

THE CHURCH CALENDAR

March 2010

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| 28 th | Sunday | Palm Sunday | |
| | | 09.55am | Blessing of the palms - Youth service + procession round the Green with a donkey (JH +JRC) |
| | | 11.15am | Holy Communion (JRC) |
| | | 1.30pm | Baptism at Elstow Abbey of Guiseppe Panorossi (JRC) |
| | | 2.15pm | Baptism at Elstow Abbey of Nathaniel Ring (JRC) |
| | | 3.00pm | Baptism at Elstow Abbey of Oliver Yates (JRC) |
| | | 6.30pm | Palm Sunday Choral Evensong at Elstow Abbey (Benefice) |
| | | 10.30am | @ St Mary's Cardington – Revd Dr Colin Davey |

Holy Week

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| 29 th | Monday | 10.00am | Mums and Toddlers meet in the Church Hall |
| | | 2.00pm | Prayer Group meet in the Summerhouse |
| | | 7.30pm | Sader Meal (parish Passover) in Elstow Church Hall Please let Sarah Duffy (Tel. 261477) know if you would like to be part of this. |
| 30 th | Tuesday | 1.30-2.30pm | Sing and Sign in the Church Hall |
| | | 7.30pm | Benefice Meditation at St Michael's Church |
| 31 st | Wednesday | 11.30am | Coffee Morning followed by soup |
| | | 5.45-8pm | Youth Club – 3 rd year Anniversary celebrations in the Church Hall |
| | | 7.30pm | Sung Holy Communion at St Mary's, Cardington (JRC) |
| | | 8.00pm | NO Team Bible Study @ St Mary's |

April 2010

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| 1 st | Maundy Thursday | 11.00am | NO Holy Communion (see 7.30pm) |
| | | Elstow Team | Clergy attending St Albans Abbey service |
| | | 12noon | Monthly lunch at The Red Lion |
| | | 6-7pm | Yoga (for mixed abilities) Elstow Church Hall for more details call June Hannigan 07817601686 |
| | | 7.30pm | Holy Communion, (the Last Supper) with the stripping of the altars and vigil until 9pm at Elstow Abbey (JRC) |
| | | 7.00pm | Soup with Holy Communion administered from reserve by Jane Findlay at St Mary's Cardington |
| 2 nd | Good Friday | 10.00am | Youth Service (TH & DW) |
| | | 11.00am | The Last Hour (JRC) |
| | | 12noon | Act of Witness at Harpur Square |
| | | | N.B. No frugal lunch this Good Friday in the Church Hall |
| | | 7.15pm | No Choir Practice |
| | | 8pm | No Bell Ringing |
| 3 rd | Saturday | 8pm | First Light of Easter Service. Meet in Elstow Church Hall. |
| 4 th | Easter Sunday | 10.30am | Joint Easter Day Service (JRC). No Sunday School. |

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| | | 6.30pm 10.30am | Evening Prayer (JRC) St Mary's Cardington (TBC) |
| 5 th | Monday | 10.00am 11.00am | No Mums and Toddlers Easter Pilgrimage to St Albans Abbey. Meet at Bedford Train Station. Service at the Abbey is at 2pm. Please bring a picnic lunch and coffee will be served after the service in the Comfort Hotel, on Holywell Hill. |
| | | 2.00pm | Prayer Group meet in the Summerhouse |
| 6 th | Tuesday | 1.30-2.30pm | Sing and Sign in the Church Hall |
| 7 th | Wednesday | 11.30am 5.45-8pm | Coffee Morning followed by soup in the Church Hall NO Youth Club |
| 8 th | Thursday | 11.00am 6-7pm | Holy Communion (Canon John Tibbs) Yoga (for mixed abilities) Elstow Church Hall for more details call June Hannigan 07817601686 |
| 9 th | Friday | 7.15pm 8.00pm | Choir Practice Bellingring |

N.B. Services at St Mary's, Cardington will commence at 11am for the foreseeable future and St Michael's Bedford will commence at 09.45 am unless otherwise stated. Elstow Abbey services will remain the same, except that on the second Sunday of each month (starting from May), there will also be Mattins at 11.15am.

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| 11 th | Sunday | 10.00am 6.30pm | Holy Communion with Baptism of Joseph William Thomas Evans (Rev John Evans) + Sunday School Evensong (JRC) |
| 12 th | Monday | 10.00am 10.00am 2.00pm 5-6pm 6.30-8pm | Visit to Elstow Abbey from the Covenant High School (USA) John Crookall to lead the tour. Mums and Toddlers in the Church Hall Prayer Group meet in the Summerhouse Children's confirmation classes begin at St Michael's Adults' confirmation classes begin at St Michael's |
| | | | If you would be interested in being confirmed, please speak to the clergy. |

Deadline for the April Parish Magazine to **Jacquie Waterfield @ 13Acorn Way, Bedford, MK42 0QN or jakhat77@hotmail.com**

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| 13 th | Tuesday | 1.30-2.30pm | Sing and Sign in the Church Hall |
| 14 th | Wednesday | 10.30am 11.30am 5.45-8pm | Baptism interview @ the vicarage Coffee Morning followed by soup in the Hall Youth Club in the church hall |
| 15 th | Thursday | 11.00am 1.30-2.30pm | Holy Communion (JRC) New Kiddycraft group in the Church Hall for pre-school children and their parents/carers |

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| | | 6-7pm | Yoga (for mixed abilities) Elstow Church Hall for more details call June Hannigan 07817601686 |
| | | 7.30pm | Annual Parish Vestry and Church Meeting in the Church Hall |
| 16 th | Friday | 7.15pm 8.00pm | NO CHOIR PRACTICE Bellringing |
| 18 th | Sunday | 10.00am 11.00am 11.15am 3.00pm 6.30pm | Holy Communion with Sunday School (JRC) AGM @ St Michael's, Bedford, following 0945am service (PL) Mattins (Group) (JRC to Cardington 11am) Baptism of Roseanna Barron at Elstow Abbey (JRC) Evensong (JRC) |
| 19 th | Monday | 10.00am 2.00pm 5-6pm 6.30-8pm | Mums and Toddlers in the Church Hall Prayer Group meet in the Summerhouse Children's confirmation class at St Michael's Adults' confirmation class at St Michael's |
| 20 th | Tuesday | 1.30-2.30pm | Sing and Sign in the Church Hall |
| 21 st | Wednesday | 11.30am 5.45pm 8.00pm 8.00pm | Coffee Morning followed by soup in the Church Hall Youth Club – Walk to McDonalds Wedding Rehearsal at Elstow Abbey (JRC) Team Bible Study @ Centenary Room, Cardington |
| 22 nd | Thursday | 11.00am 1.30-2.30pm 6-7pm 7.00pm | Holy Communion (Canon John Tibbs) Kiddycraft group in the Church Hall for pre-school children and their parents/carers Yoga Parish Council APM at Elstow Playing Fields Hall |
| 23 rd | Friday | 7.15pm 8.00pm | Choir Bellringing |
| 24 th | Saturday | 2pm | Wedding of Daniel Clark & Claire Das at Elstow Abbey (JRC) |
| 25 th | Sunday | 10.00am 10.00am 11.15am 3pm 6.30pm | Youth Service (JH + DW) Cardington AGM (JRC), followed by Holy Communion (JRC) Holy Communion at Elstow Abbey (PL) Baptism of Alfie David Castle at Elstow Abbey (JRC) Evensong with Holy Communion & laying on of hands (JRC) |
| 26 th | Monday | 10.00am 2.00pm 5-6pm 6.30-8pm | Mums and Toddlers in the Church Hall Prayer Group meet in the Summerhouse Children's confirmation class at St Michael's Adults' confirmation class at St Michael's |
| 27 th | Tuesday | 1.30-2.30pm | Sing and Sign in the Church Hall |
| 28 th | Wednesday | 11.30am | Coffee Morning followed by soup in the Church Hall |

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| | | 5.45-8pm 8.00pm | Youth Groups – Games on the Green Team Bible Study @ Centenary Room, Cardington |
| 29 th | Thursday | 11.00am 1.30-2.30pm 6-7pm | Holy Communion (JRC) Kiddycraft group in the Church Hall for pre-school children and their parents/carers Yoga (for mixed abilities) Elstow Church Hall for more details call June Hannigan 07817601686 |

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| 30 th | Friday | 7.15pm 8.00pm | Choir Practice Bellringing |
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May 2010

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| 2 nd ^{dst} | Sunday | 10.00am 11.15am 6.30pm | Holy Communion with Baptism of Callum Parke with Sunday School (JRC) Mattins (JRC) Evening Prayer (JRC) |
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09.45am Peter Littleford at St Michael's and 11a.m. Peter Littleford at St Mary's Cardington.

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| 3 rd | Monday | 10.00am 2.00pm 5-6pm 6.30-8pm | NO Mums and Toddlers in the Hall Prayer Group meet in the Summerhouse NO Children's confirmation class at St Michael's NO Adults' confirmation class at St Michael's |
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| 4 th | Tuesday | 1.30-2.30pm | Sing and Sign in the Church Hall |
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| 5 th | Wednesday | 11.30am 5.45-8pm | Coffee Morning followed by soup in the Church Hall Youth Club meet @ the Church Hall |
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| 6 th | Thursday | 11.00am 12 noon 1.30-2.30pm 6-7pm 8pm | Holy Communion (JRC) Monthly lunch at The Red Lion Kiddycraft group in the Church Hall for pre-school children and their parents/carers Yoga (for mixed abilities) Elstow Church Hall for more details call June Hannigan 07817601686 Finance & Standing (Vicarage) |
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| 7 th | Friday | 7.15pm 8.00pm | Choir Practice Bellringing |
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| 8 th | Saturday | 12-4pm | Elstow May Festival , attended by Mayor Dave Hodgson and Patron Charles Whitbread with procession from the old school at 2pm to the Moot Hall Green. If you would like a stall, please contact Sarah Duffy at the vicarage. Charity stalls are free and other stalls are £7. |
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| 9 th | Sunday | 10.00am 11.00am 11.15am 3pm 6.30pm | Holy Communion with Sunday School (JRC) JRC to Cardington Mattins (Canon Philip McDonough) Baptism of Miles Endersby at Elstow Abbey (JRC) Evening Prayer (JRC) |
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