

## Notices and Future Events

- **Joint PCC and Sidesmen Study Afternoon** for all 3 churches– looking at the ministry of Welcome - held at St Michael's Church on **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January 3.30-6pm**. Leaflets at the back of church. Also open to anyone else from the church family who is interested in attending.
- **Joint Benefice Service** – will be on **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Feb at 10.30am**, rather than Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January. This is so that the Bishop of St Albans is able to join us and lead the service.
- **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – Services as follows:**  
12pm Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> St John's, 12pm Tues 24<sup>th</sup> Miracle Church
- **2012 Calendars** – please see calendars which Glynis has kindly done at the back of church. They are £2 and are to raise money for the new church hall. Also bookmarks for 10p
- **Deanery Synod** – The next meeting is on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February at 7.30pm at St Michal's, Faldo Road.
- **Elstow PCC Meeting** -Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb at 7.30pm in the Vestry
- **Team Council Meeting**- Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> Feb 7.30pm Cardington
- **Bishop of Bedford** –retirement service on Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> March 4pm at St Paul's. All welcome. Please see sheet at back of church.
- **Card/Games Evening** – a social evening for all at 5pm on Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Feb at Elstow Abbey, including hot supper. £2.50 for adults and £1 for children under 12.
- **Elstow Abbey website** – [www.elstow-abbey.org.uk](http://www.elstow-abbey.org.uk)
- **Jeremy's day off** – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Jan and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb

**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 in the Vestry following the 10am service



## THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST MARY AND ST HELENA, ELSTOW

We extend a warm welcome to everyone today

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2012**

**The Third Sunday of Epiphany**

10.00am Family Service + Sunday School (JEH)

11.20am BCP Holy Communion (JRC)

**No Evensong at Elstow Abbey**

**6.00pm Service for week of prayer for Christian  
Unity at Bunyan Mtg, with Bishop of Bedford**

10.15am *Holy Communion at St Michael's (PL)*

*Banns to be read*

### **COLLECT for 22.01.12**

Almighty God, whose son revealed in signs and miracles

The wonder of your saving presence:

Renew your people with your heavenly grace,

And in all our weakness

Sustain us by your mighty power;

Through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

Who is alive and reigns with you,

In the unity of the Holy Spirit,

One God, now and for ever.

### **COLLECT for 29.01.12**

God our creator, who in the beginning

Commanded the light to shine out of darkness:

We pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ

May dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief,

Shine into the hearts of all your people,

And reveal the knowledge of your glory

In the face of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

Who is alive and reigns with you,

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

## Diary for the Weeks

Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10am	Mums and Toddlers in the Vestry
	12Noon	Prayers at St Johns (week of prayer for Christian Unity)
	2pm	Prayer Group
	8pm	Liturgy Meeting in <b>Vicarage Study</b>
Tues 24 <sup>th</sup>	12Noon	Prayers at Miracle Church (week of prayer for Christian Unity)
	1pm	JRC at Holywell Lodge, St Albans
	6.30pm	Youth Club – Hide and Seek
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	11.30am	Coffee and Soup in the Vestry
	1.30-3pm	JRC at Bedford Academy
	7.30pm	Bible Study @ St Mary's Cardington
	7.30pm	Combined Treasurers' Meeting at Elstow Vicarage
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup>	09.30am	Morning Prayers at St Michael's
	11.00am	Holy Communion (JRC)
	12.30pm	JRC – Home visits this afternoon
	7-8.30pm	London Road Youth Club
	7.45pm	Cardington PCC (JRC)
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	6.45-9pm	New Year Meal Bedford Street Angels at St John's Hall (JRC)
	7pm	Choir Practice
	8pm	Bell Ringing

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28<sup>th</sup> Jan** **3.30-6pm Joint PCC and Sidesmen Study Afternoon** for all 3 churches– looking at the ministry of Welcome - held at St Michael's Church. Leaflets at the back of church. Also open to anyone else from the church family who is interested in attending.

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January – The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany**  
**Fifth Sunday of the month, but Benefice service is NEXT WEEK at 10.30am with the Bishop of St Albans at Elstow**  
 10.00am Holy Communion + Sunday School (JRC)  
 11.20am Mattins (Group)  
 6.30pm Evensong (JRC)  
*10.15am Service at St Michael's (NM)*

Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Mums and Toddlers in the vestry
	2.00pm	Prayer Group
Tues 31 <sup>st</sup>	2.40pm	JRC to Elstow Lower School
	6.30pm	Youth Club – Nintendo Wii evening
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	11.30am	Coffee and Soup in the Vestry
	1.00pm	Baptism Visit (JRC)
	1.30pm	Clergy Meeting at 1 Binden Abbey
	7.30pm	Bible Study@St Mary's Cardington
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	7.30-9.30pm	Deanery Synod at St Micheal's
	09.30am	Morning Prayer at St Michael's
	11.00am	Holy Communion (RC)
	12Noon	Monthly Lunch at The Red Lion
	7-8.30pm	London Road Youth Club
	7.30pm	Elstow PCC in the Vestry
	7.30pm	St Michael's PCC
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30am	<b>Women's World Day of Prayer</b> at Elstow Abbey
	7.00pm	Choir Practice
	8.00pm	Bell Ringing

*Deceased: Barbara Jenkins and Betty Lewis*

*Morning Prayer every day at 08.30am at Cardington*