

Notices and Future Events

- **Christmas Flowers** – There is a jar at the back of church for any donation you wish to give towards the Christmas flowers
- **Help needed for Tea/Coffee on the 1st & 2nd Sundays of month after 10am service.** Please speak to Tracey/ Barbara.
- **Pantomime** – List of parts and scripts to collect today from the back of church.
- **Christmas Tree** – Hopefully you have seen the tree on the Green! Singing round the tree will be 14th Dec 6.30-7.30pm.
- **Visiting** – If anyone else would like Jeremy to come round for a visit, please sign the list at the back of church.
- **Children's Christmas Parties** will be on Saturday 19th Dec. 2.30-4.30pm for under 8s, 4-6pm for 8-11 year olds and a disco for those aged 12 and over 6-8pm. Please let Sarah know on Jeremy's email – Jeremy.crocker@tesco.net – or via the Rectory, if you children would like to come (by 12th Dec).
- **Nine lessons and Carols** – will be on Sunday 20th December at 6.30pm
- **Crib Service** – will be at **4pm** on Christmas Eve
- **Parish Holiday** – Following your feedback, Jeremy is proposing two Parish holidays next year. One to Ireland at the end of May (for adults) and one to the Isle of Wight for the first week in August (for all the family).
- **Hall Plans** English Heritage have given the green light in our planning application. We should hear results by Christmas.

JRC day off: Friday 11th and Friday 18th Dec

Church Wardens Contact details: Tracey Hinson 01234 406061 & Barbara Routledge 01234 854369. Wedding/ Baptism Bookings/enquiries or Notices on **Wednesdays** at the Rectory – 01234 261477.



THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST MARY AND ST HELENA, ELSTOW

We extend a warm welcome to everyone today

Sunday 6th December 2009

The Second Sunday of Advent

10.00am Holy Communion (JRC) with Sunday School
Hymns: SoF: 150, 357, 442, 205
11.15am Mattins Group
Hymns: NEH: 14, 7, 18,12 Psalm: Benedictus Vs 1-6
3.30pm Cristingle Service (JRC + TH)
6.30pm Evensong (RH)
Hymns: NEH: 5, 12, 500, 252 Psalm: 85 Vs 1-6

COLLECT for 06.12.09

O Lord, raise up we pray thee thy power
And come among us, and with great might succour us;
That wheras, through our sins and wickedness
We are sore let and hindered
In running the race that is set before us,
Thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and
deliver us; through the satisfaction of thy Son our Lord,
To whom with thee and the Holy Spirit
Be honour and glory, now and for ever.

COLLECT for 13.12.09

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who at thy first coming didst send
Thy messenger to prepare thy way before thee:
Grant that the ministers and stewards of thy mysteries
May likewise so prepare and make ready thy way
By turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of
the just, that at thy second coming to judge the world
We may be found an acceptable people in thy sight;
Who livest and reignest with the Father and Holy Spirit
One God, now and for ever.

Diary for the Weeks

Monday 7th 8.30am Morning Prayer @ Cardington
 10.00 am Mums and Toddlers in the Hall
 2.00pm Prayer Group in Summerhouse
 7.30pm Joint Benefice P.C.C @ St Michaels

Tuesday 8th 8.30am Morning Prayer @ Cardington
 10.00am Sing and Sign in the Church Hall
 11.30am Funeral of Henry Thorman (JRC)
 1.30-3pm Elstow Lower (KS2) at Abbey

Wednesday 9th 8.30am Morning Prayer @ Cardington
 11.30am Burial of Vera White at Elstow Churchyard
 11.30am Coffee morning followed by soup
 6.00-8pm Youth Club Meal - Toby Carvery
 8.00pm Team Bible Study @ Cardington

Thursday 10th 8.30am Morning Prayer @ Cardington
 9.30-11am Elstow Lower (KS2) at Abbey
 11.00am Holy Communion in Vestry(JRC)
 6-7pm Yoga @ Church Hall

Friday 11th 8.30am Morning Prayer @ Cardington
 7.15-8pm Choir Practice
 8.00pm Bell Ringing

Saturday 8.30am Morning Prayer @ Cardington

DECEASED – Henry Thorman, Vera White
Sunday 13th December 2009 – The Third Sunday of Advent

10.00am	Holy Communion (JRC)
Hymns:	SoF: 520, 593, 127, 559
12noon	Baptism at Cardington (JRC)
4.00pm	St Michael's Christmas Carol Service
6.30pm	Evensong with Holy Communion + laying on of hands (JRC)
Hymns:	NEH: 5, 14, 6 Psalm 126

Monday 10am Mums and Toddlers Christmas Party

14th 2.00pm Prayer Group meet in Summerhouse
 6.30-7.30pm Carol Singing round the Christmas Tree on Moot Hall Green

Tuesday 15th 8.30am Morning Prayer @ Cardington
 0930-11am Elstow Lower (Yrs 1-4) in Abbey
 10.00am Sing and Sign in the Church Hall
 2pm Elstow Lower Foundation Stage Christmas Production at school

Wednesday 16th 8.30am Morning Prayer @ Cardington
 11.30am Coffee Morning followed by soup
 Christmas Lunch

1-3pm Abbey Middle Christmas concert
 4.30pm Bell peel @ Elstow Abbey
 5.45-8pm **No Youth Club**
 7.30pm Carol Singing @ Bunyans Mead
 7.30pm Candlelit Carol Service Lon Rd Meth
 8.00pm Team Bible Study @ St Mary's

Thursday 17th 8.30am Morning Prayer @ Cardington
 09.15am Elstow Lower (KS1) Xmas Play
 11.00am Holy Communion (JRC)
 1.30-2.30 Elstow Lower (KS2) production to family + community at Abbey
 6-7pm Yoga @ Church Hall
 6.00pm Team Clergy Christmas Meal @ Toby Carvery, Goldington

Friday 18th 8.30am Morning Prayer @ Cardington
 7.15-8pm Choir Practice
 8.00pm Bell Ringing

Saturday 19th 8.30am Morning Prayer @ Cardington
 2.30-8pm Children's Christmas Parties in Church Hall. Please see notices for more info.