

Notices and Future Events

- **Elstow Extraordinary PCC meeting** This is notice that there will be a meeting TODAY Sunday 25th at 9am in the Church Hall. The agenda of the 8th November is the agenda for the meeting TODAY. All PCC members should have collected a letter from the Rector before this meeting.
- **Confirmation** Classes meet at 324 Church Lane Cardington. 6.30pm young people, 7.30pm adults. Confirmation service at Elstow Abbey on 10th Dec at 7.30pm.
- **Advent Study Course** starts 3rd Dec 8pm at St Michaels. First meeting led by Rev Peter Littleford. 2nd meeting is on Tuesday 11th Dec at Elstow led by Canon Nigel Morrell and the final meeting is 19th Dec 8pm at St Mary's Cardington led by Rev Jeremy Crocker.
- **Thursday Lunch** usually the 1st Thursday of the month after the communion service, at the Red lion Pub, from 12 noon. **Next date 13th Dec.** All welcome. Special Christmas Menu – See Festive Feasts flyer at the back. Please advise Barbara of your choices by Thurs 6th Dec. £6.00
- **We Welcome Susan Simms** to our organists team. We are pleased to welcome Susan to our team. Susan will play at the third Evensong in each month commencing from this week. Susan is organist and Choirmaster at Flitwick Parish Church. Susan Simms assisted Stephen McDonald (Abbey Director of Music) when he was organist and Choirmaster at Flitwick Church.
- **Rachel Marchbank** History of Elstow book is on sale until Christmas at the special price of £3.50. (Usual price £5) See the Friends Table by the Vestry.
- **Bellringers Dates** Tues Dec 4th 7.30pm ¼ peel by a ladies band, Tues Dec 11th 11-12 noon Bedford District "Tailenders" monthly ringing.
- **Saturday Social** is a supper and quiz for the whole benefice. 1st Dec from 7pm in Elstow Church Hall. Please us the sign up sheet for your choice of food. Cost £3.20 each. Bookings for supper needed by Thursday 29th Nov.
- **Christmas Cracker** Bedford Hospital Choir and Bedford Brass Band present "Christmas Cracker" – Christmas music and carols at the Corn Exchange, Friday Dec 14th at 7.30pm. Tickets: £7 or £5 from Bedford Box office 269519. All proceeds to Sue Ryder care, St Johns Hospice.
- **Panto** 15th December 6.30pm followed by bring and share in the church hall. Next rehearsal 8th December, 3-5pm in the Church Hall.
- **Annual Concert of Christmas Music** at Elstow Abbey by Kempston Musical Society in aid of "The Friends of Elstow Abbey" Monday 17th December at 7.30pm. Admission for Members of Friends £5 and non members £5.50.
- 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 25th November 2007

Christ the King

Sunday Last before Advent

(9.00am	Extraordinary PCC Meeting)
10.00am	Young People's Service
(10.30am	JRC at St Mary's Cardington)
11.15am	Parish Communion (Rev Peter Littleford)
Hymns:	466, 7, 295, 352 (no hymn during communion)
6.00pm	Joint Service SBCC at Christ the King (JRC to preach) No 6.30pm Evensong service at Elstow

COLLECT

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
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	9.00am	Extraordinary PCC Meeting in the Church Hall
25 th	10.00am	Young Peoples Service
	10.30am	JRC at St Mary's Cardington
	11.15am	Parish Communion (Rev Peter Littleford)
	3.00pm	Service of Remembrance at St Mary's Cardington
	6.00pm	Joint Service SBCC at Christ the King (JRC to Preach)
	No 6.30pm	Evensong service at Elstow
Monday	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
26 th	10.00am	Toddlers and Tea in Church Hall
	12.00noon	Funeral service at Elstow Abbey for John Franks (John Tibbs)
	6.30pm	Young Peoples confirmation class
	7.00pm	Prayer Group in Summer House
	7.30pm	Adult Confirmation class
Tuesday	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
27 th	9.00am	Sunday School Meeting
	10.00am	JRC at Elstow Lower School
	7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting
	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
Wednesday	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
28 th	11.30am	Coffee morning in Elstow Church Hall
	5.30pm	Baptism Interview
	6.30pm	Youth Club Pizza Hut Night
	8.15pm	Meeting with County Councillors at Playing Fields Hall
	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
Thursday	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
29 th	11.00am	Holy Communion at Elstow (JRC)
	2.30pm	Clergy Staff Meeting at Bindon Abbey
	6.45pm	Meeting with Youth Worker
	7.30pm	Youth Leaders Curry Night at Vicarage
	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
Friday	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
30 th	8.00pm	Bell Ringing
Saturday	7.00pm	Saturday Social in Elstow Church Hall
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JRC Day Off:Friday 30th November**Next Sunday 2nd December,****Advent Sunday**

10.00am	Family Communion with Sunday School (JRC)
11.15am	Morning Prayer (Matins Group)
2.00pm	Baptism at Elstow of Olivia and Joseph Walker (JRC)
2.45pm	Baptism at Elstow of Ruby Isla and Georgia Page (JRC)
6.30pm	Evensong (JRC)

Elstow Services times are changing

During the trial of the new times the pattern for the next few weeks will be:
(subject to PCC agreement)

9/12/07	10.00am	Family communion with Sunday School
	11.15am	Morning Prayer
	3.30pm	Christingle Service at Elstow
	6.30pm	Evensong
16/12/07	10.00am	Family Communion with Sunday School
	11.15am	Morning Prayer
	6.30pm	Evensong with Holy Communion and Laying on of Hands for Healing
23/12/07	10.00am	Young Peoples Service
	11.15am	Parish Communion
	3.30pm	Cardington Carols
	6.30pm	Nine Lessons and Carols service at Elstow
30/12/07	10.30am	Joint Holy Communion Service at St Mary's Cardington
	11.15am	Morning Prayer
	6.30pm	Evensong

General Pattern of Services: 1st & 2nd & 3rd Sunday: 10am Family Communion with Sunday School, 11.15am Morning Prayer, 6.30pm Evensong **4th Sunday:** 10am Young Peoples service, 11.15am Parish Communion, 6.30pm, Evensong with Holy Communion and Laying on of hands for Healing.

Please pray for:

The Sick: William Coward, Judy Carpenter, John Wagstaff, Barbara Gale, John Emerson, Mary Bartram, Jean Harlow, Peter Slade, Clare Knox.

The Recently Deceased:

John Franks