

Notices and Future Events

- **Toddlers and Tea** a Mums (or Carers) and Toddlers group. Each Monday in the Church hall. 10.00am – 11.30am, Term Time.
- **Stewardship Role** If any one is interested in taking over the stewardship role, preferably 2 people, please would they talk to Eric or Mavis Crossen. (768148)
- **Gift Aid** envelopes are available for you to use. If you normally give cash and pay tax, please use a Gift Aid envelope which gives the church an extra 28p in every £1. We need to increase our income to be able to pay the quota-every penny really does help.
- **Crisis at Christmas** boxes are at the back of church for items of warm clean clothing, food such as tins of fruit, meat, milk, vegetables etc. Perishable foods such as mince pies, sausage rolls etc will be welcome in the WEEK BEFORE Christmas please. Queries / contact: Colin or Rosemary Albon on Tel 407084.
- **Advent Choral Service** “Through the Church Year” TODAY at 6pm at St Mary’s Church Wootton.
- **Organ Concert** on December 16th at 7.30pm at St Mary’s Cardington. Tickets £8 including refreshments
- **Bedford Hospital Choir** presents the 17th “Christmas Cracker”, an evening of Christmas music with Bedford Brass. Friday December 15th, 7.30pm at the Corn Exchange. Tickets £7 or £5 (Children £3) includes refreshments. All proceeds to Bedford Hospitals Charity – Chemo Preparation Appeal.
- **Lunch at the Swan** on December 28th from noon. Lunch of main course, dessert and coffee for £5 per person. All welcome. Sign up list at the back of church. List closes on Thurs 21st Dec.

Jeremy Crocker: Day Off: Friday 8th December

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 3rd December 2006 Advent Sunday

9.30am	Family Communion (JRC)
Hymns:	SoF: 64, 154, 150, Anthem: Prepare ye the way of the Lord, 456
11.00am	Morning Prayer (JRC)
Hymns:	NEH: 237, 3, 5, 376, 488, 235
6.30pm	Evensong (JRC)
Hymns:	NEH: 239, 407, 342, 332 (omit V2&3), 248

COLLECT

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him 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 3 rd	9.30am	Family Communion (JRC)
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (JRC)
	4.30pm	Wedding interview
	6.30pm	Evensong (JRC)
Monday 4 th	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	10.00am	Toddlers and Tea in Church Hall
	2.30pm	Funeral and Burial at Elstow Abbey of William Mottram (JRC)
	7.45pm	Friends of Elstow Abbey "All the Worlds ..."
Tuesday 5 th	8.30pm	Pastoral Meeting
	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	10.00am	JRC taking Assembly at Elstow Lower School
Wednesday 6 th	2.00pm	Funeral meeting at Rectory
	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	11.30am	Coffee Morning in Elstow Church Hall
	6.30pm	Choir Practise
Thursday 7 th	7.30pm	Alpha meeting at Shortstown (Wk 8)
	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	9.00-11am	Heads review at Abbey Middle School
	11.00am	Holy Communion (JRC)
Friday 8 th	7.30pm	Team Council meeting at Cardington
	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	9.00-11.30am	Abbey Middle School Christmas Concert at Elstow Abbey
	11.30am	Funeral of Leonard McDowie at Bedford Crematorium (JRC)
Saturday 9 th	8.00pm	Bellringing
	10.00am	Youth Worker interviews-Cardington
	12.30pm	Candidates have Lunch at St Michaels
	2.00pm	Interview 1
	3.00pm	Interview 2

Next Sunday

10th December, 2nd Sunday in Advent

We Welcome the New Director of Music Mr Stephen McDonald

11.00am Parish Communion (JRC)

3.30pm Christingle Service

6.30pm Evensong (Robert Heley)

Visiting Guest Preachers

10th December Robert Heley

6.30pm

17th December Canon Philip McDonough

6.30pm

Please pray for:

The Sick:

Ron Chapple, Judith Carpenter

The Recently Deceased:

William Mottram, Leonard McDowie