

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.
- **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.'**
- **Monthly Lunch Club** is at the Red Lion on 7th May 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 Week** 10-16 May House-to-House collection. Volunteers Needed can you spare an hour or two? Contact Shelia Batiuk on 01234 741112
- **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
- **Frugal Lunch** at 12.15pm in the Church Hall on Good Friday. If you would like to attend please put your name on the list which is on the table at the back of the church so we know how many to cater for.
- **Easter Lilies** £1.50 Last order day Wednesday 8th April to Margaret Baron on 218762.

JRC Away: Wednesday 15th April – Sunday 19th April

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 5th April 2009

Palm Sunday

- 9.55am** Procession around the Moot Hall green with Holy Communion and Sunday school (JRC)
Hymns: NEH: 509, 93, 439, 431, 205
- 11.15am** Morning Prayer (Group)
Hymns: NEH: 453, 272, 86, 511 Psalm 31 vs 1-6
- 11-4.30pm** Sealed Knot Celebrations on Moot Hall Green with refreshments in the Church Hall
- 6.30pm** Evensong (Mr Robert Heley)
Hymns: NEH: 94, 439, 124, 242 Psalm 118 vs 1-6

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
who of thy tender love towards the world
hast sent thy Son our saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example of his patience and
humility,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
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 – Holy Week

Sunday 5 th	9.55am	Procession around the Moot Hall Green with Holy Communion (JRC)
	11.15am	Morning Prayer (Group)
	11-4.30pm	Sealed Knot on the Moot Hall green
	6.30pm	Evensong (Robert Heley)
Monday 6 th	10.00am	Mums and Toddlers at Church Hall
	2.00pm	Prayer Group meet at Summerhouse
	6.00pm	Wedding Interview
	6-7.30pm	Youth Alpha @ St. Mary's Cardington
	7.30pm	Holy Communion at Elstow Abbey
Tuesday 7 th	10.00am	Sing and Sign in the Church Hall
	10.30am	Baptism interview @ vicarage
	7.30pm	Meditation at St. Michael's Church
Wednesday 8 th	11.30am	Coffee Morning & soup No Youth Group
	7.30pm	Compline and Reflection @ St. Mary's Cardington
Thursday 9 th	<u>Maundy Thursday</u>	
	11.00am	Holy Communion (Canon Nigel Morell)
	3.30pm	Burial & Service of Irene Heath @ Elstow Abbey
	6-7pm	Yoga @ Church Hall
	7.30pm	bread, cheese & soup @ St. Mary's Cardington
	7.30-9pm	Holy Communion & Watch @ Elstow (JRC)
Friday 10 th	<u>Good Friday</u>	
	9.00am	Children's workshop @ St. Mary's Cardington
	10.00am	Young People's Service @ Elstow (JEH & MB)

11.15am	Liturgy of the Day @ Elstow (JRC)
12noon	Harpur square Act of Witness
12.15pm	Frugal Lunch in the Church Hall
7.00pm	Handel's Messiah @ St. Paul's, Bedford (to mark 250 th anniversary of Handel's death)
8.00pm	NO Bell ringing

Saturday
11th 7.00pm First Light of Easter (please meet @ Church Hall)

Next Sunday 12th April 2009

Easter Day

10.30am Joint Holy Communion No Sunday School (JRC)

6.30pm Evensong (JRC)

Monday 10.00am **NO** Mums and Toddlers
2.00pm **NO** Prayer Group meet in the Summerhouse
Youth Pilgrimage to St. Albans, Benefic trip – for details please speak to David Wells on 01234 838279

Future Dates for your diary

- Diocesan trip to Taize 19th – 26th July 2009. *For more details please meet at the vicarage on Tuesday 21st April at 8pm*
- 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.
CANCELLED.
- **Parish Holiday 2010** Instead of the Isle of Wight in 2010, I am planning a coach tour of Southern Ireland 24-30th May 2010.

Please Pray For

Recently Deceased: Mrs Irene Heath