



**THE ABBEY CHURCH**

**OF ST MARY AND ST HELENA, ELSTOW**

We extend a warm welcome to everyone today

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2012**

**The Third Sunday before Lent**

**10.30am** **Benefice Holy Communion with the Bishop of St Albans, including Sunday School**

6.30pm Evensong (JEH + JRC)

10.15am *Holy Communion at St Michael's (PL)*

**COLLECT for 05.02.12**

Almighty God, who alone can bring order  
To the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity:  
Give your people grace  
So to love what you command and to desire what you  
promise, that, among the many changes of this world,  
Our hearts may surely there be fixed  
Where true joys are to be found;  
Through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord

**COLLECT for 12.02.12**

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth  
And made us in our own image:  
Teach us to discern your hand in all your works  
And your likeness in all your children;  
Through Jesus Christ you Son our Lord,  
Who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all  
things, now and for ever.

**COLLECT for 19.02.12**

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty  
Before he suffered death upon the cross:  
Give us grace to perceive his glory.  
That we may be strengthened to suffer with him  
And be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;  
Who is alive and reigns with you,  
In the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever.

- **Notices and Future Events**
- **Before our worship starts, some reflective music will be played. Please take the opportunity to prepare quietly.**
- **Coffee and Cake** – after the morning service today (5<sup>th</sup> Feb) – please do stay if you can to share in this.
- **Charlie Simmonds** – sadly Charlie died peacefully last Monday (30<sup>th</sup> Jan). His funeral is on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb.
- **2012 Calendars** – which Glynis has made are £2 and are to raise money for the new church hall. Also bookmarks for 10p
- **Team Council Meeting-** Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> Feb 7.30pm Cardington

• **Bishop of Bedford** –retirement service on Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> March 4pm at St Paul's. All welcome. Please sign sheet at back of church if you would like to come.

- **Card/Games Evening** – a social evening for all at 5pm on Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Feb at church, including hot supper. £2.50 for adults and £1 for children under 12. Please see sign up sheet.
- **Valentine's Abseil** – Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Feb to raise money for young people with cancer. Please see poster at back of church.
- **Free Training in Self Development** – in Bedford for 5 sessions in February. Please see poster at the back of church.
- **Parish Holiday to Scarborough** – Sun 29<sup>th</sup> July – Sat 5<sup>th</sup> August. Details in the Parish Magazine. All welcome.
- **Greenbelt Weekend** – August bank holiday weekend. Details again in magazine or speak to Cpt David Wells.
- **Elstow Abbey website** – [www.elstow-abbey.org.uk](http://www.elstow-abbey.org.uk)
- **Jeremy will be on holiday** - Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Feb until Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Feb

**Church Wardens** Contact details: Tracey Hinson 01234 406061 & Barbara Routledge 01234 854369.

Wedding/ Baptism Bookings/enquiries or Notices on **Wednesdays** to Sarah Duffy at the Rectory – 01234 261477.

**IF YOU ARE NEW TO OUR CHURCH....WELCOME.**  
**Please stay for tea/coffee in the Vestry following the 10am service**

## Diary for the Weeks

Monday	10am	Mums and Toddlers in the Vestry
6 <sup>th</sup>	11.30am	Funeral Bedford Crematorium for Angela Gribble (JRC)
	2pm	Prayer Group
Tues	2.30pm	JRC meeting with Kate Parish
7 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	Youth Club – Pancake Night
	7.30pm	Cotton End Governors Meeting (JRC)
Wed	11.30am	Coffee and Soup in the Vestry
8 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Bible Study @ St Mary's Cardington
	7.30pm	St Michael's PCC
Thurs	09.30am	Morning Prayers at St Michael's
9 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Holy Communion (JRC)
	7-8.30pm	London Road Youth Club
Fri	Jeremy on holiday until 17 <sup>th</sup> February	
10 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	<b>No Choir Practice</b>
	8pm	Bell Ringing

### **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February – The Second Sunday before Lent**

10.00am	Holy Communion + Sunday School (PL)
11.20am	Mattins (Group)
6.30pm	Evensong (JEH)
10.15am	<i>Service at St Michael's (RC)</i>

Monday	<b>10am</b>	<b>No Mums and Toddlers</b>
13 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Prayer Group
Tues	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>No Youth Club</b>
14 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting-Playing Fields
Wednesday	11.30am	Coffee and Soup in the Vestry
15 <sup>th</sup>	1.30pm	Funeral of Charlie Simmonds at Elstow Abbey (Canon John Tibbs)
	7.30pm	Bible Study@St Mary's Cardington
Thursday	09.30am	Morning Prayer at St Michael's
16 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Holy Communion (RC)
	7.30pm	Team Council Meeting @Cardington
Friday	5pm	Wedding rehearsal for Saturday

17 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	<b>No Choir Practice</b>
	8.00pm	Bell Ringing
Sat	2pm	Wedding of Richard Lewis
18 <sup>th</sup>		Raybould and Suzanne Mary White (JRC)

## **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> Feb 5pm**

Card/Games Evening for all. £2.50 (or £1 for children under 12) including hot supper in the church/vestry

### **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February – The Sunday next before Lent** **Stewardship Sunday**

10.00am	Holy Communion + Sunday School (JRC)
11.20am	Mattins (JRC)
3pm	Baptism of Billy Guile (JRC)
6.30pm	Evensong (JRC)
10.15am	<i>Service at St Michael's (SS)</i>

Monday	10am	Mums and Toddlers in the Vestry
20 <sup>th</sup>	2pm	Prayer Group
	8pm	Friends meeting in the Vestry
Tues	11am	JRC/SD Mtg with Rosemary Langley
21 <sup>st</sup>	6.30pm	Youth Club – Cinema/swimming
Ash	11.30am	Coffee and Soup in the Vestry
Wednesday	7.30pm	Bible Study @ St Mary's Cardington
	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Sung Holy Communion</b>
Thurs	09.30am	Morning Prayers at St Michael's
23 <sup>rd</sup>	11.00am	Holy Communion (JRC)
	5.00pm	Wedding rehearsal for Saturday
	7-8.30pm	London Road Youth Club
	7.30pm	Wedding interview (JRC)
Fri	7pm	Choir Practice
24 <sup>th</sup>	8pm	Bell Ringing
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup>	1pm	Wedding of Graham John Nash and Laura Jane Pauline Gullivee (JRC)

**Deceased: Angela Gribble, Charlie Simmonds**

*Morning Prayer every day at 08.30am at Cardington*