

Notices and Future Events

- **Quiet Monday at Moggerhanger Park** 23rd Nov@ the centre for Contemporary Ministry. Revd Dr Derek Tidball.
- **P.C.C. Meeting** 26th November in the Church Hall
- **Help needed for Tea/Coffee on the 1st & 2nd Sundays of month after 10am service.** Please speak to Tracey/ Barbara.
- **Christmas Bazaar** will be on Sat 28th Nov. Any help with donations or on the actual day would be appreciated. Please see list at the back of church or speak to Barbara.
- **Handal's Messiah** –Sat 28th Nov @ Bunyan Meeting, Mill Street. Tickets from Bedford Box Office 01234 269519
- **Pantomime Auditions** – Sun 29th Nov 4.30-5.30pm @ church. Children and adults all welcome.
- **Friends Annual Christmas Concert** – Mon 30th Nov with Abbey Middle and Elstow Lower Choirs and Luton Male Voice Choir with refreshments: Tickets £7.50 (£5) on door
- **Christmas Tree** will be planted on 1st Dec on Moot Hall Green. Singing round the tree 14th Dec 6.30-7.30pm.
- **Christingle Service** 6th Dec at 3.30pm. There will also be a children's workshop on Sat 5th to prepare for the service.
- **Visiting** – Jeremy would like to visit many members of the congregation before Christmas and any cake would be great! Please sign list at the back of Church and Jeremy will phone.
- **Hall Plans** English Heritage have given the green light in our planning application. We should hear results by Christmas.

JRC day off: Friday 27th Nov and Friday 4th Dec

Church Wardens Contact details: Tracey Hinson 01234 406061 & Barbara Routledge 01234 854369. Wedding/ Baptism Bookings/enquiries or Notices on **Wednesdays** at the Rectory – 01234 261477.



THE ABBEY CHURCH

OF ST MARY AND ST HELENA, ELSTOW

We extend a warm welcome to everyone today

Sunday 22nd November 2009 Christ the King

10.00am Young peoples' service (JRC) with guest speakers Tara from the Shoebox appeal and Adam from Bedfordshire Street Angels

11.15am Holy Communion (JRC)

Hymns: NEH: 377, 443, 499, 433 (omit * verses)

6.30pm **Churches Together E/song** preacher Father Gorman

Hymns: NEH: 433, 394, 86, 377 Psalm 93

COLLECT for 22.11.09

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 liveth and reigneth with thee,

In the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, now and for ever.

COLLECT for 29.11.09

Almighty God,

Give us grace to cast away the works of darkness

And to put on the armour of light,

Now in the time of this mortal life,

In which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility

That on the last day, when he shall come again

In his glorious majesty, to judge the living and the dead,

We may rise to life immortal;

Through him who is alive and reigns with you,

In the unity of the Holy Spirit

One God, now and for ever.

Diary for the Weeks

Sunday	10.00am	Young Peoples' service
22 nd	11.15am	Holy Communion
	6.30pm	Churches Together Evensong
Monday	8.30am	Morning Prayer @ Cardington
23 rd	10.00 am	Mums and Toddlers in the Hall
	2.00pm	Prayer Group in Summerhouse
Tuesday	8.30am	Morning Prayer @ Cardington
24 th	10.00am	Sing and Sign in the Church Hall
	10.15am	Elstow Lower School @ Abbey
Wednesday	8.30am	Morning Prayer @ Cardington
25 th	09.30am	Clergy Chapter Moggerhanger
	11.00am	Probus visit Abbey-John Crookall
	11.30am	Coffee morning followed by soup
	5.45-7pm	Youth Club + Brownies (EBCF)
	6.30-8pm	Youth Club - Xmas Decs (Hall)
	8.00pm	Team Bible Study @ Cardington
Thursday	8.30am	Morning Prayer @ Cardington
26 th	11.00am	Holy Communion (JRC)
	2pm	Clergy Meeting @ the vicarage
	6-7pm	Yoga @ Church Hall
	7.30pm	PCC Meeting @ Church Hall
Friday	8.30am	Morning Prayer @ Cardington
27 th	7.15-8pm	Choir Practice
	8.00pm	Bell Ringing
Saturday	8.30am	Morning Prayer @ Cardington
28 th	10-12noon	Set up for Christmas Fair
	1200-3pm	Christmas Fair in Elstow Church Hall

Sunday 29th November 2009 – The First Sunday of Advent

10.30am	Benefice Service @ St Michaels + Sunday School
11.15am	Group Mattins
Hymns:	NEH: 5, 15, 67, 3 Psalm 25 vs 1-6

6.30pm	Evensong with Holy Communion + laying on of hands (JRC)
Hymns:	NEH:3, 14, 15, 11 Psalm 25 vs 1-6
Sunday 29 th	4.30-5.30 Panto Auditions in the Abbey
Monday	10am Mums and Toddlers in the Hall
30 th	TBC Abbey Middle School in Church
	11.45am Interior Church Hall Committee (Hall)
	2.00pm Prayer Group meet in Summerhouse
	6.30pm Children Arrive
	7.00pm Christmas Concert with Luton Male Voice choir + schools' choirs in Abbey
Tuesday	Village Christmas Tree Planting - Moot Hall Green
1 st	8.30am Morning Prayer @ Cardington
	10.00am Sing and Sign in the Church Hall
	12.30pm Wedding interview @ Vicarage
	7.30pm Mums from Mums and Toddlers Christmas Meal @ The Red Lion
Wednesday	8.30am Morning Prayer @ Cardington
2 nd	11.30am Coffee Morning followed by soup
	5.45-8pm Youth Clubs – Swap Shop night
	8.00pm Team Bible Study @ St Mary's
Thursday	8.30am Morning Prayer @ Cardington
3 rd	11.00am Holy Communion (JRC)
	12noon Monthly Lunch @ The Red Lion
	5pm Wedding Rehearsal @ the Abbey
	6-7pm Yoga @ Church Hall
Friday	8.30am Morning Prayer @ Cardington
4 th	8.00pm Bell Ringing
Saturday	8.30am Morning Prayer @ Cardington
5 th	12.30pm Wedding of Tracey Russell and Lee Williams (JRC)
	2-4pm Childrens' workshop (Christingles)