

Notices and Future Events

- **Thursday Lunch** following the communion every 1st Thursday of the month at the Red lion Pub, from 12 noon. Next date 7th June. Fish and Chips, Chicken and Leek Pie, Beef Borginon Jacket, Caramel Apple Betty, Mandarine and choclaote cheesecake or fruit salad with tea or coffee for £5.99. All welcome.
- **Alpha Course** Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm at 10 Shackleton Close. For details please contact 741501.
- **May Festival** Please sign up; we need your help to run the stalls and give donations of items for the stalls; **Especialy Cakes**, raffles prizes, books, bric-a-brac (deliver in advance to Rectory garage), tombola, children's stall, cream teas, plants. Please sign up on the list at back of church or see Barbara or Jeremy. Meeting to sort out final details is on Wed 9th May 8.30pm in Swan Pub. Please meet 9am at Rectory on Sat to help set up. Breakfast at 10.30am for the volunteers.
- **St Michaels Spring Fayre** has been postponed until June. More details to follow.
- **Christian Aid Week** 13-19th May. Volunteers needed for the House to House Collection. Please contact Sheila Batiuk – 01234 741112. Coffee mornings during the week: Thurs 10th at Elstow Bunyan Christian Fellowship – 10am -12pm, Sat 12th May 9.30am-12pm at Cardington Village Hall, Howard Room with Bring and Buy and Cake stall. Sun 13th May SBCC Service at the Howard Chapel at 6pm, Please Note: **NO 6.30pm service at Elstow Sunday 13th**. Supper on Sat 19th May at the Rectory from 5pm-9pm with shepherd pie meal at 6pm. Sign up sheet at the back.
- **Friends AGM** Sunday 20th May starting at 3.15pm. Lecture by Canon Stephen Lake, Sub Dean of St Albans at 3.45pm. Afternoon Tea 4.05pm finishing with Evensong at 5pm; Stephen Lake to preach.
- Wedding Bookings/enquiries or Notices for weekly Bulletin to Diana Hill, Tuesday or Thursday mornings at the Rectory - 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 6th May 2007 **5th Sunday of Easter**

- 9.30am Family Communion (JRC)
Hymns: SoF: 418, 12, 79, 437, Anthem: A prayer of St Richard of Chichester, 445
Banns: (3rd) 19/5/07: 12.30pm: Karen Styles & Glen Lowe
(3rd) 19/5/07: 2pm: Kevin Gray & Heather Cullit
- 11.00am Morning Prayer (Philip McDonough)
Hymns: NEH: 102, 477, 122, 107, 437
- 3.45pm Baptism at Elstow of Malachi Spencer (JRC)
- 6.30pm Evensong (JRC)
Hymns: NEH: 205, 376, 464, 206, 252

COLLECT

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help
we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Diary for this week

Sunday 6 th	9.30am	Family Communion (JRC)
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (Philip McDonough)
	3.45pm	Baptism at Elstow of Malachi Spencer
	6.30pm	Evensong (JRC)
Monday 7 th	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	10.00am	NO Toddlers and Tea due to Bank Hol
	7.00pm	No Prayer Group
Tuesday 8 th	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	5.00pm	JRC at Tax review in St Albans
	7.30pm	Parish Council meeting
Wednesday 9 th	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	11.00am	Baptism interview
	11.30am	Coffee morning in Elstow Church Hall
	6.30pm	Youth Club
	7.30pm	Alpha Course
8.30pm	May Festival meeting in Swan Pub	
Thursday 10 th	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	9.00am	Clergy meeting at Rectory
	11.00am	Holy Communion Service at Elstow Abbey (JRC)
	6.15pm	Youth worker meeting
	7.30pm	Elstow PPC meeting in Church Hall
Friday 11 th	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	8.00pm	Bellringing
Saturday 12 th	12noon-4pm	Elstow Village May Festival
	6.00pm	Wedding Rehearsal for Phil and Lisa

Jeremy Crocker: Day Off: Friday 11th May
Retreat: 14-18th May incl

Next Sunday 13th May, 6th Sunday of Easter, Rogation Sunday. Beginning of Christian Aid Week

10.30am	JRC taking Cardington morning service
11.00am	Parish Communion (Stephen Smith)
6.00pm	SBCC Christina Aid Service at Howard Chapel NO 6.30pm Evensong Service at Elstow

Guest Preachers

13 th May	11.00am	Rev Stephen Smith
17 th May	11.00am	Rev Peter Littleford
20 th May	3.45pm & 5pm	Canon Stephen Lake
27 th May	11.00am	Parish Communion including the Licensing of David Wells by the Archdeacon of Bedford, The Venerable Paul Hughes
10 th June	11.00am	Rev Mary Railton-Crowther
24 th June	6.30pm	Rev Peter Littleford
28 th June	11.00am	Rev Stephen Smith
1 st July	6.30pm	Robert Heley

Please pray for:

The Sick:

Jean Bennett, Pamela Dance, Barbara Gale
Doris Simmonds, Jessie Harris, Rev Len Moore
Edith Stewart

The Recently Deceased:

Lois Clarke