

THE CHURCH CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2011

1st Thursday 09.30am Morning Prayers at St Michael's (JRC + SS)
 11.00am Holy Communion (JRC)
 12Noon Monthly Lunch at The Red Lion
 7-8.30pm London Road Youth Club
 7.30pm Bedfordshire Bagpipes rehearse in the Abbey
7.30pm Elstow PCC meeting in the Vestry, including mince pies!

2nd Friday 7pm Choir Practice
 7pm Mums and Toddlers group Christmas Meal (for mums/carers) at The Red Lion
 8pm Bell Ringing

3rd Saturday 7.00pm **Elstow Abbey Advent Quiz night at Elstow Bunyan Christian Fellowship for the whole Benefice.** Anyone locally is welcome.
 Free event, but donations are welcome to cover hall hire. Includes jacket potato + filling supper.

4th Sunday 10.00am Holy Communion + Sunday School (JRC)
 10.15am Holy Communion at St Michael's (NM)
 11.20am Mattins (Group)
 3.00pm St Michael's Christmas Crafts and Christingle (with refreshments)
 5.30pm Confirmation Rehearsal (JRC)
 6.30pm Evensong (JRC)

5th Monday 10.00am Mums and Toddlers in the Church/Vestry
 2.00pm Prayer Group
7pm Confirmation Service at Elstow Abbey with the Bishop of Bedford, with refreshments following the service

6th Tuesday 09.30am Elstow Lower School at Elstow Abbey
 3.45-5.15pm After School Club at St Michael's
 6.30pm Youth Club – Chocolate Night

7th Wednesday 09.30-10.30am Dance group for under 5s and carers in the Abbey. Run by Wilstead Children's Centre.
 11.30am Coffee and soup in the Vestry
 7.30pm St Michael's PCC meeting at 1 Binden Abbey

8th Thursday 09.30am Elstow Lower School at Elstow Abbey
 09.30am Morning Prayers at St Michael's (SS + JRC)
 11.00am Holy Communion **in the Vestry** (JRC)
 7-8.30pm London Road Youth Club
 7pm Wardens and Finance and Standing Christmas Meal

9 th	Friday	7pm 8pm	Choir Practice Bell Ringing
10 th	Saturday	10am-12noon	Church Members + Sunday School children and parents – Prepare Christingles in the Vestry
11 th	Sunday	10.00am 10.15am 11.20am 3.00pm 4.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Communion + Sunday School + Baptism of Suzanne White and Joshua Coby Artiss (JRC) <i>Holy Communion at St Michael's (RC)</i> Mattins (JRC) Christingle service (TH + choir) Carol Service at St Michael's Evensong (Robert Heeley)
12 th	Monday	10.00am 2.00pm	Mums and Toddlers Christmas party in the Church/Vestry Prayer Group
13 th	Tuesday	3.45-5.15pm 6.30pm	After School Club at St Michael's Youth Club Christmas Meal at The Red Lion £5 for 2 courses
14 th	Wednesday	09.30-10.30am 11.30am 1-3pm 6pm	Dance group for under 5s and carers in the Abbey. Run by Wilstead Children's Centre. Last one before Christmas. Christmas Party - Coffee and soup group in the Vestry Abbey Middle School visiting the Abbey Ministers' Christmas Meal at the Toby Carvery (TBC)
15 th	Thursday	09.30am 11.00am 1pm 7-8.30pm 7.30-9.30pm	Morning Prayers at St Michael's (SS + JRC) Holy Communion (JRC) Parents of Elstow Lower watch school children perform Christmas show in the Abbey London Road Youth Club Bedfordshire Bagpipes rehearsing in the Abbey
16 th	Friday	7pm 8pm	Choir Practice Bell Ringing
17 th	Saturday	2pm -7pm	Children's Christmas Parties in the church and Vestry Different ages at different times. More details to follow.
18 th	Sunday	10.00am 10.15am 11.20am 2.30pm 6.30pm	Holy Communion + Sunday School (JRC) <i>Holy Communion at St Michael's (RC)</i> Mattins (Group) Baptism of Frankie de Angelis Service of Nine Lessons and Carols (JRC + RC), followed by mince pies and mulled wine
19 th	Monday	10.00am 2.00pm	No Mums and Toddlers Prayer Group

20 th	Tuesday		Help needed in preparing flowers for Christmas – please speak to Barabara if you are able to help. No after school club or Youth Club
21 st	Wednesday	11.30am	Coffee and soup in the Vestry
22 nd	Thursday	09.30am 09.30am 11.00am	Morning Prayers at St Michael's (SS + JRC) Crib Service Rehearsal Holy Communion (JRC)
23 rd	Friday	7pm 8pm	No Choir Practice Bell Ringing
Christmas Eve		4pm 11.30pm	Crib Service (TH) Midnight Mass (JRC)
Christmas Day		10.30am	Holy Communion. No Sunday School. (RC) No Evensong

Boxing Day **Jeremy on Paternity Leave for 2 weeks.**

28 th	Wednesday	11.30a.m.	Coffee and Soup in the Vestry
29 th	Thursday	09.30am 11.00am	Morning Prayers at St Michael's (SS) Holy Communion (RC)
30 th	Friday	8pm	Bell Ringing

JANUARY 2012

1 st	Sunday	10.30am <i>10.15am</i> 11.20am 6.30pm	Holy Communion (PL) <i>Holy Communion at St Michael's (NM)</i> No Mattins Evensong (JEH)
2 nd	Monday	Bank Holiday 10.00am 2.00pm	No Mums and Todders No Prayer Group
3 rd	Tuesday		No After School Club or Youth Club
4 th	Wednesday	11.30am	Coffee and soup in the Vestry
5 th	Thursday	09.30am 11.00am 7-8.30pm	Morning Prayers at St Michael's (SS) Holy Communion (RC) London Road Youth Club
6 th	Friday	7pm 8pm	Choir Practice Bell Ringing

8 th	Sunday	10.00am 10.15am 11.20am 6.30pm	Holy Communion + Sunday School (RC) <i>Holy Communion at St Michael's (JRC)</i> Mattins (RC) Evensong (JRC)
9 th	Monday	10.00am 2.00pm	Mums and Toddlers in the Vestry and back of church Prayer Group
10 th	Tuesday	3.45-5.15pm 6.30pm	After School Club at St Michael's Youth Club
11 th	Wednesday	11.30am	Coffee and soup in the Vestry
12 th	Thursday	09.30am 11.00am 12-1pm 7pm 7.45pm	Morning Prayers at St Michael's (JRC + SS) Holy Communion (RC) Clergy Chapter London Road Youth Club South Beds Council of Churches meeting including Fish & Chips + guest speaker Charles Whitbread. All Welcome at London Road Methodist Church. Please let Rosemary Langley know if you would like fish and chips.
13 th	Friday	7pm 8pm	Choir Practice Bell Ringing
15 th	Sunday	No Morning Services at Elstow Abbey 11.00am 10.15am 6.30pm	Holy Communion at Elstow Bunyan Christian Fellowship <i>Holy Communion at St Michael's (RC)</i> Evensong + Holy Communion + Healing (JRC)
16 th	Monday	10.00am 2.00pm	Mums and Toddlers in the Vestry and back of church Prayer Group
17 th	Tuesday	3.45-5.15pm 6.30pm	After School Club at St Michael's Youth Club
18 th	Wednesday	Beginning of the week of prayer for Christian Unity 11.30am 12Noon	Coffee and soup in the Vestry Prayers at St Andrews, Bedford
19 th	Thursday	09.30am 11.00am 12Noon 7-8.30pm	Morning Prayers at St Michael's (SS) Holy Communion (RC) Prayers at The Friends Meeting House London Road Youth Club
20 th	Friday	12 Noon 7pm 8pm	Prayers at St Joseph's Choir Practice Bell Ringing
21 st	Saturday	12Noon	Prayers at St Mary's Goldington

22 nd	Sunday	10.00am 10.15am 11.20am 6.00pm 6.30pm	Family service + Sunday School (JRC) <i>Holy Communion at St Michael's (PL)</i> BCP Holy Communion (JRC) Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at Bunyan Meeting (Bishop of Bedford) No Evensong at Elstow Abbey
23 rd	Monday	10.00am 12Noon 2.00pm 8.00pm	Mums and Todders in the Vestry/Back of Church Prayers at St John's Prayer Group Liturgy Meeting in the Vestry
24 th	Tuesday	12Noon 3.45-5.15pm 6.30pm	Prayers at Miracle Church After School Club at St Michael's Youth Club
25 th	Wednesday	11.30am 7.30pm	Coffee and soup in the Vestry Combined Treasurers meeting at Elstow Vicarage
26 th	Thursday	09.30am 11.00am 7-8.30pm 7.45pm	Morning Prayers at St Michael's (SS) Holy Communion (RC) London Road Youth Club Cardington PCC
27 th	Friday	7pm 8pm	Choir Practice Bell Ringing

28th	Saturday	3.30-6pm	PCC and Sidesmen of the three churches – a study afternoon looking at the ministry of welcome, at St Michael's Church
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29 th	Sunday	Fifth Sunday - at Our own Churches - Benefice service with Bishop of St Albans next week (Sunday 5 th February) 10.00am Holy Communion + Sunday School (JRC) 10.15am <i>Holy Communion at St Michael's (NM)</i> 11.20am Mattins (JRC) 6.30pm Evensong (JRC)	
30 th	Monday	10.00am 2.00pm	Mums and Todders in the Vestry/Back of Church Prayer Group
31 st	Tuesday	6.30pm	Youth Club