

Notices and Future Events

- **Crib Service Rehearsal** – 11am 23rd Dec in church. Please get children changed into costume at the back of church.
- **Christmas Day** – please bring a present with you that Santa has dropped down your chimney!
- **Holy Communion for Housebound** – Please could you let Jeremy or Barbara know if you would like to receive Holy Communion at home.
- **Can you help?** Please see the letter at the back of church and fill in, if you are interested in helping at church or finding out more about possible roles at church.
- **New Church Hall** – Jan 10th will be the launch of the church's involvement in fundraising for the new Hall. There will be a video presentation & talk by Jeremy at all services.
- **Youth Vision Meeting 11th January** All adults are invited to a Youth Vision meeting at the vicarage.
- **17th January - No morning services at the Abbey**, as we will join Elstow Bunyan Christian Fellowship at **11am** to mark the beginning of their 100 years celebration
- **Monthly Lunch** will be on Jan 7th at noon at The Red Lion
- **Pantomime First Rehearsal January 10th at 4pm** for those involved at the **Church Hall** (correction to original venue)
- **Further Joint PCC Meeting** - St Michael's 7.30pm 19th Jan
- **Parish Holidays**- Details will be in the Feb Parish Magazine.
- **Hall Plans** – We are hoping to hear on 27th December if we have planning permission.

JRC days off over this period: 29th, 30th and 31st 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 20th December 2009

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

10.00am Holy Communion (JRC) with Sunday School

Hymns: SoF: 410, 443, 347, 19, 32

11.15am Mattins (JRC)

Hymns: NEH: 11, 6, 15, 186 Psalm 80 Vs 1-7

6.30pm Nine Lessons and Carols

Hymns: Please see sheet

COLLECT for 20.12.09

O God our redeemer

Who didst prepare the Blessed Virgin Mary

To be the mother of thy son:

Grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,

So we may be ready to greet him

When he shall come again to be our judge;

In the unity of the Holy Spirit,

One God, now and for ever.

COLLECT for Christmas Eve

Eternal God,

Who made this most Holy night

To shine with the brightness of thy one true light

Bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on earth,

To see the radiance of thy heavenly glory;

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.

COLLECT for Christmas Day

Almighty God, who hast given us they only-begotten Son
 To take our nature upon him
 And as at this time to be born of a pure virgin:
 Grant that we, being regenerate
 And made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be
 renewed by thy Holy Spirit;
 Through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
 Who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit,
 Now and for ever.

COLLECT for 27.12.09

Almighty God,
 Who hast wonderfully created us in thine own image
 And hast yet more wonderfully restored us
 Through thy Son Jesus Christ:
 Grant that, as he came to share in our humanity,
 So we may share the life of his divinity;
 Who liveth and reigneth with thee,
 In the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

COLLECT for 03.01.10

Almighty God,
 Who in the birth of thy Son
 Hast poured upon us the new light of thine incarnate Word
 And revealed to us the fullness of his joy;
 Help us so to walk in his light and dwell in his love
 That we may know the fullness of his joy;
 Who liveth and reigneth with thee,
 In the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 One God, now and for ever.

Diary for the weeks

Monday	8.30am	Morning Prayer @ Cardington
21 st	2.00pm	Prayer Group in Summerhouse

Tues 22 nd	8.30am	Morning Prayer @ Cardington
Wed 23 rd	8.30am	Morning Prayer @ Cardington
	11.00am	Crib Service costume fitting & rehearsal in church
	11.30am	Coffee morning followed by Soup
	8.00pm	Team Bible Study @ Cardington

Christmas Eve	08.30am	Morning Prayer @ Cardington
	4pm	Crib Service
	11.30pm	Midnight Parish communion (JRC)
	Hymns:	NEH: 26, 32, 36, 42, 22, 35, 30
Christmas Day	10.30am	Family Communion (JRC + band)
	Hymns:	SoF: 23, 491, 155, 36, 602, 420, 314

Sat 26th 8.30am Morning Prayer @ Cardington
DECEASED – Eileen Krause, Amanda Carroll

Sunday 27th December 2009 The first Sunday of Christmas

10.30am	Holy Communion (JRC)
Hymns:	NEH: 28, 40, 25, 36, 39
6.30pm	Evensong (JRC)
Hymns:	NEH: 36, 40, 35, 21 Psalm 148 Vs1-6

Mon 28 th	8.30am	Morning Prayer @ Cardington
	2.00pm	Prayer Group meet in Summerhouse
Tues 29 th	8.30am	Morning Prayer @ Cardington
Wednesday	8.30am	Morning Prayer @ Cardington
30 th	11.30am	Coffee Morning followed by soup
	8.00pm	Team Bible Study @ St Mary's
Thursday	8.30am	Morning Prayer @ Cardington
31 st	11.00am	Holy Communion (JRC)
Friday	8.30am	Morning Prayer @ Cardington
1 st Jan	8.00pm	Bell Ringing
Sat 2 nd	8.30am	Morning Prayer @ Cardington