

## 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 **11<sup>th</sup> 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.
- **Bedford Messiah Choir** presents Handel's Messiah on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2008 at 7.30pm at Bunyan Meeting. Tickets £8.50 concessions £7 available from Bedford Box Office (269519) or Chris Knell (214140).
- **Christmas Bazaar 29<sup>th</sup> November** Help needed on stalls please. We need raffle prizes, tombola, cakes, books, bric-a-brac and mince pies if possible please. Please speak to Barbara Routledge (854369).
- **Forthcoming Friends of Elstow Abbey Music Festival** 1st Dec 08 6.30 p.m. Hitchin Concert Band brass ensemble with Kingshott School chamber choir, 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 09 12 noon Organ recital by Bedford Organists Association and 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 09 7.30pm Luton Male Voice Choir.
- **Benefice Advent Study Course** 1. The Patriachs Canon Nigel Morell @ St. Michaels, 2. The prophets Rev. JRC @ St Marys, 3. John the Baptist Rev. Stephen Smith @ Elstow and 4. Mary Rev. Peter Littleford @ St Michaels. Monday 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec at 8.00pm.
- **Music at St Andrew's Church** Kimbolton Road Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 8pm Pre-concert dinner 6.30pm Concert tickets £7 concessions £5. Dinner & Concert £14. Church office – 216881, Box Office 269519
- **Choir Practice** dates – 12<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> Dec 08, 9<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> Jan, 6<sup>th</sup> Feb 09.
- **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.
- **Quiet Day at Moggerhanger Park**, Park Road, Moggerhanger, Beds MK44 3RW on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2009 meet at 9.30am for 10.00am start ~ depart 3.00pm.

JRC Holiday: Mon 17<sup>th</sup> November – Wed 26<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2008, The Sunday Next Before Advent Christ the King**

- 10.00am Young People's Service (JEH)
- 11.15am Holy Communion (Canon Nigel Morell)  
Hymns: NEH: 352, 443, 499, 457
- 4.00pm Service of Remembrance at St Mary's Cardington
- 6.00pm United Service @ Christ the King, London Road
- 6.30pm NO EVENSONG AT ELSTOW**

### **COLLECT**

Eternal Father,  
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven  
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:  
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit  
and in the bond of peace,  
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;  
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 24 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	10.00am	Mums and Toddlers @ Elstow Hall
	2.00pm	Prayer Group in the Summerhouse
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	10.00am	Sing and Sign in the Church Hall
	4.30pm	Dance club in the Church Hall
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	11.30am	Coffee morning and Soup in Hall
	6.30pm	Youth Group meet at Church Hall
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	11.00am	Holy Communion service at Elstow (Rev. Len Moore)
	7.30pm	Meeting of the Parochial Church council in the Church hall
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	6.45pm-8pm	Choir Practice in the Church Hall
	8.00pm	Bell Ringing
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Christmas Bazaar in the Church Hall
	7.30pm	Handel's Messiah at Bunyan meeting

## Next Sunday

**30<sup>th</sup> November 2008,**

## **The First Sunday of Advent**

**10.30am**      **Joint Benefice Holy Communion at Elstow with Sunday School (JRC)**

6.30pm      Evensong followed by Holy Communion with the Laying on of Hands for Healing (JRC) with guest preacher Robert Hely.

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## **Future Dates for your diary**

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