

Notices and Future Events

- **Thursday Lunch** usually the 1st Thursday of the month after the communion service, at the Red lion Pub, from 12 noon. **Next date 3rd Jan.** All welcome. Choice of starter and main with Tea/coffee for £5.99.
- **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.
- **The Lent Course** will be organised this year by the Churches Together in South Bedfordshire. It shall run for 5 weeks each Monday beginning on 11th February, '08.

JRC Study Leave: Saturday 29th December to Saturday March 1st, inclusive.

Church Wardens Contact details: Colin Albon 01234 407084 & Barbara Routledge 01234 854369

Wedding Bookings/enquiries or Notices for weekly Bulletin to Diana Hill, Tuesday or Thursday mornings at the Rectory from 15th January – 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 23rd December 2007
Fourth Sunday of Advent

10.00am	Young Peoples Service (John Hinson)
10.30am	St Mary's Cardington (Bishop Richard of Bedford)
11.15am	Holy Communion Service (JRC)
Hymns:	NEH: 6, 161, 9, 332
(3.30pm	Cardington Joint Carols (PL))
6.30pm	Service at Elstow of Nine Lessons and Carols (JRC)
	Separate service sheet

COLLECT for 23rd December

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever.

Christmas Eve 24th December

5.30pm	Crib service at Elstow (JRC)
6.00pm	St Michaels Christmas Communion service (PL)
11.30pm	Midnight Mass at Elstow Abbey (JRC)

COLLECT for Midnight Mass 24th December

Eternal God, who made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of your one true light: bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on earth, to see the radiance of your heavenly glory; though Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever.

Christmas Day

10.30am	Joint Holy Communion Christmas Day service at Elstow Abbey (JRC)
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COLLECT for Christmas Day

Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Sunday after Christmas

30th December

10.30am Joint Holy Communion service at St Mary's
Cardington with Joint Sunday School (PL / NM)
11.15am Morning Prayer (Mattins Group)
6.30pm Evensong (RH)

COLLECT for 30th December

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

The Epiphany 6th January 2008

10.00am Family Communion with Sunday School (Rev'd
Mervyn Terrett)
11.15am Mattins (Canon Philip McDonough)
6.30pm Evensong (Mr Peter Moss)

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever.

Second Sunday of Epiphany

10.00am Parish Communion with Sunday School (Bishop
David Farmbrough)
6.30pm Evensong (Canon Philip McDonough)

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Diary Dates

27.12.07	11.00am	Holy Communion at Elstow (JRC)
	12.00noon	Wedding at Elstow of Helen Bradbury and Russell Vaughan (JRC)
29.12.07	11.45am	Funeral of Gladys Florence Jones (JRC) @ Harwood Park
31.12.07	10.00am	NO Mums and Toddlers
	7.00pm	NO Prayer Group
2.01.08	11.30am	Coffee morning and soup in Hall
	6.30pm	NO Youth Club
3.01.08	11.00am	Holy Communion service (SS)
	12.00noon	Thursday monthly lunch at Red Lion
7.01.08	10.00am	Mums and Toddlers in Hall
	7.00pm	Prayer Group in Summer House
9.01.08	11.30am	Coffee Morning and Soup Lunch
	6.30pm	Youth Club Meeting in Hall
10.01.08	11.00am	Holy Communion @ Elstow (SS)
	8.00pm	Finance And Standing @ Hinsons
14.01.08	10.00am	Mums and Toddlers in the Hall
	7.00pm	Prayer Group in Summer House
16.01.08	11.30am	Coffee and Soup in the Church Hall
	6.30pm	Youth Group meet in Hall
17.01.08	11.00am	Holy Communion at Elstow (SS)
20.01.08	10.00am	Family Communion with Sunday School (Ven Trevor Jones)
	11.15am	Mattins (Group)
	6.30pm	NO Evensong at Elstow Abbey

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service is at the Priory Methodist Church with the Preacher Bishop Peter of Northampton