

## 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 8<sup>th</sup> January.
- **Congratulations** to Sarah Duffy on the safe arrival of baby Max, born at home on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December, weighing 8lb 8oz.
- **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.
- **Social Event** 13<sup>th</sup> January, 7pm in Elstow Church Hall. Beetle drive with a Bring and Share Meal. Sign up sheet at back of church.
- **Vision for Action** celebration event at St Albans Cathedral, Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Feb 07, hosted by Diane Louise Jordan, commences at 11am. There are just 8 tickets available from Colin Albon. Please speak to him ASAP as spare tickets need to be returned to the Diocesan office as demand for tickets has outnumbered space in the cathedral.

Jeremy Crocker: Day Off: Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> December 2006 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent, Christmas Eve**

11.00am Morning Prayer (JRC)  
Hymns: NEH: 146, 500, 490, 186, 404, 10

#### **COLLECT**

Almighty God, you make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as we joyfully receive him as our redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

4.30pm Crib Service (JRC)  
See separate service sheet

Between the Crib Service and the Nine Lessons and Carols service  
Coffee and Cake will be available in the Church Hall

6.30pm Nine Lessons and Carols Service  
See separate service sheet

11.30pm Midnight Mass (JRC)  
Hymns: NEH: 34, 32, 30, Anthem: Born in the night, 22, 29,  
(47 if time), 26 (omit 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.

## **Christmas Day**

(Bring one of your presents to show everyone)

10.30am Family Communion Service (JRC)

Hymns: NEH: 34, 212, 30, Anthem: The Virgin Mary had a boy, 35, 28, 26 (omit V4)

### **COLLECT**

Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; 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.

NO 6.30pm EVENSONG Service

### **Diary for this week**

Sunday

24<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Morning Prayer (JRC)  
6.30pm Evensong (JRC)

Monday 8.30am Morning Prayer at Cardington

25<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Family Communion at Elstow

Tuesday 8.30am Morning Prayer at Cardington

26<sup>th</sup> Wednesday 8.30am Morning Prayer at Cardington

27<sup>th</sup> Thursday 8.30am Morning Prayer at Cardington

28<sup>th</sup> 11.00am Holy Communion (JRC)

12.00noon Lunch at Swan

Friday 8.30am Morning Prayer at Cardington

29<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Funeral Visit

10.30am Funeral Visit

12.15pm Funeral at Norse Road of Frederick Law

8.00pm Bellringing

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday 10.30am Elstow Family Communion (Nigel Morrell)

31<sup>st</sup> 10.30am St Mary's Cardington Service (JRC)

Monday 1<sup>st</sup>

Tuesday 10.45am Funeral service at Norse Road of Stanley Wilson

2<sup>nd</sup> 1.45pm Funeral service of Michael Harley at Abbey then Norse Rd Crematorium

### **31<sup>st</sup> December, 1st Sunday of Christmas**

#### **New Years Eve**

10.30am Family Communion at Elstow Abbey (Nigel Morrell)

Hymns: NEH: 24, (omit V 4&5) 39, 36, Anthem: The angel Gabriel from heaven came, 22, 29

10.30am Holy Communion Service at St Mary's Cardington (JRC)

### **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 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.

NO 6.30pm EVENSONG Service

### **7<sup>th</sup> January 2007, Epiphany**

9.30am Family Communion (JRC)

11.00am Morning Prayer (Mattins Group)

6.30pm Evening Prayer (JRC)

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#### **Please pray for:**

*The Sick:*

Ron Chapple, Judith Carpenter, Joe Dicks,  
Jean Bennett

*The Recently Deceased:*

James Smith, Frederick Law, Stanley Wilson,  
Michael Harley