

Notices and Future Events

- **The Bishop of St Albans**, The Right Revd Christopher Herbert, announced on Wednesday 23rd January that he will be retiring on 7th January 2009, his 65th birthday. His final service will be on 8th November. He will then spend the last few weeks sorting Abbey Gate house and taking a holiday. He asks for your prayers for himself, his wife Jan, and the staff and colleagues who have the task of appointing a successor and the extra load everyone will have to carry when he goes.
- **Graham Crowder** is to be licensed as Reader in Huddersfield on February 10th. He asks for your prayers of support for both him and Mary as he begins his new Ministry and the changes that it will bring.
- **Thursday Lunch** usually the 1st Thursday of the month after the communion service, at the Red lion Pub, from 12 noon. **Next date 7th Feb.** 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. Booking forms and deposits are required to secure your place. Please note there are now ONLY TWIN rooms available.
- **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, 2008. The York Course of 5 sessions is based upon the Lords Prayer, praying it, meaning it, living it. All sessions are at the London Road Methodist church starting at 7.30pm and ending at 9pm with a cuppa. Mon 11th – Our Father, led by Rosemarie Langley, Mon 18th – Thy will be done, led by Jane Findlay, Mon 25th – Our daily bread, led by Mick Benjamin, Mon 3rd Mar – As we forgive, led by Josie Line, Mon 10th Mar – United service with preacher Rev Rupert Hankey.
- **Friends of Elstow** meeting is to be held in the Church Hall on Monday 4th February at 8pm
- **Ash Wednesday** Service of Holy Communion and Ashing will be at 7.30pm at Elstow, led by Rev Mervyn Terrett. (6th February)

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

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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 3rd February 2008 **Sunday next before Lent**

- 10.00am Family Communion with Sunday School (Rev Mervyn Terrett)
Hymns: SoF: 400, 407, 377, 514, Anthem: Clare Benediction, 147
- 11.15am Morning Prayer (Canon Philip McDonough)
Hymns: NEH: 234, 178, 367, 406, 440 (omit * vs), Psalm 2 vs 1-6
- 6.30pm Evensong (Captain David Wells)
Hymns: NEH: 494, 408, 377, 414, 244, Psalm 99 vs1-6

COLLECT

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
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 3 rd	10.00am	Family Communion with Sunday School (Rev Mervyn Terrett)
	11.15am	Morning Prayer (Canon Philip McDonough)
	6.30pm	Evensong (Captain David Wells)
Monday 4 th	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	10.00am	Toddlers and Tea in Church Hall
	7.00pm	Prayer group meet in Summer House
	8.00pm	Friends meeting in Church Hall
Tuesday 5 th	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
Wednesday 6 th	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	11.00am	Coffee morning and soup in Hall
	6.30pm	Youth Club Outing
	7.30pm	Ash Wednesday service of Holy Communion and Ashing (Rev Mervyn Terrett)
Thursday 7 th	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	11.00am	Holy Communion service at Elstow (Canon Nigel Morell)
	12.00noon	Monthly Lunch club at the Red Lion
	8.00pm	Elstow Finance and Standing meeting at 43 Armstrong Close
Friday 8 th	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	8.00pm	Bell Ringing
Saturday 9 th		

Ash Wednesday Wednesday 6th February

7.30pm	Service of Holy Communion and Ashing (Rev Mervyn Terrett)
Hymns:	NEH: 67, 382, 358, 70, 84

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
you hate nothing that you have made
and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent:
create and make in us new and contrite hearts
that we, worthily lamenting our sins
and acknowledging our wretchedness,
may receive from you, the God of all mercy,
perfect remission and forgiveness;
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.

Next Sunday 10th February 2008 First Sunday of Lent

10.00am	Parish Communion with Sunday School (Ven Paul Hughes)
6.30pm	Evensong (Canon Philip McDonough)