

## Notices and Future Events

- It has been decided to replace the Boiler system. Work will start soon.
- Work on the ruins restoration begins Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May.
- Interested or thinking about being confirmed? Please talk to Rev Jeremy Crocker.
- The study course 'A Journey into Faith' has started but all are still welcome to join and come along each Wednesday evening. Please see information leaflets at the back of church.
- Offers to help with Christian Aid to distribute or collect money, please speak to Sheila Batiuk.
- Christian Aid Meal Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May, 7pm at the Rectory. Jeremy will cook sausages, mash and beans with apple pie/crumble and custard and coffee to follow. This is a free event and all are welcome. There will be a bowl for any donations for Christian Aid. Please add your name to the sign up sheet at the back of church to help with catering numbers.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> May Friends AGM at 3.15pm followed by talk at 3.45pm by Jeremy Crocker on 'Elstow and Bunyan', 4.15pm Afternoon Tea, 5.15pm Annual Friends Service of Evensong with Guest Preacher Rev Wyn Beynon. Offers of sandwiches and cakes for this meeting are needed. Please speak to Rosemary Albon if you are able to help.
- 24<sup>th</sup> May Combined PCC meeting at 7.30pm for three PCC's of the United Benefice. Bring and share meal following at Scott Hall next to St Michael's Bedford. Guest speaker Canon Robin Brown.
- 26<sup>th</sup> May Joint Wardens meeting at 7pm for the three churches.
- To celebrate 24 years of Service by Miriam Clark as Church Warden there will be a buffet meal with a presentation at 7.30pm on 4<sup>th</sup> June. Previous ministers will be invited to come when we pay tribute and give thanks for her dedication and hard work. Any donations towards the presentation gift please to John Hinson. Venue is either the Church Hall or outside in the Caretakers garden dependant on the weather. Venue will be confirmed nearer the time.
- 4<sup>th</sup> July, 7.30pm at Elstow Abbey, The Right Rev'd Christopher Herbert, The Bishop of St Albans, will present a Lecture on 'Images of the Resurrection' (Part of the study programme starting 20<sup>th</sup> April.)

Jeremy Crocker Day off: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May

Notices for inclusion in the weekly bulletin to the Rectory FAO Diana Hill by 12 noon Tuesdays. Wedding Bookings and enquiries to Diana Hill either Tuesday or Thursday mornings. (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 15<sup>th</sup> May 2005**  
**Day of Pentecost, Whit Sunday**  
Christian Aid Week

9.30am	Family Communion (Peter Littleford)
Hymns:	SoF: 469, 205, 97, Anthem: Man more than man, 165, 451
10.15am	Jeremy Crocker at St Michael's
11.00am	Matins (Nigel Morrell)
Hymns:	NEH: 436, 379, 494, 431, 239, 272
6.00pm	Pentecostal Praise service at All Saints Wilstead (South Beds Council of Churches)

Note : NO 6.30pm Evensong service at Elstow

### **COLLECT**

God, who as at this time  
taught the hearts of your faithful people  
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:  
grant us by the same Spirit  
to have a right judgement in all things  
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;  
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Diary for the Week**

Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Family Communion (Peter Littleford)
	10.15am	Jeremy Crocker at St Michael's
	11.00am	Matins (Nigel Morrell)
	6.00pm	Pentecostal Praise Wilstead NO 6.30pm Evensong
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	5.30pm	Governors Meeting Abbey Middle School
	7.00pm	Prayer Group in the Summerhouse
	7.30pm	Wedding Interview
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	1.00pm	Clergy Meeting
	5.45pm	Evening Prayer
	7.30pm	Youth discussion at the Hinsons
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	9.30am	Clergy Chapter at Wootton
	5.45pm	Evening Prayer
	6.30pm	Wedding Interview
	6.30pm	Choir Club, no choir practice
	7.30pm	Bible Study in Elstow Church Hall
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	10-5pm	Jeremy at Resources Exhibition
	11.00am	Holy Communion (Jeremy Crocker)
	11.30am	Christian Aid Soup
	7.00pm	Christian Aid meal at Rectory
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	8.00pm	Bellringing
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup>	2-4pm	Youth Workshop

**Next Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May , Trinity Sunday**

9.30am	Young Peoples Service
11.00am	Mattins (Jeremy Crocker)
3.15pm	Friends AGM, Talk 3.45pm, Tea 4.15pm and
5.15pm	Annual Evensong Service (Address by Rev Wyn Beynon)

**Monthly Guest Preachers at Elstow**

22 <sup>nd</sup> May 5.15pm	Rev'd Wyn Beynon (Rural Dean of Biggleswade)
5 <sup>th</sup> June 9.30am	Rev Richard Huband
12 <sup>th</sup> June 6.30pm	Rev Canon John Tibbs
17 <sup>th</sup> July 6.30pm	The Right Rev'd Christopher Foster (The Bishop of Hertford)

**Please pray for:**

<i>The Sick:</i>	Ron Chappell, Betty Finch, Glenys Godden Campbell Fraser
<i>The recently departed:</i>	Lucy Blake