

Notices and Future Events

- **St Michael's Mums and Toddlers** on Tuesdays 10-11.30am in St Michael's church, starts on April 8th.
- **Hall Plans** up to date drawings are on display at the back so please take a look.
- **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.
- **Sunday Lunch group** is being co-ordinated by Laura and Alistair (768137) for couples to meet on the 2nd Sunday of each month. Sunday roast, dessert and coffee. Price TBC. 1st date will be 13th April.
- **Parish Holiday** details are at the back of church and in the Elstow Parish Magazine. Staying at the Carlton Hotel, Sandown on the Isle of Wight 20th – 26th July 2008. Booking forms & deposits are required to secure your place. TWIN, DOUBLE or FAMILY (2A1C) rooms. (Please note there are NO SINGLES LEFT and we can not offer a twin or double for single occupancy)
- **Dance Club** Tuesdays 4-6pm in the church hall. Starts 1st April more details from Penny Rigden (269023). 3½-5yrs at 4pm, 5-7yrs at 4.30pm, 8-11yrs 5-5.45pm. Cost £2.50 per child per session.
- **Organ Recital** Stephen McDonald is giving an organ recital on Maundy Thursday at 12.15pm – 1pm in aid of the "New School of Organ Studies". To be held at Bury Park United Reformed Church, Waldeck Road, Luton. Including an optional lunch. Suggested donation £4.
- **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.
- **Easter Monday Pilgrimage** to St Albans Abbey. Meet at Bedford Midland mainline station at 11am. Return around 5.30pm. Bring picnic lunch. Coffee provided at the Quality Hotel (donation requested) Group rate train ticket if booked in advance. Please use sheet at the back to request your group rate ticket.
- **The APCM** is to be held on Thursday 24th April at 7.30pm at Elstow Church Hall.

JRC Day off: Monday 17th March

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 16th March 2008 **Palm Sunday**

10.00am Holy Communion and Palm Sunday Procession (JRC)
Hymns: NEH: 509, 93, 439, 431, Anthem: When I survey, 338
Banns: (2nd) 19/4/08 Craig Gauntlett and Sally Bailey

11.15am Morning Prayer (Matins Group)
Hymns: NEH: 93, 82, 338, 272, 511, Psalm 31 Vs1-6

6.30pm Evensong (Rev Jeremy Crocker)
Hymns: NEH: 94, 439, 90, 124, 242, Psalm 118 Vs 1-6

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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.

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
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

Diary for the Week

Sunday 16 th	10.00am	Holy Communion and Palm Sunday Procession (JRC)
	11.15am	Morning Prayer (Matins Group)
	6.30pm	Evensong (JRC)
Monday 17 th	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	10.00am	Toddlers and Tea in Church Hall
	2.00pm	Prayer group meet in Summer House
	7.30pm	Holy Week devotions at St Michael's
Tuesday 18 th	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	10.00am	JRC at Elstow Lower School Assembly
	3.00pm	Stations of the cross at Christ the King
	7.30pm	Holy Week devotions at Elstow
Wednesday 19 th	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	11.30am	Coffee morning and Soup in Hall
	3.00pm	Stations of the cross at Christ the King
	6.30pm	Youth Club
	7.00pm	John Bunyan Governors meeting
	7.30pm	Holy Week devotions at Cardington
Thursday 20 th	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	11.00am	Holy Communion service at Elstow (NM)
	11.00am	JRC at St Albans Abbey Blessing of Oils service
	7.30pm	Holy Communion and stripping of the Altar
Friday 21 st	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	10.00am	Youth Service (JH)
	10.15am	Stations of the Cross at St Michael's
	11.15am	One Hour Devotional Service (JRC)
	12.00noon	Good Friday Act of Witness at Harpur Square
	12.30pm	Frugal lunch in Elstow church hall
	8.00pm	Bell Ringing
Saturday 22 nd	7.00pm	Service of the First Light of Easter at Elstow (JRC)

Maundy Thursday 20th March

7.30pm Holy Communion and Stripping of the Altar (JRC)
Hymns: SoF: 357, 390, 488, 22

COLLECT

God our Father, you have invited us to share in the supper which your Son gave to his Church to proclaim his death until he comes: may he nourish us by his presence, and unite us in his love; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Good Friday 21st March

10.00am Young Peoples Service (JH)

11.15am One Hour Devotional service (JRC)

Hymns: NEH: 92, 439, 90, 95, 94

COLLECT

Almighty Father, look with mercy on this your family for which our Lord Jesus Christ was content to be betrayed and given up into the hands of sinners and to suffer death upon the cross; who is alive and glorified with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Holy Saturday 22nd March

7.00pm Service of the First Light of Easter (JRC)

COLLECT

Grant Lord, that we who are baptised into the death of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ may continually put to death our evil desires and be buried with him; and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass to our joyful resurrection; through his merits, who died and was buried and rose again for us, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Next Sunday

23rd March 2008, Easter Day

10.30am Family Communion (JRC)

3.00pm Baptism at Elstow of George White (JRC)

3.45pm Baptism at Elstow of Erin Stokes (JRC)

4.30pm Baptism at Elstow of Anthony Rowley (JRC)

6.30pm Evensong (JRC)

Please Pray for:

The Recently Deceased: Muriel Fountain
Kenneth Rodgers