

Notices and Future Events

- **Youth Club Cinema Night** – The Youth Club are having a night at the cinema this Tuesday (8th March). They are going to see “Rango”, an animated comedy, starring Johnny Depp. If anyone outside of youth club would like to come along for the evening, please take a letter from the back of church.
- **Lent Course** – There will be a Lent course running each Wednesday from 16th April onwards at London Rd 7.30-9pm
- **Family Fun day out** – Jeremy was planning to do a family day out this year in July, rather than the hog roast in September. He was thinking about a day out at Stannick Lakes on 2nd July; more details will follow nearer the time.
- **Sunday School** – Tracey & Beth take it in turns to lead Sunday School for a month. We would be grateful if some people would agree to assist at Sunday School, on a rota basis, hopefully once every two months. Please sign up on the list at the back of church, if you are willing to help.
- **The Royal Wedding** – Jeremy and Beth are planning to host a gathering to watch the Royal Wedding on a big screen in the vicarage garden on Friday 29th April. Please come from 10am (the wedding is at 11am) and bring a picnic with you.
- **Celebrating 400 years of the King James Bible** – There is a study day on the King James Bible on Tues 14th June at Hatfield. Please see notice at the back of church for details.
- **Parish Holiday 2011** – 31st July- 6th Aug – details in mag.
- **Jeremy’s days off** ~ Fri 11th and Fri 18th March

Church Wardens Contact details: Tracey Hinson 01234 406061 & Barbara Routledge 01234 854369.

Wedding/ Baptism Bookings/enquiries or Notices on
Wednesdays to Sarah Duffy at the Rectory – 01234 261477.

IF YOU ARE NEW TO OUR CHURCH....WELCOME
Please stay for tea/coffee following the 10am service



THE ABBEY CHURCH
OF ST MARY AND ST HELENA, ELSTOW
We extend a warm welcome to everyone today
Sunday 6th March 2011
The Sunday next before Lent

10.00am Holy Communion + Sunday School (JRC)
11.15am Mattins (Group)
6.30pm Evensong (JRC)
10.15am *Holy Communion at St Michael's (NM)*

Banns for 2/4, 21/4, 30/4, 7/5 and 28/5

COLLECT for 06.03.11

Almighty Father,
Whose Son was revealed in majesty
Before he suffered death upon the cross:
Give us grace to perceive his glory,
That we may be strengthened to suffer with him
And be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
Who liveth and reigneth with thee,
In the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, now and for ever.

COLLECT for 13.02.11

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 may we know thy power to save;
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.

Diary for the Weeks

Monday	10.00am	Mums & Toddlers in the Vestry
7 th	2.00pm	Prayer Group in the Summerhouse
Shrove	12.50pm	Great Barford Lower visit to Abbey
Tuesday	1.45-2.30pm	Sing and Sign in the Vestry
	2.30pm	Baptism interview (JRC)
	5.40-7.50pm	Youth Club – Cinema Trip
Ash	10.00am	Wedding interview @ Vicarage (JRC)
Wednesday	11.30am	Coffee and Soup in the Vestry
	7.30pm	Holy Communion at (JRC + RC)
	7.30pm	Holy Communion at St Michael's and St Mary's

Collect for Ash Wednesday:

Almighty and everlasting God,
 Who hatest nothing that thou hast made
 And dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent:
 Create and make in us new and contrite hearts
 That we, worthily lamenting our sins
 And acknowledge our wretchedness,
 May obtain of thee, the God of all mercy,
 Perfect remission and forgiveness;
 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.

Thursday	9.30am	Morning prayers at St Michael's
10 th	11.00am	Holy Communion (JRC)
	12Noon	Deanery Chapter at St James, Biddenham (JRC)
	6.15pm	Yoga in the church
	8pm	Finance and Standing @ Vicarage
Friday	09.30am	Shortstown Lower to visit the Abbey
11 th	7pm	Choir Practice
	8.00pm	Bell Ringing

Sunday 13th February – The First Sunday of Lent

10.00am	Holy Communion + Sunday School (JRC)
11.15am	Mattins (JRC)
6.30pm	Evensong (JRC)
10.15am	<i>Holy Communion at St Michael's (RC)</i>

Banns for 2/4, 21/4, 30/4, 7/5 and 28/5

Monday	10.00am	Mums and Toddlers in the Vestry
14 th	2pm	Prayer Group in the Summerhouse
Tuesday	08.30am	Personnel meeting @ Abbey Middle School (JRC)
	11.00am	JRC to Bedford Academy
	1.45-2.30pm	Sing and Sign in the Church
	6.30-8pm	Youth Club – Irish Night
	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting, Playing Fields
	7.30pm	Cardington Alms House Meeting
Wed	11.30am	Coffee + soup in the Vestry
16 th	11.30am	Willington Lower School to visit Elstow Abbey
	1.30pm	Clergy Meeting at Stephen Smith's
	7.30-9pm	Lent Course at London Road
	8.00pm	Team Bible Study @ Cardington
Thurs	09.30am	Morning prayers at St Michael's
17 th	11.00am	Holy Communion (JRC)
	6.15pm	Yoga in the Church
	7-8.30pm	London Road Youth Club
Friday	7.00pm	Choir Practice
18 th	8.00pm	Bell Ringing
Sat	12.15pm	Tour of Elstow Abbey (R Leask)
19 th	2pm	Baptism interview (JRC)
	2.45pm	Baptism interview (JRC)

Deceased – Brian Clooney, Irene Whitehouse, Stanley Hall
Morning Prayer every day at 08.30am at Cardington