

Notices and Future Events

- We welcome 3 students with their teacher who are visiting from Poland for a week, on an exchange with the John Bunyan Upper school, and are staying with Jeremy. If anyone is able to volunteer to help with offering to host one evening or helping by providing or preparing some of the evening meals please speak to Jeremy.
- Christian Aid week starts today. Following today's 6.30pm service we will be having refreshments in the Church Hall.
- 17th May – Christian Aid Meal at Rectory from 6pm. Please sign up on the sheet at back of church. All welcome, any donations will go towards the work of Christian Aid.
- Elstow May Festival Saturday 20th from 11-4pm. Volunteers needed to help with delivering leaflets, running stalls, teas, coffees etc. Jeremy or Rosemary for details of how you can help. Book a Stall/Car Boot pitch now-£7.50 each in advance or £10 on the day. Church stalls FOC.
- Sunday 21st May: Friends afternoon Tea and Evensong. 3.15pm AGM and 3.45pm Lecture on John Bunyan by Rev Stephen Smith. 5pm Evensong service has the Guest Preacher Larry Wright of the Yarl's Wood Centre. Offers of cakes and sandwiches please. Sign up sheet to help with numbers at the back of church.
- Afternoon Tea will be on 31st May from 5pm in Rectory Garden.
- IOW for 2006. Dates are Sunday 23rd July to Saturday 29th July. Full details are at the back of Church or from Diana Hill.
- Taize Trip: 29/7/06-7/8/06 for 15-30 yr olds. Next Information meeting is 4/6/06 at St Michaels Hatfield 6pm. Details from Rev Ysmena Pentalow 01438 315688, pentelow@waitrose.com / Rev Philippa Segrave-Pride 01707 882276 philippa@segrave-pride.freereserve.co.uk & www.stalbans-taize.org.uk

Jeremy Crocker: Day off: Friday 19th May

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 14th May
Fifth Sunday of Easter
Christian Aid Week**

11.00am	Parish Communion (Jeremy Crocker)
Hymns:	NEH: 52, 349, 48, 353, 345
Banns:	Lee Watson & Clare Bonwick: 28/5/06 2pm Matthew Leach & Jan Whittington: 17/6/06 1pm
6.30pm	Evensong (Jeremy Crocker with guest preacher Rev Brian Trudgian, Chair of SBCC)
Hymns:	NEH: 49, 434, 55, 50, 488

COLLECT

Almighty God,
who through your only begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us
 you put in to our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Diary for this week

Sunday 14 th	11.00am 6.30pm	Parish Communion (Jeremy Crocker) Evensong (Jeremy Crocker with Guest Preacher Rev Brian Trudgian)
Monday 15 th	8.30am 10.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington Ethical investment meeting in London
Tuesday 16 th	8.30am 2.30pm	Morning Prayer at Cardington Group tour of Elstow Abbey
Wednesday 17 th	8.30am 9.00am 9.30am 11.30am 6.00pm 6.30pm	Morning Prayer at Cardington Morning Prayer at St Michael's Clergy Chapter Coffee Morning in Church Hall Christian Aid Meal at Rectory Choir Practice
Thursday 18 th	8.30am 11.00am 12.00noon	Morning Prayer at Cardington Holy Communion (Jeremy Crocker) Cardington Soup
Friday 19 th	8.30am 8.00pm	Morning Prayer at Cardington Bellringing
Saturday 20 th	8.00am 11.00am–4pm	Festival preparations Elstow Village May Festival

Next Sunday

21st May, Sixth Sunday of Easter

9.30am	Family Communion (Stephen Smith) (Jeremy Crocker at Sunday School)
11.00am	Morning Prayer (Jeremy Crocker and Stephen Smith)
3.15pm	Friends Annual AGM
3.45pm	Talk by Rev Stephen Smith on John Bunyan
4.00pm	Tea, Coffee and Cakes in the Church Hall
5.00pm	Evensong (Jeremy Crocker with Guest Preacher Chaplain Larry Wright, Yarlswood Centre)

Monthly Guest Preachers at Elstow

21 st May 5pm	Larry Wright (Chaplin at Yarlswood Centre) Preacher at the Friends Annual Evensong Service
11 th June 11.00am	Work of the Gideons
9 th July 11.00am	Canon John Tibbs

Please pray for:

The Recently Deceased:

Alan Reynolds

The Sick:

Ron Chapple, Peter Moss, Maureen Folkes,
Christopher Browne, Clifford Browne