

Notices and Future Events

- **Monthly Thursday Lunch group** The Red Lion is closing for refurbishment. Next date February 5th at the Swan.
- **Claudette a member of the Elstow Congregation** is happy to read to adults who can't do it themselves. If interested call on 01234 216375.
- **Community Resettlement Support Project** looking to recruit & train volunteers to provide befriending support to men aged 21+ who prepare to be released from HMP Bedford please contact Rob Burton 07940211527.
- **The Beginners Course to the Bible**, begins on the 13th January for 8 weeks at the vicarage. Looking at Bible characters with film and discussion – all welcome.
- **All Bedford Churches Together** the week of prayer for Christian Unity 18th – 25th January 2009. Monday – Salvation Army, Tuesday – Uni. of Bedfordshire (Polhill Ave), Wednesday – The Miracle Church of God, Thursday – Friends Meeting House Lansdowne Road and Friday – St. John's Church. **25th January – at Elstow Abbey 6.30pm**
- **Elstow PCC** 22nd January in the Church Hall.
- **Beginning of Youth Alpha** 26th January 6-7.30pm with Captain David Wells at the Vergers cottage, Cardington.
- **Choir Practice** dates – 30th January and 6th February 2009.
- **Forthcoming Friends of Elstow Abbey Music Festival** 31st Jan 09 12 noon Organ recital by Bedford Organists Association and 28th Feb 09 7.30pm Luton Male Voice Choir.
- **Elstow Benefice 'knees up'!** Saturday 14th February 7pm.
- **Winter Table-top Sale** to raise money for the quota and to clear out the bell tower 21st February 2-4pm.

JRC Day Off: Friday 16th January 2009

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 11th January 2009 The Baptism of Christ The First Sunday of Epiphany

- 10.00am Holy Communion with Sunday School (JRC) with Guest Preacher Mr John Hinson
Hymns: SoF: 393, 407, 77, 51 Anthem: Wait for the Lord (Taize), 42
Banns: (2nd) 07/02/09 2pm; Peter Gallagher and Claire Beal
- 6.30pm Evensong (JRC)
Hymns: NEH: 12, 374, 56, 242 Psalm vs 1-6(74)

COLLECT

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
didst reveal him to be thy Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant that we, being born again by water and the Spirit,
may be faithful to our calling as thine adopted children;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. AMEN

Diary for the Week

Sunday 11 th	10.00am	Holy Communion with Sunday School (JRC) with Guest Preacher Mr John Hinson
	3.30pm	Pantomime Rehearsal in the Church Hall
	6.30pm	Evensong (JRC)
Monday 12 th	10.00am	Mums and Toddlers meet at Church Hall
	2.00pm	Prayer Group meet at Summerhouse
Tuesday 13 th	10.00am	Sing and Sign in the Church Hall
	10.00am	Burial of Ashes of Marilyn Vintner
	8.00pm	Adult beginners Bible study 1 @ The Vicarage – all welcome
Wednesday 14 th	9.30am	Clergy Chapter at Wootton
	11.30am	Coffee Morning with soup in the Church Hall
	1.00pm	Funeral and Burial of Kathleen Newton
	5.45pm	Younger Youth Group meet in the Church Hall (Yrs 3–8)
	6.30pm	Youth Group meet in the Church Hall (8yrs+)
	6.30pm	JRC at John Bunyan Upper School
Thursday 15 th	11.00am	Holy Communion (JRC)
	2.00pm	JRC @ St. Michael's
	7.45pm	Churches Together Fish and Chip supper at London Road Methodist Church
Friday 16 th		
Saturday 17 th		

Next Sunday

18th January 2009

The Beginning of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Second Sunday of Epiphany

10.00am **NO HOLY COMMUNION AT ELSTOW ABBEY**

11.00am United Service at John Bunyan Christian Fellowship JRC
Preacher and Youth service band performing

11.15am **NO MORNING PRAYER SERVICE AT ELSTOW ABBEY**

3.30pm Pantomime Rehearsal in the Church Hall

6.30pm Evensong followed by Holy Communion with the Laying on
of Hands for Healing (JRC)

Banns: (3rd) 07/02/09 2pm; Peter Gallagher and Claire Beal

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 8th March.
- Diocesan trip to Taize 19th – 26th July 2009. *Details due in the next edition of the Parish magazine.*
- Parish holiday to the Isle of Wight 9th August – 15th August. *Details due in the next edition of the Parish magazine*
- Greenbelt festival 28th August – 31st August ref David Wells.
- Adults beginners to the Bible and Christian life course 8 week course starting **13th January** at the vicarage from 8pm.

Please Pray For:

Recently Deceased:

Stella Harpin, Kathleen Newton, Paul Hobbs, Marilyn Vintner, Alexander Bubb