

## Notices and Future Events Cont.

- **Bible Group** at Cardington Centenary room each Wed 8-9.30pm
- **Christian Aid Week** 11-17<sup>th</sup> May. Volunteers needed for the house to house collection in Elstow Parish. Christian Aid meal at the Rectory on **12<sup>th</sup> May** from 6pm. All welcome, for catering please use sign up sheet. Free. Any donations received will go to Christian Aid collection. 11<sup>th</sup> May Joint service at St Michaels 6pm, no evensong at Elstow that day. Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 2.30pm Penny Leigh-Brown talk at Priory Methodist church Newnham Ave. Can you help, set up and dismantle the Christian Aid Exhibition 5<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> May 2009 at the central library. Contact Sheila Batiuk 01234 741112.
- **St Michaels Fayre** 17<sup>th</sup> May in Barford Avenue, 2-4pm
- **Friends of Elstow AGM** 5.30pm on Sun 18<sup>th</sup> May in the church hall. Coffee and cake provided. Guest preacher Canon Dr Peter Sedgwick at 6.30pm evensong
- **Benefice Social Evening** at St Michaels Scott Hall 24<sup>th</sup> May 7-9.30pm international bring and share.
- **Southill Park Estate Afternoon** Benefice trip on Fri 6<sup>th</sup> June, organised by Friends of Elstow Abbey. 50 spaces only and all names of those who wish to go are needed by JRC by 4<sup>th</sup> June. £10 per person. Arrival at estate is 2.15pm prompt. Please use sign up and indicate if you can offer or need a lift.
- **St Michaels After-School club** for 5-10yr olds Tuesdays 3.45-5.15pm in St Michaels church.
- **Abbey Choir Vacancies** both junior 7 years+ and adults. Interested? Come and meet the choir at one of the recruitment practice dates: 9/5, 16/5 between 7-8pm. More information email Director of Music Stephen McDonald – [stevetmcdonald@btinternet.com](mailto:stevetmcdonald@btinternet.com)
- **St Michael's Mums and Toddlers** on Tuesdays 10-11.30am in St Michael's church, each week.

JRC Day off: Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May



## **THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST MARY AND ST HELENA, ELSTOW *Part of the Elstow Team***

We extend a warm welcome to everyone today

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2008**  
**Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
**Sunday After Ascension Day**

10.00am	Family Communion (JRC)
Hymns:	SoF: 9, 234, 531, Anthem: O Lord hear my prayer, 10, 520
11.15am	Morning Prayer (JRC)
Hymns:	NEH: 130, 349, 342, 483, 134, Psalm 68 Vs 1-6
6.30pm	Evensong (Robert Heley)
Hymns:	NEH: 130, 74, 352, 365, 243, Psalm 47 Vs 1-6

### **COLLECT**

O God the King of glory,  
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ  
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:  
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,  
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us  
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,  
who is alive and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit  
one God, now and for ever.

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.

### Diary for the Week

Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Family Communion Service (JRC)
	11.15am	Morning Prayer (JRC)
	6.30pm	Evensong (Robert Heley)
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	10.00am	<b>No</b> Toddlers and Tea in Church Hall
	2.00pm	Prayer group meet in Summer House
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	10.00am	Mums and Toddlers at St Michaels
	10.00am	JRC at Elstow Lower School Assembly
	11.00am	JRC at Bedford High School
	3.45-5.15pm	St Michaels after school club
	4.00pm	Dance class in Elstow Church Hall
	7.30pm	Parish Council meeting At Playing Fields Hall
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	11.30am	Coffee morning and Soup in Hall
	12.50pm	Burial of Ashes of Yvonne Braybrook at Elstow (JRC)
	6.30pm	Youth Club meal
	8.00pm	Baptism interview
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	11.00am	Holy Communion service at Elstow (JRC)
	11.45am	Visiting Bell Ringers at Elstow
	1.45pm	Funeral Service for Raymond Short at Elstow then burial at Kempston Cemetery. (JRC)
	7.45pm	South Beds Council of Churches meeting at London Road Methodists
	8.00pm	Finance and Standing meeting at Hinson's
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Setting up May festival
	12-4pm	May Festival

### Next Sunday

**11<sup>th</sup> May 2008.**

**Whit Sunday - Day of Pentecost**

**Start of Christian Aid Week**

10.00am	Family Communion including the Baptism of Joseph Watson (JRC)
2.00pm	Baptism at Elstow of Shannon Byrne (JRC)
6.00pm	Joint Service at St Michaels for Christian Aid (No 6.30pm Evensong at Elstow)

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Please Pray for

Recently Deceased: Raymond Short  
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### Notices and Future Events

- **Thursday Lunch** usually the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month after the communion service, at the Red Lion Pub, from 12 noon. **Next date 5<sup>th</sup> June.** 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month. Sunday roast, dessert and coffee. Next date May 11<sup>th</sup>