

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 Apr.** 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 Carlton Hotel, Sandown on the Isle of Wight 20th – 26th July 2008. Booking forms and deposits are required to secure your place. We have been reallocated some more rooms and now can offer TWIN, DOUBLE or FAMILY rooms. (Please note there are NO SINGLES LEFT and we can not offer a twin or double for single occupancy)
- **The Lent Course** organised this year by the Churches Together in South Bedfordshire final session of the York Course based upon the Lords Prayer, praying it, meaning it, living it is at the London Road Methodist church starting at 7.30pm and ending at 9pm with a cuppa. Mon 10th Mar – United service with Preacher Rev Rupert Hankey.
- **May Festival meetings** Public meeting in the Swan Sat 15th Mar 7.30pm & for church members a Fund raising meeting to be held at the Hinson's 7.15pm Thurs 13th Mar. Please come along to give ideas and your support to either meeting.
- **Pianist Wanted** to play for a new Dance Club to run on Tuesdays 4-6pm in the church hall. Club proposed to start in April. Please see Jeremy for details.
- **New Hall** meeting for an update on progress will be on Wed 12th Mar at 2.30pm in the church hall.
- **Maundy Thursday** service of Holy Communion at 7.30pm will also include the stripping of the altar, followed by readings. A list is available for you to sign up for one of the slots for readings and reflections. Please speak to Jeremy, Colin or Barbara if you want any information or help selecting your reading.
- **Frugal Lunch** on Good Friday will be in the Church Hall from 12.30pm. A list to sign up to help with numbers is on the table at the back of church. To help with costs a suggested donation is £3 each with any profit going to Christian Aid.
- **CARGO** the musical by Paul Field is being performed by St Neots Christian Performing Arts on 13th, 14th and 15th March at the Priory Centre, St Neots. (Not recommended for young children due to the nature of the subject) Tickets £8 per person and £6 concessions. Contact David Brown & Co 01480 377140.
- **The APCM** is to be held on Thursday 24th April at 7.30pm at Elstow Church Hall.

Church Wardens Contact details: Colin Albon 01234 407084 & Barbara Routledge 01234 854369. Wedding Bookings/enquiries or Notices for weekly Bulletin to Diana Hill, Tues/Thurs 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 9th March 2008 5th Sunday of Lent Passion Sunday

10.00am	Parish Communion (JRC) Hymns: NEH: 137, 84, 358, 342, Anthem: Lead me Lord, 359 Banns: (1 st) 19/4/08 Craig Gauntlett and Sally Bailey
11.30am	Burial of Ashes of Doug and Bay Gautrey at Elstow (JRC)
3.00pm	Baptism at Elstow of Freddie Owen (JRC)
6.30pm	Evensong (JRC) Hymns: NEH: 342, 92, 374, 137, 248, Psalm 130

COLLECT

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
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 for the Week

Sunday	10.00am	Parish Communion (JRC)
9 th	11.30am	Burial of Ashes of Bay and Doug Gautrey at Elstow (JRC)
	3.00pm	Baptism at Elstow of Freddie Owen (JRC)
	4.00pm	Wedding interview
	6.30pm	Evensong (JRC)
Monday	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
10 th	10.00am	Toddlers and Tea in Church Hall
	2.00pm	Prayer group meet in Summer House
	3.00pm	JRC Meeting with Mike Dales
	4.30pm	Abbey Middle School Governors meeting
	5.00pm	Vacancy and See Committee meeting at St Albans
	7.30pm	Lent course at London Road Methodists
Tuesday	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
11 th	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
12 th	9.30am	Clergy Chapter meeting at Marston Mortyne
	11.30am	Coffee morning and Soup in Hall
	2.30pm	New Hall meeting in Church Hall
	6.30pm	Youth Club
	8.30pm	Wedding Interview
Thursday	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
13 th	11.00am	Holy Communion service at Elstow (JRC)
	1.00pm	Fraternal Meeting and Lunch
	6.30pm	Baptism Interview
	7.15pm	Fundraising meeting at Hinson's
	8.00pm	Finance and Standing at Hinson's
Friday	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
14 th	8.00pm	Bell Ringing
Saturday	7.30pm	Public meeting in Swan for May Festival
15 th		

Next Sunday**16th March 2008 , Palm Sunday**

10.00am	Holy Communion and Palm Sunday Procession (JRC)
11.15am	Morning Prayer (Mattins Group)
6.30pm	Evensong (Rev Jeremy Crocker)

Holy Week Services

Mon 17 th Mar	7.30pm	Holy Week devotions at St Michaels
Tues 18 th Mar	3.00pm	Stations of the Cross at Christ the King
	7.30pm	Holy Week Devotions at Elstow
Wed 19 th Mar	3.00pm	Stations of the Cross at Christ the King
	7.30pm	Holy Week Devotions at Cardington
Thurs 20 th Mar	11.00am	Maundy Thursday Holy Communion Elstow
	7.30pm	Holy Communion and stripping of the Altar with readings and reflections till 9pm
Fri 21 st Mar	10.00am	Youth Service for Good Friday
	11.15am	One Hour Devotional Service
	12.00noon	Good Friday Act of Witness at Harper Square
	12.30pm	Frugal lunch in hall
Sat 22 nd Mar	7.00pm	Service of the First Light of Easter at Elstow
Sun 23 rd Mar	10.30am	Family Communion with Sunday School

Please Pray for:

<i>The Recently Deceased:</i>	Muriel Fountain
	Kenneth Rodgers