

## Notices and Future Events

- Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Blake who celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary today.
  - Church of England collection boxes have been emptied and are at the back of church to be collected. There are also some extra boxes if new people want to take a collection box to collect on behalf of the Children's Society.
  - Lent Course: 'Return of the Prodigal Son' Each session starts at 7.30pm. 29<sup>th</sup> March-St Mary's, Cardington; 6<sup>th</sup> April – St Michael's, Barford Avenue. No charge, all welcome, refreshments provided.
  - Bible reading notes-New Daylight-are published by the Bible Reading Fellowship three times a year in May, September and January. The daily reading plan and comments offer an accessible way of looking at the Bible. The annual subscription is £10.05. Cheques payable to Elstow Abbey PCC to be returned to Rita Haines at Church or to 107 Fenlake Road, Bedford MK42 0EU.
  - The Elstow Parish Vestry meeting and Annual Parish Church Meeting are to be held on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March from 7.30pm in the Church Hall.
  - 29<sup>th</sup> April at 3pm all are welcome to the Cardington V Elstow Cricket Match, to be held on the Moot Hall Green. (NOTE CHANGE OF DATE)
  - Tues 11<sup>th</sup> – Sat 15<sup>th</sup> April the Luton Youth Music Theatre present Les Miserables at Luton 6<sup>th</sup> Form College. Tickets £9.50 or £7.50 concessions. Details/tickets from Graham Weeks 01234 768090.
  - Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May – One day seminar - Hidden Treasures at Marston Forest Centre starting at 9.30am. The aim of the course is to develop a Ministry of Welcome. If you are interested and want to attend please speak to Rev Jeremy Crocker.
  - Elstow May Festival Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> from 11-4pm. Volunteers needed to help with delivering leaflets, running stalls, teas, coffees etc. Please see Jeremy Crocker for more details of how you can help.
  - IOW for 2006 Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July - Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July. Full details are at the back of Church, extra details available from Diana Hill.
  - Taize Trip:29/7/06-7/8/06 for 15-30 yr olds. Information meetings are on 1/4/06 at St Andrews Bedford 7.30pm & 4/6/06 at St Michaels Hatfield 6pm. Further details from Rev Ysmena Pentalow 01438 315688, [pentelow@waitrose.com](mailto:pentelow@waitrose.com) /Rev Philippa Segrave-Pride 01707 882276 [philippa@segrave-pride.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:philippa@segrave-pride.freeserve.co.uk) & [www.stalbans-taize.org.uk](http://www.stalbans-taize.org.uk)
- Jeremy Crocker: Day Off: Saturday 1<sup>st</sup>April  
Wedding Bookings/enquiries or Notices for weekly Bulletin to Diana Hill, Tuesday or Thursday mornings at the Rectory - 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 26<sup>th</sup> March  
Mothering Sunday  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

9.30am	Youth Service
11.00am	Morning Prayer (Jeremy Crocker)
Hymns:	NEH: 433, 137, 499, 357, 393, 408
6.30pm	Evensong with Holy Communion and Laying on of Hands for Healing (Jeremy Crocker)
Hymns:	NEH: 276, 376, 337, 243

### **COLLECT**

Loving God,  
As a mother feeds her children at the breast  
You feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life:  
Help us who have tasted your goodness  
To grow in grace within the household of faith;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Diary for this week**

Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Youth Service
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (Matins Group)
	6.30pm	Evensong with Holy Communion and Laying on of Hands for Healing (Jeremy Crocker)
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	10.30am	Meeting with Patron
	6.00pm	Baptism interview
	7.00pm	Wardens Meeting
	7.00pm	Prayer Group in the Summerhouse
	7.00pm	John Bunyan Upper School Easter Concert
	8.00pm	Elstow May Festival meeting in Swan Pub
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	All Day	Jeremy at World Faith Ethical meeting in Rome
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	9.00am	Morning Prayer at St Michael's
	All Day	Jeremy at World Faith Ethical meeting in Rome
	11.30am	Coffee Morning in Church Hall
	6.30pm	Choir Practice
	7.30pm	Lent Course at St Mary's Cardington
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	11.00am	Holy Communion (Jeremy Crocker)
	7.30pm	Easter Vestry Meeting and Annual Parish Church Meeting in the Church Hall
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	10.30am	Official opening of Elstow Lower School new building by Duchess of Gloucester
	8.00pm	Bellringing
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup>	2.15pm	Potton Baptist Church tour of Abbey

**Next Sunday****2<sup>nd</sup> April, Fifth Sunday of Lent  
Passiontide**

9.30am	Family Communion (Jeremy Crocker)
11.00am	Morning Prayer (Matins Group)
3.00pm	Baptism of Kerry Foster at Elstow Abbey
6.30pm	Evensong (Canon Philip McDonough)

**Monthly Guest Preachers at Elstow**

2 <sup>nd</sup> April 6.30pm	Canon Philip McDonough
30 <sup>th</sup> April 11.00am	Rev Mike Norton (Previous Vicar of Elstow 1976-1982)
14 <sup>th</sup> May 6.30pm	Rev Brian Trudgen (Chair SBCC)
21 <sup>st</sup> May 5pm	Larry Wright (Chaplin at Yarlswood Centre) Preacher at the Friends Annual Evensong Service

**Please pray for:**

*The Sick:* Ron Chapple, Amy Betts, Bay Gautrey, Peter Moss

*The recently Deceased:*  
Fred Steele, Glenys Godden