

# THE CHURCH CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2007/JANUARY 2008

## DECEMBER

1 <sup>ST</sup>	Saturday	7.00pm	Quiz Night in Elstow Church Hall with Fish and Chip supper
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Advent Sunday		
		10.00am	Family Communion with Sunday School and the lighting of the first Advent Candle (JRC)
		11.15am	Morning Prayer (JRC)
		2.00pm	Baptism of Olivia Beard and Joseph Walker (JRC)
		2.45pm	Baptism of Ruby Isla Page and Georgia Page (JRC)
		6.30pm	Evening Prayer (JRC)
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Monday	10.00am	Mums and Toddlers Group meet in the Church Hall
		7.00pm	Confirmation Rehearsal, Elstow Abbey
		7.00pm	Prayer Group meet in the Summerhouse
		8.00pm	Advent Course at St. Michael's.
4 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	7.30pm	Bellringing quarter peal
5 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	11.30am	Coffee morning followed by soup in the Church Hall
		6.30pm	Youth Group – Christmas Icing
6 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	11.00am	Holy Communion (JRC)
		Noon	No lunch at Red Lion, Christmas Lunch on 13th

		1.30pm	Funeral of Mary Bartram @ Elstow Abbey
7 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	7.00pm	Choir practise
8 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	2.00pm	Making Christingles in the Church Hall
		3.00pm-	
		5.00pm	Pantomime rehearsal @ Elstow Abbey
9 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	Advent 2	
		<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Parish Communion with Sunday School and the lighting of the second Advent Candle (JRC)</b>
		3.30pm	Christingle Service
		6.30pm	Evening Prayer (JRC)
10 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	10.00am	Mums and Toddlers Group Christmas Party meet in the Church Hall
		<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>No Prayer Group</b>
		7.30pm	Confirmation at Elstow Abbey by The Bishop of Bedford: The Right Reverend Richard Inwood
11 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	11.00am	Bellringers Bedford District 'Tailenders'
		8.00pm	Advent Course at Elstow led by Canon Nigel Morrell
12 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	10.00am	Abbey Middle Christmas Concert @ Elstow Abbey
		11.30pm	Coffee Morning followed by Christmas lunch in the Church Hall
		6.30pm	Youth Group Christmas Party
13 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	11.00am	Holy Communion (JRC)
		12.00noon	Christmas lunch at the Red Lion
		6.00pm-	

		7.00pm	Carol Singing at Bunyan's Mead
		7.30pm	Team Council meet at St. Mary's Cardington
15 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	2.00pm	Wedding Rehearsal @ Elstow Abbey
		4.00pm	Pantomime Dress Rehearsal
		6.30pm	Pantomime Performance in the Church followed by a Bring and Share Supper in the Church Hall
16 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	Advent 3	
		10.00am	Family Communion with the lighting of the third Advent Candle (JRC)
		11.15am	Morning Prayer (Group)
		6.30pm	Evening Prayer followed by Holy Communion with the Laying on of Hands for Healing (JRC)
17 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	9.30am-	
		Noon	Elstow Lower School rehearsal @ Elstow Abbey
		10.00am	Mums and Toddlers Group meet in the Church Hall
		7.30pm	Annual Concert of Christmas Music in the Abbey by Kempston Musical Society in aid of The Friends of Elstow Abbey. Admission Members of The Friends £5.00 non members £5.50.
19 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	11.30am	Coffee Morning followed by soup in the Church Hall
		1.30pm-	Elstow Lower School Christmas Concert
		3.00pm	at Elstow Abbey
		8.00pm	Advent Study Course at St Mary's Cardington (JRC)
20 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	11.00am	Holy Communion (JRC)
		5.30pm	Carol Singing round Elstow - meet in The

			Car Park
21 <sup>st</sup>	Friday	10.00am	Rehearsal for Crib Service
		7.00pm	Choir Practise followed by refreshments at the Rectory
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Saturday	2.00pm	Children's Christmas Party in the Church Hall
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sunday	Advent 4	
		10.00am	Young People's Service with the lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle (JEH)
		11.15am	Holy Communion (JRC)
		6.30pm	Festival of The Lessons and Carols (JRC)
24 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	Christmas Eve	
			<b>NO MUMS AND TODDLERS</b>
			<b>No Prayer Group</b>
		5.30pm	Crib Service
		11.30pm	The First Communion of Christmas (JRC)
25 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	Christmas Day	
		10.30am	Family Communion (JRC)
26 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday		<b>NO COFFEE MORNING OR SOUP</b>
27 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	11.00am	Holy Communion (JRC)
		12.00noon	Wedding of Russell Vaughan and Helen Bradbury (JRC)
30 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	Christmas 1	
		10.30am	Joint Service of Holy Communion for the United Benefice at St. Mary's Cardington everybody is most welcome to share in this act of united worship. If you would like a lift to

Cardington please speak to either Colin or Barbara.

11.15am Morning Prayer (Group)

6.30pm Said Evening Prayer (Mr Robert Heley)

31<sup>st</sup> Monday New Years Eve

**NO MUMS AND TODDLERS**

**JANUARY**

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday 11.30am Coffee Morning followed by soup in the Church Hall

6.30pm Youth Group meet in the Church Hall

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 11.00am Holy Communion (Revd Stephen Smith)

12.00noon Monthly Lunch at the Red Lion

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday The Epiphany

10.00am Family Communion (The Rev'd Mervyn Terrett)

11.15am Morning Prayer (Canon Philip McDonough)

6.30pm Evening Prayer (Mr Peter Moss)

7<sup>th</sup> Monday 10.00am Mums and Toddlers Group meet in the Church Hall

7.00pm Prayer Group meet in the Summerhouse

9<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 11.30am Coffee Morning followed by soup in the Church Hall

6.30pm Youth Group meet in the Church Hall

10<sup>th</sup> Thursday 11.00am Holy Communion (Revd Stephen Smith)

8.00pm Finance and Standing Committee meet at Wilstead

13<sup>th</sup> Sunday Epiphany 2

		<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Parish Communion (The Right Reverend David Farmbrough)</b>
		6.30pm	Evening Prayer (Canon Philip McDonough)
14 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	10.00am	Mums and Toddlers Group meet in the Church Hall
		7.00pm	Prayer Group meet in the Summerhouse

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16 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	11.30am	Coffee Morning followed by soup in the Church Hall
		6.30pm	Youth Group meet in the Church Hall
17 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	11.00am	Holy Communion (Revd Stephen Smith)
20 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	Epiphany 3	
		10.00am	Family Communion (The Venerable Trevor Jones Archdeacon of Hertford)
		11.15am	Morning Prayer (Group) Preacher Captain David Wells
		6.30pm	<b>NO EVENSONG at ELSTOW ABBEY</b>
		<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service @ Priory Methodists: Preacher Bishop Peter of Northampton</b>
21 <sup>st</sup>	Monday	10.00am	Mums and Toddlers Group meet in the Church Hall
		7.00pm	Prayer Group meet in the Summerhouse
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Wednesday	11.30am	Coffee Morning followed by soup in the Church Hall
		6.30pm	Youth Group meet in the Church Hall
24 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	11.00am	Holy Communion (Revd Stephen Smith)

		7.30pm	Meeting of the Parochial Church Council in the Church Hall
26 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	2.00pm	Children's workshop in the Church Hall
27 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	Epiphany 4	
		10.00am	Young People's Service (JEH)
		11.15am	Holy Communion (Rev'd Dr. Colin Davey)
		6.30pm	Evening Prayer followed by Holy Communion and the Laying on of Hands for Healing (Canon N Morrell)
28 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	10.00am	Mums and Toddlers Group meet in the Church Hall
		7.00pm	Prayer Group meet in the Summerhouse
30 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	11.30am	Coffee Morning followed by soup in the Church Hall
		6.30pm	Youth Group meet in the Church Hall
31 <sup>st</sup>	Thursday	11.00am	Holy Communion (Revd Stephen Smith)

## **FEBRUARY**

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sunday	Next before Lent	
		10.00am	Family Communion (Rev'd Mervyn Terrett)
		11.15am	Morning Prayer (Canon Philip McDonough)
		6.30pm	Evening Prayer (Captain David Wells)
4 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	10.00am	Mums and Toddlers Group meet in the Church Hall
		7.00pm	Prayer Group meet in the Summerhouse
		8.00pm	Meeting of the Friends in Elstow Church Hall
6 <sup>th</sup>	Ash Wednesday		
		11.30am	Coffee Morning followed by soup in the

Church Hall

		6.30pm	Youth Group outing
		7.30pm	Sung Communion (The Rev'd Mervyn Terrett)
7 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	11.00am	Holy Communion (Canon Nigel Morrell)
		12 noon	Monthly Lunch @ the Red Lion
		8.00pm	Finance and Standing @ Elstow

**Visiting ministers in February (during Jeremy's two month study leave, additional to the Calendar)**

10 <sup>th</sup> February	10.00am Parish Communion – Venerable Paul Hughes Archdeacon of Bedford
	6.30pm Evensong – Canon Philip McDonough
14 <sup>th</sup> February	11.00am Holy Communion – Canon Nigel Morrell
17 <sup>th</sup> February	10.00am Family Communion – Revd Christopher Terry
	11.15am Mattins – Group
	6.30pm Evensong – Mr Robert Heley
21 <sup>st</sup> February	11.00am Holy Communion – Revd Len. Moore
24 <sup>th</sup> February	10.00am Youth Service
	11.15am Holy Communion – Bishop Richard, Bishop of Bedford
	6.30pm Evensong with Holy Communion, Healing and the laying on of hands - Revd Peter Littleford
28 <sup>th</sup> February	11.00am Holy Communion – Revd Len Moore