

Notices and Future Events

- **Monthly Thursday Lunch group** The Red Lion is closing for refurbishments in the New Year. Christmas meal main course and pudding for £5.99 **11th December.**
- **Claudette a member of the Elstow Congregation** is happy to read to adults who can't do it themselves. If interested please call her on 01234 216375.
- **Love in a Box** please can you bring them back for the 16th November.
- **Bedford Messiah Choir** presents Handel's Messiah on Saturday 29th November 2008 at 7.30pm at Bunyan Meeting. Tickets £8.50 concessions £7 available from Bedford Box Office (269519) or Chris Knell (214140).
- **Forthcoming Friends of Elstow Abbey Music Festival** 1st Dec 08 6.30 p.m. Hitchin Concert Band brass ensemble with Kingshott School chamber choir, 31st Jan 09 12 noon Organ recital by Bedford Organists Association and 28th Feb 09 7.30pm Luton Male Voice Choir.
- **Elstow Poores Charity** pensioners who receive state pensions and resided in Elstow village for over 10yrs. Application in writing to Mr R Worthington-Ellis 14, South Ave, Elstow, Beds MK42 9YS no later than 15th November. Existing need not re-apply
- **Choir Practice** will now be in the Church Hall over the winter.
- **Christmas Bazaar** 29th November Help needed please. We need raffle prizes, tombola, cakes, books, bric-a-brac and mince pies if possible please.
- **Quiet Day at Moggerhanger Park**, Park Road, Moggerhanger, Beds MK44 3RW on Wednesday 7th January 2009 meet at 9.30am for 10.00am start ~ depart 3.00pm.
- Joint Benefice social evening Saturday 15th November curry or casserole and games price TBA 7pm, please add name to list at the back of the church.
- **Request for adult help** it is planned in the New Year to start a younger Youth club for those aged 7 – 11 ½ from 5.45 – 7pm, if you'd like to help please can you let Jeremy know.

JRC Day Off: Friday 14th November

Church Wardens Contact details: Colin Albon 01234 407084 & Barbara Routledge 01234 854369. Wedding/ Baptism Bookings/enquiries or Notices for weekly Bulletin to Samantha Nagel, Tuesday and Thursdays 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 November 2008, The Third Sunday Before Advent Remembrance Sunday

10.00am	NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
10.55am	Remembrance Service followed by laying of wreaths at War memorial with John Bunyan Christian Fellowship.
Hymns:	See order of service
Banns:	(2 nd) 12/12/08 1pm; Robert Featherstone and Katie Pinel (2 nd) 03/01/09 12.30pm; Duncan Castle and Kristina Tiplady
4.00pm	Audition of the Pantomime until 5.30pm
6.30pm	Evensong (JRC) with Guest Preacher Mr Owen Parker, Chair of Bedford and District Royal British Legion
Hymns:	NEH: 484, 354, 417, 253, Psalm 71 vs 1-6

COLLECT

Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of all:
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle rule:
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. AMEN.

Diary for the Week

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Monday 10 th	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	10.00am	Mums and Toddlers @ Elstow Hall
	2.00pm	Prayer Group in the Summerhouse
	8.00pm	Wedding interview at vicarage
Tuesday 11 th	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	10.00am	Sing and Sign in the Church Hall
	4.30pm	Dance club in the Church Hall
	7.15pm	Head teachers meeting
Wednesday 12 th	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	11.30am	Coffee morning and Soup in Hall
	6.30pm	Youth Group meet at Quasar
Thursday 13 th	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	11.00am	Holy Communion service at Elstow (JRC)
	8.00pm	No Finance and Standing
Friday 14 th	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	9.30am	Elstow Lower school visit the Abbey
Saturday 15 th	2.00pm	St Michael's fayre
	7.00pm	Joint social evening at St Mary's village hall (Please see sign up sheet at the back of the Church)

Next Sunday

16th November 2008,

The Second Sunday Before Advent

10.00am	Holy Communion (JRC) with guest preacher Mary Railton-Crowder
11.15am	Morning Prayer (Group) (JRC)
3.00pm	Baptism Chloe Taylor, and Tye, Chelsea, Ashley, Kady, Bryony, Ashley, Kyra Reed (JRC)
4.00pm	Casting of pantomime at Church Hall
6.30pm	Evensong (DW)

Future Dates for your diary

- Youth Alpha from Monday 19th January from 6 – 7.30pm for 10 weeks ref David Wells.
- Pantomime rehearsals from 11th January 3.30 – 5pm until 1st March.
- Diocesan trip to Taize 19th – 26th July 2009. *Further details in the New Year.*
- Parish holiday to the Isle of Wight 9th August – 15th August. *Further details in the New Year.*
- Greenbelt festival 28th August – 31st August ref David Wells.
- Adult beginners to the Bible and Christian life course 8 week course starting 6th January at the vicarage from 8pm.

Please Pray For:

Recently Deceased:

Kenneth Gilbert; Pamela Lane