

Notices and Future Events

- Choir Practice will now be each week at 6.30pm each Wednesday. If you would like to give it a try please speak to John Crookall or Graham Weeks.
- We have received an E mail that was too late for the December magazine. *Christmas greetings from the Isle of Man – or in Manx Gaelic ‘Nollick Ghennal’*. We are both very well and still enjoying our ministry here on the island. We send you our love and wish you all a joyful and blessed Christmas. Christmas came early to us with the gift of another grandchild. Miss Amelia (Amy) Elise Cherith Crowder was born in Liverpool to Michael and Anna on Saturday November 19th. I hope that you will meet her one day. God bless you all, Mary and Graham.
- Pantomime rehearsal in Church Hall for January have been amended please see note for details.
- After costs the Christmas Bazaar raised £342.25. Thank you to everyone who helped and came.
- There will be a board at the back of church if anyone wishes to use it to send a Christmas wish rather than individual cards. Any monies you wish to donate in lieu of the cards will be sent to the Children’s Society.
- 23rd January will be an additional meeting for the Bereavement course. Time and Venue to be confirmed.
- IOW for 2006. Dates are Sunday 23rd July to Saturday 29th July. It is half board and cost is around £260 per person incl travel. Sign up sheet is at back of church. Deposit £10 per person will be needed by end Jan to secure your place. More information will be available in the New Year.

Jeremy Crocker: Day Off: Friday 23rd December

Wedding Bookings/enquiries or Notices for weekly Bulletin to Diana Hill either Tuesday or Thursday mornings. (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 18th December 4th Sunday of Advent

9.30am	Family Communion (Jeremy Crocker) and Lighting of Fourth Advent candle
Banns:	29 th December: Martin Owen and Isabel Orme
Hymns:	SoF: 140, 154, 482, 410, 529
11.00am	Morning Prayer (Matins Group)
Hymns:	NEH: 11, 5, 465, 500, 404, 30
3.30pm	Carol Service at Cardington for St Mary’s and Chapel. (Jeremy Crocker)
4.00pm	Carol Service at St Michael’s
6.30pm	Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols (Jeremy Crocker)
Hymns:	NEH: As per Service Sheet

COLLECT

God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he comes again as our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Diary for this week

Sunday 18 th	9.30am	Family Communion service with lighting of 3 rd Advent candle (Jeremy Crocker)
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (Matins Group)
	3.30pm	Carol Service at St Mary's Cardington and Chapel (Jeremy Crocker)
	4.00pm	Carol Service at St Michael's
	6.30pm	9 Lessons and Carols (Jeremy Crocker)
Monday 19 th	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	9-10.00am	JC at Abbey Middle School meeting
	7.00pm	Prayer Group in the Summerhouse
	7.30pm	Kempston Music Festival
Tuesday 20 th	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
Wednesday 21 st	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	11.30am	Coffee Morning CANCELLED
	6.30pm	Choir Practice
Thursday 22 nd	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	11.00am	Holy Communion (Jeremy Crocker)
Friday 23 rd	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
Saturday 24 th	4.30pm	Crib Service at Elstow Abbey (Jeremy Crocker)
	5.30pm	Candelight service at Cardington (JC)
	6.00pm	Eucharist at St Michael's
	11.30pm	Midnight Mass Service at Elstow (JC)
	11.30pm	Midnight Mass Service at Cardington

Next Sunday

25th December, Christmas Day

10.30am	Combined Parish Communion (Jeremy Crocker)
6.30pm	NO EVENSONG service

Monthly Guest Preachers at Elstow

8 th January 11.00am	The Venerable Paul Hughes (Archdeacon of Bedford) Epiphany service
5 th Feb 9.30am & 11.00am	Geoff Fletcher (Diocesan Stewardship Advisor)
12 th March 11.00am	The Venerable Trevor Jones (Archdeacon Hertford)

Please pray for:

<i>The Sick:</i>	Ron Chapple, Glenys Godden, Shirley Teague, Jack Walsh, Stephen Smith, Charlie Goff Joan Johnson, Doug Gautrey
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