

Notices and Future Events

- **Doris Simmonds** – I have some very sad news to pass on that Doris Simmonds died on Tuesday 19th Jan. Her funeral will be at the Abbey on Friday 5th Feb at 11.30am.
- **Pantomime Rehearsals** – 3.30-4.30pm in the church most Sundays. Please refer to letter for full rehearsal schedule.
- **Bucket of pennies for Lent** – A bucket will hopefully go around all three churches at each of the Sunday services in Lent to support WaterAID and to help the people of Haiti.
- **Children's Society Boxes** – please return to Barbara as soon as possible, to be passed on for counting. Thank you.
- **Benefice Holiday Club** – St Michael's Church 10-12 noon Tues 16th /Wed 17th /Thurs 18th Feb for ages 5+ - request for adult help & also setting up on the Monday & putting away on the Friday. Please speak to David Wells on tel 838279.
- **Winter Table top sale at St Michaels** – Sat 20th Feb 2-4pm. Would you be able to help? We need raffle & tombola prizes, cakes & bric-a-brac. Please speak to Barbara/Jeremy.
- **Parish Holidays**- Details of holidays in Feb/March Parish Magazine and also at back of church
- **Valentine's benefice Lunch** – Sun 14th Feb from noon in Elstow Church Hall.
- **Gala Fundraising Event** for the new Church Hall on Monday 22nd March – please put it in your diaries. More details to follow nearer the time.
- **Bedford Street Angels** - are celebrating their one year anniversary & invite you to The Salvation Army on Saturday March 6th from 4.00 - 6.00pm for a presentation of their work, Celebration Service and refreshments.

JRC on holiday 26th Jan – 2nd Feb inc.
Day off: Saturday 6th Feb



THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST MARY AND ST HELENA, ELSTOW

We extend a warm welcome to everyone today

Sunday 24th January 2010

The Third Sunday of Epiphany

- 10.00am Youth Service (DW) & the launch of the Church's fundraising effort for the new church hall (JRC)
11.15am Holy Communion (RC) & the launch of the Church's fundraising effort for the new church hall (JRC)
Hymns: NEH: 234, 393, 48, 476

No Evensong at Elstow Abbey – Service at St Paul's Bedford

COLLECT for 24.01.10

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..

COLLECT for 31.01.10

No 10am service at Elstow Abby - Joint Benefice service at St Mary's Cardington.10.30am

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.

Diary for the Weeks

Sunday 24th	2-4pm	“Elstow’s Got Talent” – under 10s competition in the Church Hall
	3.30-4.30pm	Panto Rehearsal in the church
		No Evensong at Elstow Abbey
	6.30pm	All Bedford Churches together at St Paul’s
Monday 25 th	8.30am	Morning Prayer @ Cardington
	10.00 am	Mums and Toddlers in Church Hall
	2.00pm	Prayer Group in Summerhouse
	7.30pm	Meeting @ Hinsons re: youth worker
Tuesday 26 th	8.30am	Morning Prayer @ Cardington
	2-3pm	Sing and Sign in the Church Hall
Wednesday 27 th	8.30am	Morning Prayer @ Cardington
	11.30am	Coffee morning followed by soup
	5.45-8pm	Youth Club meal - The Red Lion
	8.00pm	Team Bible Study @ Cardington
Thursday 28 th	8.30am	Morning Prayer @ Cardington
	11.00am	Holy Communion (Rev L Moore)
	6-7pm	Yoga @ Church Hall
Friday 29th	8.30am	Morning Prayer @ Cardington
	7.15-8pm	Choir Practice
	8.00pm	Bell Ringing
Saturday	8.30am	Morning Prayer @ Cardington

DECEASED – Evelyn Stapleton, Prem Masih, Kathleen Riley, Doris Simmonds, Irene Kranse, Christine Garner

Sunday 31st January – The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
10.30 am Joint Benefice Service at St Mary’s Cardington (PL & RC) with Sunday School

11.15 am	Mattins Group
Hymns:	NEH: 360, 366, 298, 451 Psalm 34 Vs 1-6

3.30-4.30pm	Pantomime Rehearsal in the Church
6.30pm	Evensong (JH)
Hymns:	NEH: 360, 206, 95, 451 Psalm 71 Vs.1-6

Monday 1 st	10am	Mums and Toddlers in Church Hall
	2.00pm	Prayer Group meet in Summerhouse
Tuesday 2 nd	8.30am	Morning Prayer @ Cardington
	2-3pm	Sing and Sign in the Church Hall
Wednesday 3 rd	8.30am	Morning Prayer @ Cardington
	10.30am	Wedding interview (vicarage)
	11.30am	Coffee Morning followed by soup
	2-3.15pm	Clergy meeting @ The Rectory
	5.45-8pm	Youth Club
	8.00pm	Team Bible Study @ St Mary’s
	8pm	JRC speaking at Deanery Synod (St Michael’s)
Thursday 4 th	8.30am	Morning Prayer @ Cardington
	11.00am	Holy Communion (JRC)
	12noon	Monthly lunch at The Red Lion where we will celebrate Dorothy Steele’s 90 th Birthday (5 th Feb)
	2.00pm	Burial of Ashes – Irene Kranse
	6-7pm	Yoga @ Church Hall
	8pm	Wedding Interview (JRC)
Friday 5 th	8.30am	Morning Prayer @ Cardington
	11.30am	Funeral of Doris Simmonds (JRC), followed by refreshments in the hall
	7.15-8pm	Choir Practice
	8.00pm	Bell Ringing
Saturday 6th	8.30am	Morning Prayer @ Cardington