

Notices and Future Events

- There will be no 8.30am Morning Prayer at Cardington until Tues 3rd January
- Amended Pantomime rehearsals in the Church Hall for January are: 7th Jan 3.30-5pm, 14th Jan 3.30-5pm, 28th Jan 3.30-5pm, 4th Feb 3.30-4.30 FINAL DRESS rehearsal, **PERFORMANCE at 5.00pm** followed by a Bring and Share Supper in the Church Hall. Sign up sheet for the supper is at the back of church.
- 16th January will be the Confirmation Service at 7.30pm at St Michael's where Megan Cullen is to be Confirmed.
- 18th January will be the next meeting for the May festival at the Swan, 8pm
- 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.
- Joint Ecumenical Service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity with the Bishop of St Albans is at 6pm on 22nd January at Elstow Abbey. Churches from the whole of Bedford will be coming.
- 23rd January will be an additional meeting for the Bereavement course. Time and Venue to be confirmed.
- Joint Wardens meeting with the Patron and the Bishop of Bedford will be at the Gate on 26th January at 7.30pm.
- 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: Days Off: Friday 30th December and Friday 6th & 13th January
Holiday: Monday 26th December to Monday 2nd January incl.

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

Saturday 24th December, Midnight Mass

11.30pm

Hymns:

Midnight Mass (Jeremy Crocker)

NEH: 34 (V1 solo, V2 Choir, V3 all), 32 (not V4), 30, Anthem: Born in the night, 22, 29, (47 if time) 26 (not V4)

COLLECT

Eternal God who made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of your one true light: bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on earth, to see the radiance of your heavenly glory; 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.

Sunday 25th December, Christmas Day

10.30am

Hymns:

Combined Parish Communion (Jeremy Crocker)

NEH: 34, 22, 30, 35, 28, 26 (not V4)

6.30pm

NO EVENSONG service

COLLECT

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Diary for coming weeks

Sunday 25 th	10.30am	Combined Parish Communion service (Jeremy Crocker)
	6.30pm	NO EVENSONG Service
Monday 26 th		
Tuesday 27 th	5.00pm	Wedding Rehearsal
Wed 28 th	11.30am	NO Coffee Morning
Thursday 29 th	11.00am	Holy Communion (Stephen Smith)
	1.30pm	Wedding of Isabel Orme and Martin Owen (Stephen Smith)
Friday 30 th & Saturday 31 st		
Sunday 1 st	10.30am	Parish Communion service (Nigel Morrell)
	6.30pm	NO EVENSONG Service
Monday 2 nd		
Tuesday 3 rd	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
Wed 4 th	11.30am	Coffee Morning
	7-8.30pm	Wedding interview
	8.30-9.30pm	Wedding Interview
Thursday 5 th	11.00am	Holy Communion (Jeremy Crocker)
	12.30pm	Clergy Meeting
	7.30pm	Cardington Wardens Meeting at St Michael's Vicarage
Friday 6 th		
Saturday 7 th	3.30pm	Panto Rehearsal
Sunday 8 th	11.00am	Parish Communion (Jeremy Crocker & Guest Preacher Ven. Paul Hughes)
	6.30pm	Evensong
Monday 9 th	7.00pm	Baptism Interview
	8.00pm	Liturgy meeting at the Hinsons
Tuesday 10 th & Wednesday 11 th		
Thursday 12 th	11.00am	Holy Communion (Jeremy Crocker)
	7.45pm	SBCC meeting at London Road Methodists
Friday 13 th		
Saturday 14 th	3.30pm	Panto Rehearsal

Sunday 1st January, Second Sunday of Christmas Naming and Circumcision of Jesus

10.30am	Parish Communion (Nigel Morrell)
Hymns:	SoF: 155, 491, 31, 23
6.30pm	NO EVENSONG service

COLLECT

Almighty God, in the birth of your Son you have poured on us the new light of your incarnate Word, and shown us the fullness of your love: help us to walk in his light and dwell in his love that we may know the fullness of his joy; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Sunday 8th January, First Sunday of Epiphany Baptism of Christ

11.00am	Parish Communion (Jeremy Crocker with Guest Preacher the Venerable Paul Hughes)
Hymns:	NEH: 52, 349, 48, 353, 36
6.30pm	Evensong service
Hymns:	NEH: 21, 32, 39, 30, 35

COLLECT

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; 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 forever.

Monthly Guest Preachers at Elstow

5 th Feb	Geoff Fletcher
9.30am & 11.00am	(Diocesan Stewardship Advisor)
12 th March	The Venerable Trevor Jones
11.00am	(Archdeacon Hertford)