

Notices and Future Events

- **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
- **Parish Holiday** details are at the back of church and in the Elstow Parish Magazine. We will be staying at the Sandown Hotel on the Isle of Wight 20th – 26th July 2008.
- **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.
- **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 2nd December 2007 **Advent Sunday**

10.00am Family Communion with Sunday School (JRC)
Hymns: SoF: 513, 443, 451, 129, Anthem: Kum ba Yah, 77
Banns: (1st) Russell Vaughan & Helen Bradbury 27/12/07 12noon

11.15am Morning Prayer (JRC)
Hymns: NEH: 449, 404, 5, 15, 3, Psalm 122 Vs 1-6

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)
Hymns: NEH: 3, 14, 434, 388, 245, Psalm 25 Vs 1-6

COLLECT

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him 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 2 nd	10.00am	Family Communion with Sunday School (JRC)
	11.15am	Morning Prayer (JRC)
	2.00pm	Baptism at Elstow of Olivia and Joseph Walker (JRC)
	2.45pm	Baptism at Elstow of Ruby Isla and Georgia Page (JRC)
Monday 3 rd	6.30pm	Evensong (JRC)
	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	10.00am	Toddlers and Tea in Church Hall
	7.00pm	Young Peoples and Adult Confirmation class / rehearsal at Elstow Abbey
	7.00pm	Prayer Group in Summer House
Tuesday 4 th	8.00pm	Advent Study at St Michael's
	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	9.30-12.30pm	Elstow Lower School rehearsal in Abbey
	7.30pm	Bell Ringers ¼ Peal
Wednesday 5 th	7.30pm	Wardens Meeting @ Hinsons
	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	11.30am	Coffee morning in Elstow Church Hall
	6.30pm	Youth Club Christmas Cake Decorating
Thursday 6 th	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	10.00am	Pastoral Meeting
	10.30am	Burial of Ashes of Eileen Cant
	11.00am	Holy Communion at Elstow (JRC)
	1.30pm	Funeral at Elstow of Mary Bartram (JRC)
Friday 7 th	4.30pm	Abbey Middle School Governors meeting
	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	7.00pm	Choir Practice
Saturday 8 th	8.00pm	Bell Ringing
	2.00pm	Christingle making in Church Hall
	3.00-5.00pm	Panto Rehearsal in Church

JRC Day Off:

Friday 7th December

Next Sunday 9th December, Second Sunday of Advent

10.00am	Parish Communion with Sunday School (JRC)
3.30pm	Christingle Service at Elstow (JRC)
(4.00pm	Christingle Service at St Michael's)
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:

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	Holy Communion Service
	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
6/1/08	10.00am	Family Communion with Sunday School
	11.15am	Morning Prayer
	6.30pm	Evensong

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

The Recently Deceased:

John Franks, Mary Bartram