

## 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** Any one 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.
- **Christmas Flowers** a collection jar is behind the RHS pews
- **Christingle Collection boxes** for the service TODAY at 3.30pm, are at the back if needed.
- **Crisis at Christmas** boxes at the back of church for items of warm clean clothing, tinned food. Perishable foods such as mince pies, sausage rolls etc will be welcome in the WEEK BEFORE Christmas please. Queries/contact:Colin/Rosemary Albon407084.
- **Concord Singers Concert** on December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm at St Mary's Cardington. Tickets £8 including refreshments.
- **Carol Service** on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> at 3.30pm at the Howard Chapel, Cardington.
- **Bedford Hospital Choir** presents the 17<sup>th</sup> "Christmas Cracker", an evening of Christmas music with Bedford Brass. Friday December 15<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm at the Corn Exchange. Tickets £7 or £5 (Children £3) includes refreshments. All proceeds to Bedford Hospitals Charity – Chemo Preparation Appeal.
- **Kempston Musical Society Annual Concert** on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December at Elstow Abbey, 7.30pm. Tickets on the door £5 or "Friends of Elstow" £4.50.
- **Carol Singing** around the parish on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> meet 5.30pm church hall. Refreshments in the hall afterwards.
- **Lunch at the Swan** on December 28<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> Dec.

Jeremy Crocker: Day Off: Friday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> December 2006**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

We Welcome the New Director of Music Mr Stephen McDonald

11.00am Parish Communion (JRC)  
Hymns: NEH: 238, 6, 234, Anthem: love came down at  
Christmas, 437

3.30pm Christingle Service  
See separate sheet

6.30pm Evensong (Robert Heley)  
Hymns: NEH: 3, 488, 452, 9, 30

### **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 10 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Parish Communion (JRC)
	3.30pm	Christingle Service
	6.30pm	Evensong (Robert Heley)
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	10.00am	Toddlers and Tea in Church Hall
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	2.30pm	Funeral at Bedford Crematorium of Keith Richards (JRC)
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	11.30am	Coffee Morning in Elstow Church Hall
	7.30pm	St Michaels PCC meeting at Peter Littlefords
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	11.00am	Holy Communion (JRC)
	12.30pm	Cardington Soup
	7.00pm	Abbey Middle School production of Snow White
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	9-12.00noon	Elstow Lower School Christmas performance rehearsal at Elstow Abbey
	8.00pm	Bellringing
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Youth Workshop Christmas party
	7.30pm	Concord Singers concert at Cardington

## Next Sunday

### 17<sup>th</sup> December, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent

9.30am	Family Communion (JRC)
11.00am	Morning Prayer (Matins Group)
3.30pm	Joint Carol service at Howard Chapel, Cardington
6.30pm	Evensong (Canon Philip McDonough)

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### Visiting Guest Preachers

17 <sup>th</sup> December	Canon Philip McDonough
6.30pm	

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### Christmas Services

24 <sup>th</sup> December	4.30pm	Crib service
	6.30pm	Nine lessons and Carols
	11.30pm	Midnight Mass
25 <sup>th</sup> December	10.30am	Family Communion service
31 <sup>st</sup> December	10.30am	Family Communion service

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### Please pray for:

*The Sick:*

Ron Chapple, Judith Carpenter

*The Recently Deceased:*

William Mottram, Leonard McDowie, Ian Deane,  
Keith Richards