

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.
- **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. Cod and Chips Supper at Elstow Church Hall with David Wells leading us in a Valentines quiz. (Please speak to Rosemary @ Elstow or Peter and Stephen with numbers, price based on numbers).
- **Winter Table-top Sale** to raise money for the quota and to clear out the bell tower 21st February 2-4pm @ Scott Hall. Hall booked from 1-4.30pm, help needed to take down from bell tower, to prepare the hall; cakes; refreshments and to sell at stalls. Please see Barbara or Jeremy
- **Tenth Bishop of St. Albans** is to be the Rt Revd Dr Alan Smith currently the Bishop of Shrewsbury.
- **Cleaners needed.** If you are able to help with the cleaning at the Church please speak to Jeremy or one of the Churchwardens.

JRC Away: Thursday 29th Jan – Thursday 5th Feb

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 25th January 2009 **The Third Sunday of Epiphany**

- 10.00am Young People's Service (JEH) with Baptism of Erin Jameson
- 11.15am Holy Communion (JRC)
Hymns: NEH: 56, 298, 294, 360
- 3.00pm Baptism of Grace Lily Nichols (JRC)
- 3.30-5pm Pantomime Rehearsal in the Church Hall
- 6.30pm Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service for Bedford
(Preacher The Moderator of the United Reformed Church
The Revd David Cornick)
Hymns: SoF: 148, 174, 62, 362, 485, Anthem – Go tell it on the mountain

COLLECT

Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of thy saving presence:
renew thy people with thy heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by thy mighty power;
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 25 th	10.00am	Young People's Service (JEH) with Baptism of Erin Jameson
	11.15am	Holy Communion (JRC)
	3.00pm	Baptism of Grace Lily Nichols
	3.30pm	Pantomime Rehearsal @ Church Hall
	6.30pm	United Service for Christian Unity Week
Monday 26 th	10.00am	Mums and Toddlers at Church Hall
	2.00pm	Prayer Group meet at Summerhouse
	6.00pm	JC @ General Synod meeting at St. Albans
	6-7.30pm	Youth Alpha @ 324 Church Lane, Cardington
Tuesday 27 th	10.00am	Sing and Sign in the Church Hall
	8.00pm	Adult beginners Bible study 3 @ The Vicarage – all welcome
Wednesday 28 th	11.30am	Coffee Morning & soup @ Church Hall
	1.00pm	JC Baptism Interview
	2.30pm	Service & Burial at Elstow Abbey of Baby Emma Louise Richards
	5.45pm	Younger Youth Group meet in the Church Hall (Yrs 3–8)
	6.30pm	Youth Group meet in the Church Hall (8yrs+)
Thursday 29 th	11.00am	Holy Communion (The Revd Stephen Smith)
Friday 30 th	6.45-8pm	Junior Choir Practice
	7.15-8pm	Adult Choir Practice
	8.00pm	Bell Ringing
Saturday 31 st	12noon	Bedford Organist Association recital with lunch (part of the Friend's of Elstow Abbey music festival) tickets on the door, £7.50 (£5)

Next Sunday

1st February 2009

The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

10.00am	Holy Communion with Sunday school (Revd John Luscombe vicar of Norton)
11.15am	Morning Prayer (Group)
3.30pm	Pantomime Rehearsal in the Church Hall
6.30pm	Evensong (Captain David Wells)

Future Dates for your diary

- 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.

Please Pray For:

Recently Deceased:

Stella Harpin, Kathleen Newton, Paul Hobbs, Marilyn Vintner, Alexander Bubb, (baby) Emma Louise Richards