

Notices and Future Events

- **Annual Vestry Meeting and APCM** is on Thursday in the Church Hall 23rd April @ 7.30pm. If anyone on the Electoral role would like to stand for the PCC, Church warden or Deputy Warden please speak to Glynis for a form on 01234 403533.
- **£63.99 was collected towards Red Nose Day from the Pantomime**
- **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.
- **Cheques for the Parish Holiday to 'Revd J. Crocker Expense Acc.'**
- **Bedford Choral Society and Bedford Sinfonia** will perform J.S. Bach's St. John Passion at the Bedford Corn Exchange at 7.30pm on Saturday, March 21st 2009. Tickets from Bedford Box Office (01234 269519) or from Chris Knell (01234 214140) prices: £12 or £15.
- **Please note:** there is reduced electricity in Elstow village on Wednesday 18th March between 8.30am-4.30pm. **NO Soup**
- **Monthly Lunch Club** is at the Red Lion on 2nd April at 12noon.
- **Sealed Knot 5th April** 11-4.30pm on the Moot Hall Green. Church open + BBQ and Drinks served..Help needed to sell programmes, tickets/car parking. Please speak to Clive Arnold or Jeremy.
- **Benefice Coach outing to Coventry Saturday 2nd May** 2009 please speak to Revd Stephen Smith on 01234 266920 for details.
- **Church of England Children's society** Boxes need to go to Margaret
- **Regular Bible Reading** - New Daylight and/or Day by Day with God for information contact Rita Haines 01234 304773.
- **Christian Aid** Talk by Catherine Loy Friday 3rd April 7.30pm @ Chapter House St Peter de Merton De Parys Avenue
- **Water Aid** Please can you fill up a jam jar of left over coppers and bring to church on Easter Day, and all monies raised can help Africa

JRC Day Off: Friday 20th March 2009

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 15th March 2009 **The Third Sunday of Lent**

- 10.00am Holy Communion (JRC) with the Baptisms of Zoe Catarina Guth and Anthony Honeybourne Jr
Hymns: SoF: 24,329,99,469,27,362 Anthem: Behold your King
- 11.15am: Choral Mattins (Group)
Hymns: NEH: 5,376,388,466 Psalm 137vs1-6
- 6.30pm Choral Evensong (JRC)
Hymns: NEH: 449,374,339,252 Psalm 126

COLLECT

Almighty God,
Whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified;
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
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	10.00am	Holy Communion (JRC) with the Baptisms of Zoe Catarina Guth and Anthony Honeybourne Jr
	11.15am	Choral Mattins (Group)
	6.30pm	Choral Evensong (JRC)
Monday 16 th	8.30am	Morning Prayer @ Cardington
	10.00am	Mums and Toddlers at Church Hall
	2.00pm	Prayer Group meet at Summerhouse
	6-7.30pm	Youth Alpha course @ St Mary's, Cardington
	7.30-9pm	Lent Course 3 – Elstow Church Hall
Tuesday 17 th	8.30am	Morning Prayer @ Cardington
	10.00am	Sing and Sign in the Church Hall
	1-3pm	Great Barford School Visit @ Abbey
	8.00pm	Wedding Interview @ Vicarage
	9.00pm	Wedding Interview @ Vicarage
Wednesday 18 th	8.30am	Morning Prayer @ Cardington
	10.15am	JRC @ St Mary's Clophill
	11.30am	NO Coffee Morning & soup
	2.00pm	Clergy Team Staff Meeting @ Stephens
	5.45pm	Younger Youth Club meet at Elstow Hall – Irish Night
	6.30pm	Older Youth Group meet @ Elstow Hall – Irish Night
	8.15pm	Wedding Interview @ Vicarage
Thursday 19 th	8.30am	Morning Prayer @ Cardington
	11.00am	Holy Communion (JRC)
	6-7pm	Yoga @ Church Hall
	7-8pm	Wedding Interview @ Vicarage
	8.00pm	Liturgy Meeting @ Hinsons
Friday 20 th	8.00pm	Bell Ringing
Saturday	8.30am	Morning Prayer @ Cardington
	9.30-11am	Visit from East Anglia School of Philosophy to Elstow Abbey + (Hall)
21 st	2-4pm	Youth Workshop in the Church Hall
	4-5pm	Prepare Mother's Day posies in the Hall??

Next Sunday 22nd March 2009

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Mothering Sunday

10.30am Holy Communion (JRC) with the Baptisms of Alice, James and Martha Matthews, and we also welcome Elstow Brownies.

6.30pm Choral Evensong (JRC)

Future Dates for your diary

- 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*

-Lent Courses: Faith, Hope and Love.

March 16th 7.30pm at Elstow Church Hall

March 23rd 7.30pm at St. Michael's

Please Pray For:

Recently Deceased: Bridget Farrell, Joan Turner