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Jeremy Crocker:

Day Off: Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

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### **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February Sunday next before Lent**

9.30am	Youth Service
Banns:	Martin Pattison & Elizabeth Bird (To be married at All Saints Leighton Buzzard on 1 <sup>st</sup> April) Graham Kester & Hayley Grant: 27 <sup>th</sup> May 12noon
11.00am	Morning Prayer (Matins Group)
Hymns:	NEH: 263, 397, 486, 372, 495, 235
6.30pm	Evensong with Holy Communion and Laying on of Hands for Healing (Jeremy Crocker)
Hymns:	NEH: 64, 408, 342, 334, 252

### **COLLECT**

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 is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## Diary for this week

Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am 11.00am 6.30pm	Youth Service Morning Prayer (Matins Group) Evensong with Holy Communion and Laying on of Hands for Healing (Jeremy Crocker)
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am 7.00pm 8.00pm	Morning Prayer at Cardington Prayer Group in the Summerhouse Wedding Interview
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am 1.00pm	Morning Prayer at Cardington Funeral of Henry Stanford at Elstow Abbey then at Crematorium (Jeremy Crocker)
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	8.30am 9.00am 10.00am 11.30am 7.30pm 8.30pm	Morning Prayer at Cardington Morning Prayer at St Michael's Meeting with Bedford Council Coffee Morning in Church Hall Ash Wednesday Service with Holy Communion at Elstow Pastoral visit
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	8.30am 11.00am 5.30pm 7.30pm	Morning Prayer at Cardington Holy Communion (Jeremy Crocker) Wedding Interview Wedding Rehearsal
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8.30am 8.00pm	Morning Prayer at Cardington Bellringing
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	3.00pm	Wedding of Darren Ring & Michelle Edwards

## **COLLECT For Ash Wednesday**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
you hate nothing that you have made  
and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent:  
create and make in us new and contrite hearts  
that we, worthily lamenting our sins  
and acknowledging our wretchedness,  
may receive from you, the God of all mercy,  
perfect remission and forgiveness;  
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.

## Next Sunday

### 5<sup>th</sup> March, First Sunday of Lent

9.30am	Family Communion (Jeremy Crocker)
11.00am	Morning Prayer (Jeremy Crocker)
6.30pm	Evensong (Robert Heley)

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## Monthly Guest Preachers at Elstow

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12 <sup>th</sup> March 11.00am	The Venerable Trevor Jones (Archdeacon Hertford)
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Hymns:	NEH: 234, 294, 64, 499, 392, 362
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### **COLLECT**

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:  
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;  
and, as you know our weakness,  
so may we know your power to save;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord  
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Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am 9.00am 11.30am 1.00pm	Morning Prayer at Cardington Morning Prayer at St Michael's Coffee Morning in Church Hall Clergy Meeting
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am 11.00am 12.30pm 8.00pm	Morning Prayer at Cardington Holy Communion (Jeremy Crocker) Cardington Soup Finance and Standing Committee meeting at the Hinsons
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am 8.00pm	Morning Prayer at Cardington Bellingring
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Working Party in Churchyard

## Next Sunday

### 12<sup>th</sup> March, Second Sunday of Lent

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6.30pm	Evening Prayer (Jeremy Crocker)

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