

## Notices and Future Events

- **Stewardship Role** Anyone interested in taking over the role, preferably 2 people, please contact Eric/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. **Your Regular Offering Envelopes** for the coming year are at the back of church for collection. If you are not on the scheme and would like to be, please speak to Eric or Mavis.
- **Thursday Lunch** following the communion every 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month at the Red Lion Pub, from 12 noon. Next date 5<sup>th</sup> April Set Menu of Scampi, Gammon or Glazed Chicken (Or vegetarian) Caramel Apple Betty or Lemon Torte with tea or coffee for £5.99. All welcome.
- **Lent Course** prepared by SBCC providing joint meetings at different churches using the booklet from York Courses, "Can we build a better world?" all sessions start at 7.30pm. 14<sup>th</sup> Mar St Michaels Church, Barford Ave, 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar Christ the King, corner of Harrowden Rd, 30<sup>th</sup> Mar Methodists, London Rd.
- **Children's Society boxes** please return them to Margaret Baron.
- **Children's Society Shop** volunteers needed. Please contact Andrea Newman 01604 792231 for details of how to help or see her after the 11am service TODAY.
- **Youth Club** re-launch on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Please speak to Ross Millar or Jeremy Crocker if you wish to help.
- **May Festival Next Meeting** 28<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm at the Swan Pub in the restaurant section. All welcome to come with ideas.
- **Puppet Extravaganza** Was 31<sup>st</sup> Mar now will be on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 6pm performance in Abbey, followed by Bring and Share in the Hall.
- **Salvation Army Band Concert** at Elstow Abbey at 7.30pm Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April.. Free concert, all welcome.
- **All the Worlds a Stage** is on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm at Elstow Abbey. Tickets £10 adult, £7 child family £25 available from Jeremy Crocker, the Church wardens Colin or Barbara or the Friends Trustee member Miriam. Refreshments during the interval. Donation of raffle prizes welcomed.
- **Friends AGM** Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May starting at 3.15pm. Lecture by Canon Stephen Lake, Sub Dean of St Albans at 3.45pm. Afternoon Tea 4.05pm finishing with Evensong at 5pm; Stephen Lake to preach.
- 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 11<sup>th</sup> March 2007, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

11.00am	Parish Communion (JRC with Bishop Robin)
Hymns:	NEH: 137, 357, 362, 304, Anthem: in bread we bring you Lord, 368. (Andrea Newman from the Children's Society shop has information / display after the service)
6.30pm	Evensong (Rev Stephen Smith)
Hymns:	NEH: 453, 414, 374, 376, 394 (JRC at Memorial Service)

### **COLLECT**

Almighty God,  
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain  
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:  
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,  
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;  
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 11 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am 6.30pm	Parish Communion (JRC with Bishop Robin to Preach and Preside) Evensong (Rev Stephen Smith)
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am 10.00am 4.30pm 7.00pm	Morning Prayer at Cardington Toddlers and Tea in Church Hall Meeting at Abbey Middle re personnel Prayer Group meet in Summer House
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am 12-2.30pm 3.00pm 5.00pm 6.00pm 7.00pm	Morning Prayer at Cardington Meeting with Larry Wright Clergy Meeting Baptism interview Wedding interview Parish Council meeting
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am 10.00am 11.30am 6.15pm 7.30pm	Morning Prayer at Cardington Chapter at Stewartby Coffee morning in Elstow Church Hall Bishops Council meeting Lent Course at St Michaels
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am 10.00am 11.00am 3.00pm 8.00pm	Morning Prayer at Cardington Funeral Interview Holy Communion (JRC) Short listings meeting Welwyn / Hatfield Deanery Synod
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	8.30am 4.00pm 8.00pm	Morning Prayer at Cardington Mid Beds Tourist Attractions visit Bellringing
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup>	10-1.00pm 2.00pm	Diocesan Synod Mothering Sunday flower prep in Hall

Jeremy Crocker: Day Off: Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

**Next Sunday**

**18<sup>th</sup> March,**  
**Mothering Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

10.30am Family Communion (JRC)

6.30pm Evensong (JRC)

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**Guest Preachers**

11<sup>th</sup> Mar 11.00am Bp Robin Smith Preach and Preside  
6.30pm Rev Stephen Smith

15<sup>th</sup> Apr 9.30am Rev Stephen Smith

20<sup>th</sup> May 3.45pm Canon Stephen Lake  
& 5pm

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**Please pray for:**

*The Sick:*

Jean Bennett, Pamela Dance, Barbara Gale  
Doris Simmonds, Jessie Harris,, Mark Mallett

*The Recently Deceased:*

Stephen Dilley, Veronica Wagstaff