

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 1st Thursday of the month at the Red lion Pub, from 12 noon. Next date 5th 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. 14th Mar St Michaels Church, Barford Ave, 22nd Mar Christ the King, corner of Harrowden Rd, 30th Mar Methodists, London Rd.
- **Children's Society boxes** please return them to Margaret Baron.
- **Bedford Choral Society & Bedford Sinfonia** perform Bach's B Minor Mass in St Paul's Church Saturday 24th March at 7.30pm. Tickets £15 available on the door. (Or at a reduced price from Chris Knell 01234 214140 until Mon 19th March.)
- **Youth Club** re-launch on April 18th. Please speak to Ross Millar or Jeremy Crocker if you wish to help.
- **May Festival Next Meeting** 28th March at 7.30pm at the Swan Pub in the restaurant section. All welcome to come with ideas.
- **Puppet Extravaganza** was 31st Mar now will be on April 28th, 6pm performance in Abbey, followed by Bring and Share in the Hall.
- **Salvation Army Band Concert** at Elstow Abbey at 7.30pm Saturday 21st April.. Free concert, all welcome.
- **All the Worlds a Stage** Friday 4th May at 7.30pm at Elstow Abbey. Tickets £10 adult, £7 child family £25 available from Jeremy Crocker, the Church wardens Colin/Barbara or Friends Trustee member Miriam. Refreshments during the interval. Donation of raffle prizes welcomed.
- **Friends AGM** Sunday 20th 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 18th March 2007, 4th Sunday of Lent Mothering Sunday

10.30am	Family Communion (JRC)
Hymns:	SoF: 520, 43, 14, 316, Anthem: For Mary mother of our Lord, 112
6.30pm	Evensong (JRC)
Hymns:	NEH: 264, 282, 387, 77, 250

COLLECT

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal;
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 18 th	10.30am 5.00pm 6.30pm	Family Communion (JRC) Wedding Interview Evensong (JRC)
Monday 19 th	8.30am 10.00am 7.00pm 8.00pm	Morning Prayer at Cardington Toddlers and Tea in Church Hall Prayer Group meet in Summer House Wedding Interview
Tuesday 20 th	8.30am 1.45pm 4.00pm 7.30pm	Morning Prayer at Cardington Funeral at Bedford Crematorium or Veronica Wagstaff Wedding Interview Wedding interview
Wednesday 21 st	8.30am 11.30am 7.00pm	Morning Prayer at Cardington Coffee morning in Elstow Church Hall John Bunyan Governors meeting
Thursday 22 nd	8.30am 9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm 7.00pm 7.30pm 8.00pm	Morning Prayer at Cardington School Appeal Meeting in Hatfield Holy Communion (JRC) JRC at John Bunyan Upper school Bedford Art Society Lent Course at Christ the King Liturgy meeting postponed til Apr 19 th
Friday 23 rd	8.30am 8.00pm	Morning Prayer at Cardington Bellingring
Saturday 24 th	2-4.00pm	Childrens workshop

Jeremy Crocker: Day Off: Friday 23rd March

Next Sunday

25th March,
5th Sunday of Lent, Passion Sunday

NOTE: CLOCKS CHANGE

9.30am	Young People's service
11.00am	Morning Prayer (Mattins Group)
6.30pm	Evensong with Holy Communion and Laying on of Hands for Healing (JRC)

Guest Preachers

15 th Apr	9.30am	Rev Stephen Smith
20 th May	3.45pm & 5pm	Canon Stephen Lake

Please pray for:

The Sick:

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

The Recently Deceased:

Charles Dilley, Veronica Wagstaff