

Notices and Future Events

- **If you work with Young People @ Elstow Abbey all CRB checks need to be updated.** Please ring 08709090844 for a form, then give all your details to Margaret Baron for checking and sending off.
- **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 contact Rob Burton 07940211527.
- **Groups in the area who meet once a month South Side Chapter:** meets in the afternoon of the last Wednesday of the month. Also **Chapter Two**; a new group meeting on the last Tuesday of the month at 7.45pm. New members welcome, a chance to meet new people in your area. Please contact Rachel Kirkham on 01234 314093 for details
- **Cheques for the Parish Holiday to ‘Revd J. Crocker Expense Acc.’**
- **Bedford Choral Society and Bedford Sinfonia** will perform J.S. Bach’s St. John Passion at the Bedford Corn Exchange at 7.30pm on Saturday, March 21st 2009. Tickets from Bedford Box Office (01234 269519) or from Chris Knell (01234 214140). Student and concession tickets are available. Other prices: £12 or £15.
- **Monthly Thursday Lunch group** The Red Lion is undergoing refurbishment. Next date March 5th hopefully at the Red Lion
- **Pantomime one-off performance** on 8th March 4.30pm @ Elstow Abbey, followed by free Bring and Share Supper in the Hall All Welcome.
- **Please Note: The date has changed for PCC meeting to 26th March ‘09**
- **Benefice Coach outing with Stephen to Coventry Saturday 2nd May 2009** please put your names down if you would like to come, list is at the back of the church.
- **Please note there is no electricity in Elstow village on Tuesday 10th March and Wednesday 18th March between 8.30am-4.30pm.**
- **Church of England Children’s society** Betes need to go to Margaret for emptying please.

JRC Day Off: Friday 6th March 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 1st March 2009 **The First Sunday of Lent**

- 10.00am Holy Communion with Sunday school (Peter Littleford)
JRC @ St. Mary’s, Cardington
Hymns: SoF: 297, 488, 405, 41, Anthem – Forty days and forty nights
in Judah’s desert, 506
- 11.15am Morning Prayer (Peter Littleford)
Hymns: NEH: 12, 67, 393, 333 Psalm 25 vs 1-6
- 12.30-5pm Preparation for Pantomime in the Church hall
- 6.30pm Evensong (Jane Findlay)
Hymns: NEH: 67, 393, 64, 83 Psalm 48 vs 1-6

COLLECT

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ did fast forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to thy Spirit;
and, as thou knowest our weakness,
so we may know thy power to save;
though 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	10.00am	Holy Communion (Peter Littleford)
1 st	11.15am	Morning Prayer (Peter Littleford)
	12.30-5pm	Preparation for Pantomime in the hall
	6.30pm	Evensong (Jane Findlay)
Monday	10.00am	Mums and Toddlers at Church Hall
2 nd	2.00pm	Prayer Group meet at Summerhouse
	7.30-9pm	St. Michael's Lent Course 1.
Tuesday	9.45am	JRC @ Elstow Lower School
3 rd	10.00am	Sing and Sign in the Church Hall
	7.30pm	Licensing of the Revd. Linda Bond, at St. Leonard's Church, Stagsden
Wednesday	11.30am	Coffee Morning & soup @ Church Hall
4 th	2.00pm	Pastoral Committee meeting, Church house
	5.45pm	Younger Youth Club @ church hall (Yrs 3-8)
	6.30pm	Youth Group meet in church hall (8+)
	8.00pm	London Road Churches together Prayer group
Thursday	10.00am	Baptism interview @ the rectory
5 th	11.00am	Holy Communion (JRC)
	12noon	Monthly Lunch club @ Red Lion
	3.15pm	Wedding Interview
	4-5.00pm	JRC @ Abbey Middle School
	5.30-6.30pm	JRC @ Full governors meeting
	6-7pm	Yoga @ Church Hall
Friday	10.30am	Women's World Day of Prayer @ St. Mary's, Cardington
6 th	10.30am	Meeting with English Heritage and the Architect in the Hall, re: the new hall.
	8.00pm	Bell Ringing
Saturday	1.00pm	Burial of Bridget Farrell
7 th	2.00pm	Wedding Interview @ vicarage

Next Sunday 8th March 2009

The Second Sunday of Lent

10.00am	Holy Communion (JRC) with the Baptism of Isabella Rose Sanderson
3-4.00pm	Final dress rehearsal
4.30pm	Performance of Jack and the Beanstalk
5-6.00pm	Bring and Share Supper in the Church Hall
6.30pm	Evensong (JRC)

Future Dates for your diary

- 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 are in this edition of the Parish Magazine*
- Greenbelt festival 28th August – 31st August ref David Wells. *Details are in this edition of the Parish Magazine*
- Lent Courses: Faith, Hope and Love. March 2nd 7.30pm at St. Michael's
March 9th 7.30pm at St Mary's
March 16th 7.30pm at Elstow Church Hall
March 23rd 7.30pm at St. Michael's

Please Pray For:

Recently Deceased: Bridget Farrell, Joan Turner