

Notices and Future Events

- **Stewardship Role** Anyone interested in taking over the role, preferably 2 people, please contact Eric/Mavis Crossen. (768148) Please use **Gift Aid** envelopes if you normally give cash and pay tax. This gives the church an extra 28p in every £1.
- **Youth Worker** we are delighted to have appointed Captain David Wells who will be with us from Sunday 22nd April.
- **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** final service - 7.30pm.30th Mar Methodists, London Rd.
- **Children's Society boxes** please return them to Margaret Baron.
- **Gospel Passion on Palm Sunday** volunteers needed to do various readings. Please speak to Jeremy. **Maundy Thursday** Hour of Reflection 8.30-9.30pm; list and details at back of church. **Good Friday Frugal Lunch** at 12.15pm in Elstow Church Hall. Please sign up on list at the back of church to help with numbers. No **Easter Monday Pilgrimage** to St Albans Abbey is planned for this year.
- **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 25th March 2007, 5th Sunday of Lent Passion Sunday

9.30am	Young Peoples service
11.00am	Morning Prayer (Matins group)
Hymns:	NEH: 439, 95, 92, 84, 83, 86
6.30pm	Evensong with Holy Communion and Laying on of Hands for Healing (JRC)
Hymns:	NEH: 94, 90, 342, 65, 70

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	9.30am	Young Peoples service
25 th	11.00am	Morning Prayer (Matins Group)
	6.30pm	Evensong with Holy Communion and Laying on of Hands for Healing (JRC)
Monday	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
26 th	10.00am	Toddlers and Tea in Church Hall
	7.00pm	Prayer Group meet in Summer House
	7.30pm	Joint Wardens Meeting at Peter Littleford's house.
Tuesday	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
27 th	8-5.30pm	Abbey Middle School Head interviews
Wednesday	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
28 th	9-4.30pm	Abbey Middle School Head Interviews
	11.30am	Coffee morning in Elstow Church Hall
	5.30pm	Abbey Middle Governors meeting
	7.00pm	Abbey Middle "Stars in their Eyes" performance
	7.30pm	May festival meeting in Swan Pub
Thursday	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
29 th	11.00am	Holy Communion (JRC)
	1.00pm	JRC at Clergy meeting in St Albans
	7.00pm	Wedding interview
	8.00pm	Finance and Standing Meeting
Friday	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
30 th	7.30pm	Lent Course Service at London Rd Methodists
	8.00pm	Bellringing
Saturday	10.00am	Meet at Bedford Railway station for Trip 31 st to St Albans

Jeremy Crocker: Day Off: Friday 30th March

Next Sunday 1st April, Palm Sunday

9.30am	Palm Sunday service with procession to the Moot Hall Green (weather permitting) (JRC)
11.00am	Morning Prayer (JRC)
6.30pm	Evensong (JRC)

Easter Services

Mon 2 nd April	7.30pm	Service of Reflection at St Michaels
Tues 3 rd April	7.30pm	Holy Communion -Elstow Abbey
Wed 4 th April	7.30pm	Compline service-St Marys Cardington
Thur 5 th April		
	11.00am	Maundy Thursday Holy Communion-Elstow Abbey
	7.00pm	Maundy Thursday service at St Michael's
	7.30pm	Holy Communion at Elstow with stripping of the Altar
	8.30-9.30	Readings and reflections at Elstow Abbey
Fri 6 th April		
	9.30am	Young Peoples service – Elstow Abbey
	10.15am	Stations of the Cross at St Michael's
	11.00am	Solemn Hour at Elstow Abbey
	12.00noon	Act of Witness in Town Centre
	12.15pm	Frugal Lunch at Elstow Church Hall
Sat 7 th April	7.30pm	Service of first light (meet in Elstow Church Hall)
Sun 8 th April	10.30am	Joint Easter Day service at Elstow

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:

Veronica Wagstaff, Gloria Warner