

## Notices and Future Events

- Church of England collection boxes have been emptied and are at the back of church to be collected. There are also some extra boxes if new people want to take a collection box to collect on behalf of the Children's Society.
- Lent Course: 'Return of the Prodigal Son' Each session starts at 7.30pm. 6<sup>th</sup> April – St Michael's, Barford Avenue. No charge, all welcome, refreshments provided.
- Bible reading notes-New Daylight-are published by the Bible Reading Fellowship three times a year in May, September and January. The daily reading plan and comments offer an accessible way of looking at the Bible. The annual subscription is £10.05. Cheques payable to Elstow Abbey PCC to be returned to Rita Haines at Church or to 107 Fenlake Road, Bedford MK42 0EU.
- 29<sup>th</sup> April at 3pm all are welcome to the Cardington V Elstow Cricket Match, to be held on the Moot Hall Green. (NOTE CHANGE OF DATE)
- Tues 11<sup>th</sup> – Sat 15<sup>th</sup> April the Luton Youth Music Theatre present Les Miserables at Luton 6<sup>th</sup> Form College. Tickets £9.50 or £7.50 concessions. Details/tickets from Graham Weeks 01234 768090.
- Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May – One day seminar - Hidden Treasures at Marston Forest Centre starting at 9.30am. The aim of the course is to develop a Ministry of Welcome. If you are interested and want to attend please speak to Rev Jeremy Crocker.
- Elstow May Festival Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> from 11-4pm. Volunteers needed to help with delivering leaflets, running stalls, teas, coffees etc. Please see Jeremy Crocker for more details of how you can help.
- IOW for 2006. Dates are Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July to Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July. Full details are at the back of Church, extra details available from Diana Hill.
- Taize Trip:29/7/06-7/8/06 for 15-30 yr olds. Information meetings are on 1/4/06 at St Andrews Bedford 7.30pm & 4/6/06 at St Michaels Hatfield 6pm. Further details from Rev Ysmena Pentalow 01438 315688, [pentelow@waitrose.com](mailto:pentelow@waitrose.com) /Rev Philippa Segrave-Pride 01707 882276 [philippa@segrave-pride.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:philippa@segrave-pride.freeserve.co.uk) & www.stalbans-taize.org.uk

Jeremy Crocker: Day Off: Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April

Wedding Bookings/enquiries or Notices for weekly Bulletin to Diana Hill, Tuesday or Thursday mornings at the Rectory - 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 2<sup>nd</sup> April 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent, Passiontide**

9.30am	Family Communion (Jeremy Crocker)
Hymns:	SoF: 32, 407, 268, 64, 559
Banns:	29 <sup>th</sup> April: Jamie Hammond & Carrie-Anne Fossey 12 <sup>th</sup> May: Spencer Digby & Kirsty Ames
11.00am	Morning Prayer (Matins Group)
Hymns:	NEH: 509, 70, 235, 246, 206, 86
3.00pm	Baptism of Kerry Foster at Elstow Abbey
6.30pm	Evensong (Canon Philip McDonough)
Hymns:	NEH: 112, 118, 235, 119, 120

### **COLLECT**

Most merciful God,  
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ  
delivered and saved the world:  
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross  
we may triumph in the power of his victory;  
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.

## Diary for this week

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30am	Family Communion (Jeremy Crocker)
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	3.00pm	Baptism of Kerry Foster at Elstow Abbey
	6.30pm	Evensong (Canon Philip McDonough)
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	10.00am	Covenant High School Visit to Abbey
	5.30pm	Abbey Middle School Governors meeting
	7.00pm	Prayer Group in the Summerhouse
	8.00pm	Pastoral Visit
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	11.00am	Baptism Interview
	12.00noon	Meeting with Bedford Borough Council
	1.00pm	Clergy Meeting
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	9.00am	Morning Prayer at St Michael's
	11.30am	Coffee Morning in Church Hall
	6.30pm	Choir Practice
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	11.00am	Holy Communion (Jeremy Crocker)
	12.30pm	Cardington Soup
	6.20pm	Wedding Interview
	7.30pm	Lent Course at St Michaels Barford Avenue
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	8.00pm	Bellringing

## Next Sunday

### 9<sup>nd</sup> April, Palm Sunday

11.00am	Parish Communion with Procession to the Green (Jeremy Crocker)
3.00pm	Baptism of Owen Titchmarch at Elstow Abbey
6.30pm	Evensong (Jeremy Crocker)

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### Monthly Guest Preachers at Elstow

30 <sup>th</sup> April	Rev Mike Norton (Previous Vicar of Elstow 1976-1982)
14 <sup>th</sup> May	Rev Brian Trudgen (Chair SBCC)
6.30pm	
21 <sup>st</sup> May	Larry Wright (Chaplin at Yarlswood Centre) Preacher at the Friends Annual Evensong Service
5pm	

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### Please pray for:

*The Sick:* Ron Chapple, Amy Betts, Bay Gautrey,  
Peter Moss

*The recently Deceased:*