

# THE CHURCH CALENDAR

## DECEMBER

Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>	11.00am 7.30pm	Holy Communion (The Revd JR Crocker - JRC) Joint meeting of Benefice Parochial Church Councils at Cardington Village Hall
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	2.00pm	Elstow Christmas Bazaar in the Church Hall
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Advent 2</b>	
	9.30am	Family Communion with Children's Groups and the Lighting of the Second Advent Candle (JRC)
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (JRC)
	3.30pm	Christingle Service (JRC and the Music Group) Preacher Tony Brookes of the Children's Society
	6.00pm	Advent Praise at St. Michael's Church
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	All Day 7.00pm 7.00pm	John Bunyan School Carol Concert rehearsal John Bunyan School Carol Concert Prayer Group meet in the Summerhouse
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	11.30am	Coffee Morning followed by light lunch in the Church Hall
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Holy Communion (Canon Nigel Morrell - NPM)
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Women's Institute Carol Service with the Band of The Salvation Army
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am - 3.00pm	Quiet Day at Barton-Le-Cley Church Hall with a bring-and-share lunch.
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Advent 3</b>	
	11.00am	Parish Communion with the lighting of the Third Advent Candle (The Revd Peter Littleford)
	4.00-5.30pm	Pantomime rehearsal at Elstow Abbey
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer (JRC)
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Prayer Group meet in the Summerhouse
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	All Day	Abbey School Carol Concert
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	11.30am 7.30pm	Coffee Morning followed by light lunch in the Church Hall Choir Christmas drinks in the Rectory
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Holy Communion (JRC)
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Carol Singing round the Parish followed by Refreshments in the Church Hall
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Children's Christmas Party in the Church Hall
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Advent 4</b>	
	9.30am	Family Communion with Children's Groups and the Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle (JRC)
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (Mattins Group)
	6.30pm	The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols (JRC)
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm 7.30pm	Prayer Group meet in the Summerhouse Concert by Kempston Musical Society in aid of The Friends of

Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	11.30am	Elstow Abbey. Coffee morning followed by light lunch in the Church Hall
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	11.00am	Holy Communion (JRC)
Saturday	4.30pm	Crib Service (JRC)
<b><u>Christmas Eve</u></b>	11.30pm	The First Communion of Christmas (JRC)
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Christmas Day</b>	
	<b><u>10.30am</u></b>	Family Communion (JRC) <b>NO EVENING PRAYER AT ELSTOW</b>
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>		No Coffee Morning
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Holy Communion (The Revd Stephen Smith - SS)
	1.30pm	Wedding of Martin Owen and Isabel Orme (SS)
<b>JANUARY 2006</b>		
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup></b>		<b>The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus</b>
	<b><u>10.30am</u></b>	Parish Communion (NPM) <b>NO EVENING PRAYER AT ELSTOW</b>
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>		<b>BANK HOLIDAY NO PRAYER GROUP</b>
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	11.30am	Coffee morning followed by light lunch in the Church Hall
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Holy Communion (JRC)
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup>	3.30-5.00pm	Pantomime Dress Rehearsal
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>The Epiphany</b>
	11.00am	Parish Communion (JRC). Preacher: The Arch-deacon of Bedford, The Venerable Paul Hughes with the commissioning of the Bereavement Team
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer (JRC)
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Prayer Group meet in the Summerhouse
	8.00pm	Liturgy Committee meet at 43, Armstrong Close, Wilstead
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	11.30am	Coffee Morning followed by light lunch in the Church Hall
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Holy Communion (JRC)
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup>	3.00-5.00pm	Final run-through of Pantomime in Elstow Abbey
	5.00pm	Pantomime in Elstow Abbey followed by a bring-and-share supper in the Church Hall with refreshments
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Epiphany 2</b>
	9.30am	Family Communion with Children's Groups (JRC)
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (JRC)
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer led by Mr. Robert Heley
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Prayer Group meet in the Summerhouse
	7.30pm	Confirmation Service at St. Michael's Church
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Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Finance & Standing Committee meet at

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Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	11.30am	Coffee Morning followed by light lunch in the Church Hall
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Holy Communion (JRC)
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup>	2.00pm	Children's Workshop
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Epiphany 3</b>	
	9.30am	Young People's Service (Group)
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (Mattins Group)
	<b>6.00pm</b>	Service for the week of Prayer for Christian Unity for Bedford. Preacher: The Right Reverend Christopher Herbert, Bishop of St. Albans, followed by refreshments in the Church Hall.
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	7.00pm	Prayer Group meet in the Summerhouse
	8.00pm	Meeting of the Friends of Elstow to discuss the Elstow May Festival
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	11.30am	Coffee Morning followed by a light lunch in the Church Hall
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Holy Communion (JRC)
	7.30pm	Joint meeting of The Benefice Churchwardens and the Bishop of Bedford with the Patron
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Epiphany 4 (the Presentation of Christ in the Temple)</b>	
	11.00am	Parish Communion (JRC)
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer followed by Holy Communion with the Laying on of Hands for Healing
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Prayer Group meet in the Summerhouse

## **FEBRUARY 2006**

Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	11.30am	Coffee Morning followed by light lunch in the Church Hall
	7.30pm	Deanery Synod in the Church Hall
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	11.00am	Holy Communion (JRC)
	7.30pm	Meeting of the Parochial Church Council in The Church Hall
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Epiphany 5 Stewardship Sunday</b>	
	9.30am	Family Communion with Children's Groups with a presentation by Mr Geoff Fletcher, Diocesan Stewardship Officer
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (JRC) with a presentation by Mr Geoff Fletcher, Diocesan Stewardship Officer
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer led by Mr Peter Moss