit @ Rectory
	4.30pm	Abbey Personnel Meeting @ Rectory
	6-7.30pm	Youth Alpha @ 324 Church Lane, Cardington
Tuesday 10 th	10.00am	Sing and Sign in the Church Hall
	8.00pm	United Prayer's London Rd Methodists
	8.00pm	Adult beginners Bible study 5 @ St. Michael's Vicarage – all welcome
Wednesday 11 th	11.30am	Coffee Morning & soup @ Church Hall
	5.45pm	Younger Youth Group meet in the Church Hall (Yrs 3–8) 'Chocolate'
	6.30pm	Youth Group meet in the Church Hall (8yrs+) 'Chocolate'
Deadline for Orders of Cod/ Sausage and Chips ring 407084		
Thursday 12 th	11.00am	Holy Communion (Canon Nigel Morrell)
	6-7pm	Yoga @ Church Hall
Friday 13 th	6.45-8pm	Junior Choir Practice
	7.15-8pm	Adult Choir Practice
	8.00pm	Bell Ringing
Saturday 14 th	7.00pm	BENIFICE Valentine's Knees Up: QUIZ with Fish/ Sausage and Chip Supper @ the Church Hall (ring Colin/ Rosemary on 407084 to order supper)

Next Sunday

8th February 2009

The Fifth Sunday of Epiphany

10.00am	Holy Communion with Sunday School (JRC)
Banns:	(2 nd) 04/04/09 2pm; John McCarthy and Kelly Evans (E)
	(2 nd) 25/04/09 12noon; Adam Bishop (E) and Jennifer Davies (E)
11.15am	Morning Prayer (JRC)
3.00pm	Baptism of Oliver White (JRC)
3.30pm	Pantomime Rehearsal in the Church
6.30pm	Evensong (JRC)

Future Dates for your diary

- **St Michael's Holiday Club 17-19th February 10-12 noon @ St Michael's Church: for children aged 5-12 years welcome. If willing to help contact David on 838279**
- Diocesan trip to Taize 19th – 26th July 2009. *Details due in the next edition of the Parish magazine.*
- Parish holiday to the Isle of Wight 9th August – 15th August. *Details are in this edition of the Parish Magazine*
- Greenbelt festival 28th August – 31st August ref David Wells. *Details are in this edition of the Parish Magazine*

Please Pray For:

Recently Deceased: 'Rene Mallett