

Notices and Future Events

- **Toddlers and Tea** a Mums (or Carers) and Toddlers group. Last meeting this term Monday in the Church hall. 10.00am – 11.30am, Christmas Party. Starts again Monday 8th January.
- **Stewardship Role** Any one interested in taking over the stewardship role, preferably 2 people, please would they talk to Eric or Mavis Crossen. (768148)
- **Gift Aid** envelopes are available for you to use. If you normally give cash and pay tax, please use a Gift Aid envelope which gives the church an extra 28p in every £1. We need to increase our income to be able to pay the quota-every penny really does help.
- **Christmas Flowers** a collection jar is behind the RHS pews
- **Visit or Home Communion** If you know of anyone who would like this, please let Jeremy or Rosemary or Barbara know so it can be arranged.
- **Crisis at Christmas** boxes at the back of church for items of warm clean clothing, tinned food. Perishable foods such as mince pies, sausage rolls etc will be welcome in the WEEK BEFORE Christmas please. Queries/contact:Colin/Rosemary Albon407084.
- **Carol Service** TODAY at 3.30pm at the Howard Chapel, Cardington.
- **Kempston Musical Society Annual Concert** on Monday 18th December at Elstow Abbey, 7.30pm. Tickets on the door £5 or “Friends of Elstow” £4.50.
- **Carol Singing** around the parish on Thursday 21st meet 5.30pm church hall. Refreshments in the hall afterwards.
- **Lunch at the Swan** on December 28th from noon. Lunch of main course, dessert and coffee for £5 per person. All welcome. Sign up list at the back of church. List closes on Thurs 21st Dec.
- **Social Event** 13th January, 7pm in Elstow Church Hall. More details to follow in New Year.

Jeremy Crocker: Day Off: Friday 22nd December
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 17th December 2006
3rd Sunday of Advent**

9.30am	Family Communion (JRC)
Hymns:	SoF: 140, 154, 482, Anthem: Glad music fills the Christmas sky, 410, 529
11.00am	Morning Prayer (Mattins Group)
Hymns:	NEH: 11, 5, 465, 500, 404, 30
3.30pm	Joint Carol Service at Howard Chapel, Cardington
6.30pm	Evensong (JRC)
Hymns:	NEH: 6, 246, 15, 12, 249

COLLECT

O Lord Jesus Christ,
who at your first coming sent your messenger
to prepare your way before you:
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,
that at your second coming to judge the world
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;
for you are alive and reign with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Diary for this week

Sunday 17 th	9.30am	Family Communion (JRC)
	11.00am	Morning Prayer (Matins Group)
	3.30pm	Joint Carol Service at Howard Chapel
	6.30pm	Evensong (JRC)
Monday 18 th	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	10.00am	Toddlers and Tea in Church Hall Christmas Party
	2.15pm	Elstow Lower Tinsel and Tea Towels at Elstow Lower School
	7.30pm	Kempston Musical Society
Tuesday 19 th	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	9-12noon	Abbey Middle School Head's Review
	1-4.00pm	Elstow Lower School Christmas performance at Elstow Abbey
Wednesday 20 th	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	11.30am	Coffee Morning Christmas Celebration in Elstow Church Hall
	6.30pm	Choir Practice followed by drinks in the Rectory
Thursday 21 st	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	11.00am	Holy Communion (JRC)
	12.30pm	Clergy Meeting
	2-3.00pm	Meeting regarding new hall
	5.30pm	Carol Singing around Parish
Friday 22 nd	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
	8.00pm	Bellringing
Saturday 23 rd		NO Workshop

Next Sunday

24th December, 4th Sunday in Advent Christmas Eve

11.00am	Morning Prayer (JRC)
4.30pm	Crib Service (JRC)
6.30pm	Nine Lessons and Carols (JRC)
11.30pm	Midnight Mass (JRC)

Christmas Services

25 th December	10.30am	Family Communion service
31 st December	10.30am	Family Communion service

Please pray for:

The Sick:

Ron Chapple, Judith Carpenter, Joe Dicks

The Recently Deceased:

Ian Deane, Keith Richards, James Smith