

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.*
- TODAY, 4.00-5.30pm Pantomime rehearsal in Church Hall.
- After costs the Christmas Bazaar raised £342.25. Thank you to everyone who helped and came.
- There will be a board at the back of church if anyone wishes to use it to send a Christmas wish rather than individual cards. Any monies you wish to donate in lieu of the cards will be sent to the Children’s Society.
- The Christmas Cards for delivery to all the roads in the parish are at the back of church. Please would you take a road and put on the sheet the road you have delivered. We will then carol sing those roads that have not been delivered.
- Carol Singing will be on Friday 16th December from 6pm.
- 23rd January will be an additional meeting for the Bereavement course. Time and Venue to be confirmed.
- IOW for 2006. Dates are Sunday 23rd July to Saturday 29th July. More information will be available in the New Year.

Jeremy Crocker: Day Off: Friday 16th 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 11th December 3rd Sunday of Advent

10.15am	Jeremy Crocker at St Michael’s Communion Service
11.00am	Parish Communion with lighting of the third Advent Candle (Peter Littleford)
Hymns:	238, 6, 234, Anthem: Love came down at Christmas, 437
Banns:	29 th December: Martin Owen and Isabel Orme
4.00pm	St Michael’s Crib Service
6.30pm	Evensong
Hymns:	3, 488, 452, 9, 30

COLLECT

O Lord Jesus Christ,
who at your first coming sent your messenger
to prepare your way before you;
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,
that at your second coming to judge the world
we may be found acceptable people in your sight;
for you are alive and reign with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Diary for this week

Sunday 11 th	10.15am	St Michael's Communion service (Jeremy Crocker)	
	11.00am	Parish Communion (Peter Littleford) with lighting of 3 rd Advent candle	
	4.00pm	Crib Service at St Michael's	
	4-5.30pm	Panto rehearsal in Church Hall	
	6.30pm	Evensong	
	Monday 12 th	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
		10.00am	JC at Elstow Lower School Assembly
12.30pm		Clergy Team Meeting	
5.30-6.30pm		Young peoples Confirmation group meet at St Michaels Church	
6.00pm		John Bunyan Upper School Governors meeting	
Tuesday 13 th	7.00pm	Prayer Group in the Summerhouse	
	7.30pm	Wardens meeting at Rectory	
	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington	
Wednesday 14 th	10.00am	JC at Abbey Middle School	
	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington	
Thursday 15 th	9.30-12.30pm	Elstow Lower School rehearsal in Abbey	
	11.30am	Coffee Morning in Church Hall	
	6.30pm	Choir Practice	
	7.30pm	Choir Drinks at Rectory	
	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington	
	11.00am	Holy Communion (Jeremy Crocker)	
	12.00noon	Abbey Middle School Lunch	
Friday 16 th	6.00pm	Deanery Supper at Rectory	
	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington	
	2.00pm	Elstow Lower School service at Abbey	
	6.00pm	Carol Singing	
Saturday 17 th	7.30-8.00pm	Elstow Lower School Head leaving evening	
	2.00-5.00pm	Children's Christmas Party in Church Hall	

Next Sunday**18th December, 4th Sunday of Advent**

9.30am	Family Communion (Jeremy Crocker) and Lighting of Fourth Advent candle
11.00am	Morning Prayer (Matins Group)
3.30pm	Carol Service at Cardington for St Mary's and Chapel. (Jeremy Crocker)
4.00pm	Carol Service at St Michael's
6.30pm	Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols (Jeremy Crocker)

Monthly Guest Preachers at Elstow

8 th January	The Venerable Paul Hughes
11.00am	(Archdeacon of Bedford) Epiphany service
5 th Feb	Geoff Fletcher
9.30am & 11.00am	(Diocesan Stewardship Advisor)
12 th 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:

Ben Taylor