

THE CHURCH CALENDAR

December 2008 – January 2009

DECEMBER

1 st	Monday	10.00am	Mums and Toddlers meet in the Church Hall
		2.00pm	Prayer Group meet in the Summerhouse
		6.30pm	Hitchin Concert Band Brass Ensemble and Kingshott School Chamber Choir in aid of The Friends of Elstow Abbey
		8.00pm	Advent Study Course 1, at St. Michael's Bedford
2 nd	Tuesday	10.00am	Sing and Sign in the Church Hall
		4.30pm	Dance Club in the Church Hall
3 rd	Wednesday	11.30am	Coffee morning with soup in the Church Hall
		6.30pm	Youth Group meet in the Church Hall
		8.15pm	Youth Leaders meeting @ the Vicarage
4 th	Thursday	11.00am	Holy Communion (JRC)
7 th	Sunday	Advent 2	
		10.00am	Holy Communion with Sunday School (JRC)
		11.15am	Morning Prayer (Group)
		3.30pm	Christingle (MEB and John and Tracey Hinson)
		6.30pm	Evening Prayer (Canon Philip McDonough)
8 th	Monday	10.00am	Mums and Toddlers meet in the Church Hall
		2.00pm	Prayer Group meet in the Summerhouse
		8.00pm	Advent Study Course 2, at St. Mary's, Cardington
9 th	Tuesday	10.00am	Sing and Sign in the Church Hall
		9.30am -noon	Elstow Lower School @ Elstow Abbey
		4.30pm	Dance Club in the Church Hall
		6.30pm	Wedding rehearsal @ Elstow Abbey
		7.30pm	Wardens Meal @ St Helena's Restaurant
10 th	Wednesday	11.30am	Coffee morning with soup in the Church Hall
		6.30pm	Youth Group dinner @ the Swan Pub

11 th	Thursday	11.00am	Holy Communion (JRC)
		12 noon	Monthly Lunch Christmas Meal £5.99 @ The Red Lion <i>all welcome</i>
12 th	Friday	1.00pm	Wedding of Robert Featherstone and Katie Pinel (JRC)
		6.45pm-8pm	Junior Choir practice
		7.15pm-8pm	Adult Choir practice
14 th	Sunday	Advent 3	
		10.00am	Holy Communion with Sunday School (JRC)
		4.00pm	Carol Service at St. Michael's Church
		6.30pm	Evening Prayer followed by Holy Communion with the Laying on of Hands for Healing (JRC)
15 th	Monday	10.00am	Mums and Toddlers Christmas Party in the Church Hall
		2.00pm	Prayer Group meet in the Summerhouse
		8.00pm	Advent Study Course 3, at Elstow Abbey
16 th	Tuesday	10.00am	Sing and Sign in the Church Hall
		9.30am	till noon Elstow Lower School @ Elstow Abbey
		4.30pm	Dance Club in the Church Hall
17 th	Wednesday	11.30am	Coffee Morning with soup in the Church Hall Christmas Party
		1.30pm-3pm	Elstow Lower KS2 Christmas Performance Bell Ringing Peal to mark the 100 th in 100 years
		6.30pm	Youth Group and members of the Church Carol Singing with refreshments afterwards in the Hall
18 th	Thursday	11.00am	Holy Communion (JRC)
		1.00pm	Clergy Christmas Lunch @ The Swan Pub
		6.00pm	Carol Singing @ Bunyan's Mead
19 th	Friday	6.45pm-8pm	Junior Choir practice
		7.15pm-8pm	Adult Choir practice
20 th	Saturday	2.00pm	Young People's Christmas Party in the Hall
		4.00pm	Young and Older Children's Christmas Tea
		5.00-8.80pm	Older Children's Disco in the Hall
21 st	Sunday	Advent 4	

		10.00am	Holy Communion with Sunday School (JRC)
		11.15am	Morning Prayer (JRC)
		6.30pm	Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols (JRC)
22 nd	Monday	10.00am	Mums and Toddlers meet in the Church Hall
		2.00pm	Prayer Group meet in the Summerhouse
		8.00pm	Advent Study Course 4, at St Mary's Cardington
23 rd	Tuesday	10.00am	Sing and Sign in the Church Hall
		4.30pm	NO Dance Club in the Church Hall
24 th	Wednesday	Christmas Eve	
		11.30am	NO COFFEE MORNING OR SOUP
		5.00pm	Crib Service (JRC)
		11.30pm	The First Communion of Christmas (JRC)
25 th	Thursday	Christmas Day	
		10.30am	Holy Communion (JRC)
28 th	Sunday	Christmas 1	
			The Holy Innocents
		10.00am	Young People's Service (JEH)
		11.15am	Holy Communion (JRC)
		6.30pm	Evening Prayer (Mr Robert Heley)
29 th	Monday	10.00am	NO MUMS AND TODDLERS
		2.00pm	Prayer Group meet in the Summerhouse
30 th	Tuesday	10.00am	NO SING AND SIGN
		4.30pm	NO DANCE CLUB
		6.00pm	Wedding Rehearsal @ Elstow Abbey
31 st	Wednesday	11.30am	Coffee Morning followed by soup in the Church Hall
		6.30pm	NO YOUTH CLUB

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1 st	Thursday	11.00am	NO HOLY COMMUNION
3 rd	Saturday	12.30pm	Wedding of Duncan Castle and Kristina Tiplady

4 th	Sunday	Christmas 2	
		10.00am	Holy Communion with Sunday School (JRC)
		11.15am	Morning Prayer (Group)
		6.30pm	Evening Prayer (JRC)
5 th	Monday	10.00am	Mums and Toddlers meet in the Church Hall
		2.00pm	Prayer Group meet in the Summerhouse
6 th	Tuesday	10.00am	Sing and Sign in the Church Hall
		4.30pm	Dance Club in the Church Hall
		8.00pm	Adult Beginners Bible Study 1 @ The Vicarage - all welcome
7 th	Wednesday	11.30am	Coffee Morning with soup in the Church Hall
		5.45pm	Younger Youth Group meet in the hall (Yrs 3-8)
		6.30pm	Youth Group meet in the Church Hall (yrs 8+)
8 th	Thursday	11.00am	Holy Communion (JRC)
		12 noon	Monthly Lunch @ the Swan Pub
9 th	Friday	6.45pm-8pm	Junior Choir practice
		7.15pm-8pm	Adult Choir practice

11 th	Sunday	The Baptism of Christ	
		10.00am	Holy Communion (JRC) Preacher Mr John Hinson
		3.30pm	Pantomime Rehearsal in the Church Hall
		6.30pm	Evening Prayer (JRC)
12 th	Monday	10.00am	Mums and Toddlers meet in the Church Hall
		2.00pm	Prayer Group meet in the Summerhouse

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13 th	Tuesday	10.00am	Sing and Sign in the Church Hall
		4.30pm	Dance Club in the Church Hall
		8.00pm	Adult Beginners Bible Study 2 @ The Vicarage - all welcome
14 th	Wednesday	11.30am	Coffee Morning with soup in the Church Hall
		5.45pm	Younger Youth Group meet in the hall (Yrs 3-8)

		6.30pm	Youth Group meet in the Church Hall (yrs 8+)
15 th	Thursday	11.00am	Holy Communion (JRC)
		7.30pm	Churches Together Fish and Chip supper at London Road Methodist Church.
18 th	Sunday	Epiphany 2	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
			<u>NO MORNING PRAYER AT ELSTOW ABBEY</u>
		11.00am	United Service at John Bunyan Christian Fellowship
		3.30pm	Pantomime Rehearsal in the Church Hall
		6.30pm	Evening Prayer followed by Holy Communion with the Laying on of Hands for Healing (JRC)
19 th	Monday	10.00am	Mums and Toddlers meet in the Church Hall
		2.00pm	Prayer Group meet in the Summerhouse
20 th	Tuesday	10.00am	Sing and Sign in the Church Hall
		4.30pm	Dance Club in the Church Hall
21 st	Wednesday	11.30am	Coffee Morning followed by soup in the Church Hall
		5.45pm	Younger Youth Group meet in the hall (Yrs 3-8)
		6.30pm	Youth Group meet in the Church Hall (yrs 8+)
22 nd	Thursday	11.00am	Holy Communion (JRC)
24 th	Saturday	1.30pm	Wedding Rehearsal @ Elstow Abbey
		2-4pm	Youth Workshop in the Church Hall
25 th	Sunday	Epiphany 3	
		10.00am	Young People's Service (JEH)
		11.15am	Holy Communion (JRC)
		3.30pm	Pantomime Rehearsal in the Church Hall
		6.30pm	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service for Bedford Preacher The Moderator of the United Reformed Church The Reverend David Cornick
26 th	Monday	10.00am	Mums and Toddlers meet in the Church Hall
		2.00pm	Prayer Group meet in the Summerhouse
		6-7.30pm	Youth Alpha @ 324 Church Lane, Cardington
27 th	Tuesday	10.00am	Sing and Sign in the Church Hall
		4.30pm	Dance Club in the Church Hall

		8.00pm	Adult Beginners Bible Study 3 @ The Abbey Vicarage
28 th	Wednesday	11.30am	Coffee Morning followed by soup in the Church Hall
		5.45pm	Younger Youth Group meet in the hall (Yrs 3-8)
		6.30pm	Youth Group in the Church Hall (yrs 8+)
29 th	Thursday	11.00am	Holy Communion (The Revd Stephen Smith)
30 th	Friday	6.45pm-8pm	Junior Choir practice
		7.15pm-8pm	Adult Choir practice
31 st	Saturday	12 noon	Bedford Organist Association recital with Lunch (part of the Friend's of Elstow Abbey music festival) tickets on the door, £7.50 (£5)

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1 st	Sunday	Epiphany 4	
		10.00am	Holy Communion with Sunday School
		11.15am	Morning Prayer (Group)
		3.30pm	Pantomime Rehearsal in the Church Hall
		6.30pm	Evening Prayer (Captain David Wells)
2 nd	Monday	10.0am	Mums and Toddlers meet in the Church Hall
		2.00pm	Prayer Group meet in the Summerhouse
		6-7.30pm	Youth Alpha @ 324 Church Lane, Cardington
3 rd	Tuesday	10.00am	Sing and Sign in the Church Hall
		4.30pm	Dance Club in the Church Hall
		8.00pm	Adult Beginners Bible Study 4 @ St Michael's Vicarage
4 th	Wednesday	11.30am	Coffee Morning followed by soup in the Church Hall
		5.45pm	Younger Youth Group meet in the hall (Yrs 3-8)
		6.30pm	Youth Group meet in the Church Hall
5 th	Thursday	11.00am	Holy Communion (The Revd Stephen Smith)
6 th	Friday	6.45pm-8pm	Junior Choir practice
		7.15pm-8pm	Adult Choir practice
7 th	Saturday	2.00pm	Wedding of Peter Gallagher and Claire Beal @ Elstow Abbey
8 th	Sunday	3rd Before Lent	
		10.00am	Holy Communion with Sunday School (JRC)
		3.30pm	Pantomime Rehearsal in the Church Hall
		6.30pm	Evening Prayer