

Notices and Future Events

- Choir Practice will now be each week at 6.30pm each Wednesday. If you would like to give it a try please speak to John Crookall or Graham Weeks.
- We have received an E mail that was too late for the December magazine. *Christmas greetings from the Isle of Man – or in Manx Gaelic ‘Nollick Ghennal’*. We are both very well and still enjoying our ministry here on the island. We send you our love and wish you all a joyful and blessed Christmas. Christmas came early to us with the gift of another grandchild. Miss Amelia (Amy) Elise Cherith Crowder was born in Liverpool to Michael and Anna on Saturday November 19th. I hope that you will meet her one day. God bless you all, Mary and Graham.
- Christingle Service is TODAY at 3.30pm.
- Quiet Day planned for 10th December 10-3pm at Barton le Clay. Guest speak booked and a “Bring and Share” lunch. Sign up sheet a back of church.
- Sunday 11th December, 4.00-5.30pm Pantomime rehearsal in Church Hall.
- 23rd January will be an additional meeting for the Bereavement course. Time and Venue to be confirmed.

Jeremy Crocker: Day Off: Friday 9th December

Wedding Bookings/enquiries or Notices for weekly Bulletin to Diana Hill either Tuesday or Thursday mornings. (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 4th December
2nd Sunday of Advent**

9.30am	Family Communion (Jeremy Crocker) with lighting of the second Advent Candle
Hymns:	SoF: 64, 154, 150, Anthem: Prepare ye the way of the Lord, 456
Banns:	29 th December: Martin Owen and Isabel Orme
11.00am	Morning Prayer (Jeremy Crocker)
Hymns:	NEH: 237, 3, 5, 376, 488, 235
3.30pm	Christingle Service with Guest Preacher Tony Brookes from the Children’s Society See service sheet for details
6.00pm	South Beds Council of Churches Joint Advent Service at St Michael’s
6.30pm	No Evensong at Elstow

COLLECT

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power
and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness
we are grievously hindered
in running the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory, now and for ever.

Diary for this week

Sunday 4th 9.30am Family Communion (Jeremy Crocker)
11.00am Morning Prayer (Jeremy Crocker)
3.30pm Christingle Service with Guest Preacher
Tony Brooks from Children's Society
6.00pm SBCC Joint Advent service at St
Michael's
Note: 6.30pm NO Evening Prayer

Monday 5th 8.30am Morning Prayer at Cardington
Late Morning John Bunyan school rehearsal
5.30pm Abbey Middle School Governors
meeting
5.30-6.30pm Young peoples Confirmation group
meet at St Michaels Church
7.00pm Prayer Group in the Summerhouse
7.30pm John Bunyan School Carol Service at
Elstow Abbey

Tuesday 6th 8.30am Morning Prayer at Cardington

Wednesday 7th 8.30am Morning Prayer at Cardington
11.30am Coffee Morning in Church Hall
6.30pm Choir Practice

Thursday 8th 8.30am Morning Prayer at Cardington
10.00pm Funeral and Burial of Ben Taylor at
Elstow Abbey (Rev Lionel Albon)
11.00am Holy Communion (Nigel Morrell)
7.00pm Abbey Middle School Jack and the
Beanstalk production

Friday 9th 8.30am Morning Prayer at Cardington
8.00pm WI Carol Service with Salvation Army

Saturday 10th 10-3.00pm Team Quiet Day at Barton-le-Clay

Next Sunday

11th December, 3rd Sunday of Advent

10.15am Jeremy Crocker at St Michael's Communion
Service

11.00am Parish Communion (Peter Littleford) and Lighting
of Third Advent candle

4.00pm St Michael's Crib Service

6.30pm Evensong

Monthly Guest Preachers at Elstow

8th January The Venerable Paul Hughes
11.00am (Archdeacon of Bedford) Epiphany service

5th Feb Geoff Fletcher
9.30am & 11.00am (Diocesan Stewardship Advisor)

12th March The Venerable Trevor Jones
11.00am (Archdeacon Hertford)

Please pray for:

The Sick: Ron Chapple, Glenys Godden, Shirley Teague,
Jack Walsh, Stephen Smith, Charlie Goff
Joan Johnson, Doug Gautrey

The Recently Deceased:

Albert Digger, Barbara Rogers, Ben Taylor