

## Notices and Future Events

- It has been decided to replace the Boiler system. Work will start soon.
- The a study course 'A Journey into Faith' has started but all are still welcome to join and come along each Wednesday evening. Please see information leaflets at the back of church.
- 26<sup>th</sup> April 11.15am at St Michael's, Funeral of the late Bill Pillsbury
- 28<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm Elstow Parish Council meeting at Playing fields Hall
- 10<sup>th</sup> May liturgy committee meeting 8pm at Hinsons
- 15<sup>th</sup> May Start of Christian Aid week .Offers the help distribute of collect money please speak to Sheila Battick.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> May Friends AGM at 3.15pm followed by talk at 3.45pm by Jeremy Crocker on 'Elstow and Bunyan', 4.15pm Afternoon Tea, 5.15pm Annual Friends Service of Evensong with Guest Preacher Rev Wyn Beynon. Offers of sandwiches and cakes for this meeting are needed. Please speak to Rosemary Albon if you are able to help.
- 24<sup>th</sup> May Combined PCC meeting at 7.30pm for three PCC's of the United Benefice. Bring and share meal following at Scott Hall next to St Michael's Bedford. Guest speaker Canon Robin Brown.
- 26<sup>th</sup> May Joint Wardens meeting at 7pm for the three churches.
- Christian Aid Meal Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May, 7pm at the Rectory. Jeremy will cook Sausages, mash and Beans with Banana and Custard and coffee to follow. This is a free event and all are welcome. There will be a bowl for any donations for Christian Aid. Please add your name to the sign up sheet at the back of church to help with catering numbers.
- To celebrate 24 years of Service by Miriam Clark as Church Warden there will be a buffet meal with a presentation at 7.30pm on 4<sup>th</sup> June. Previous ministers will be invited to come when we pay tribute and give thanks for her dedication and hard work. Any donations towards the presentation gift please to John Hinson. Venue is either the Church Hall or outside in the Caretakers garden dependant on the weather. Venue will be confirmed nearer the time.
- 4<sup>th</sup> July, 7.30pm at Elstow Abbey, The Right Rev'd Christopher Herbert, The Bishop of St Albans, will present a Lecture on 'Images of the Resurrection' part of the study programme starting 20<sup>th</sup> April.

Jeremy Crocker Day off: Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April

Notices for inclusion in the weekly bulletin to the Rectory FAO Diana Hill by 12 noon Tuesdays. Wedding Bookings and enquiries to Diana Hill either Tuesday or Thursday mornings. (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

**24<sup>th</sup> April 2005**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

9.30am	Young Peoples Service
11.00am	Matins Group
Hymns:	NEH: 341, 369, 431, 463, 239, 235
6.30pm	Evensong with Holy Communion and Laying on of Hands for Healing
Hymns:	NEH: 466, 276, 376, Anthem: Spirit of God, unseen as the wind, 243

## **COLLECT**

Almighty God,  
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ  
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:  
grant that, as by your grace going before us  
you put into our minds good desires,  
so by your continual help  
we may bring them to good effect;  
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## Diary for the Week

Sunday	9.30am	Young Peoples Service
24 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Matins Group
	11.30am	St Michael's AGM
	6.30pm	Evensong with Holy Communion and Laying on of Hands for Healing (Jeremy Crocker & Guest Preacher Rev Gareth Parry, Chaplain and Teacher at Tattenhall College)
Monday	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
25 <sup>th</sup>	5.45pm	Evening Prayer
	7.00pm	Prayer Group in the Summerhouse
	8.00pm	Friends Meeting
Tuesday	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
26 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Pastoral visit
	11.15am	Funeral - St Michael's, of Bill Philsbury
	5.45pm	Evening Prayer
Wednesday	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
27 <sup>th</sup>	2.15pm	Funeral - Elstow, of Margarett Blundel
	5.45pm	Evening Prayer
	6.30pm	Choir Practice, no Choir Club
	7.00pm	John Bunyan Governors Meeting
	7.30pm	Bible Study in Elstow Church Hall
Thursday	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
28 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Funeral - Elstow, of Janet Thompson
	11.00am	Holy Communion
	2.00pm	Cardington Staff Meeting at St Michael's
	5.45pm	Evening Prayer
	7.30pm	Elstow Parish Council Meeting
	7.45pm	South Beds Council Churches meeting at London Road Methodists
Friday	8.30am	Morning Prayer at Cardington
29 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Bellringing
Saturday	10.30am	Peal of Bells will be rung at Elstow Abbey
30 <sup>th</sup>		

## Next Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May , 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

9.30am	Family Communion (Jeremy Crocker)
11.00am	Matins Group
3.00pm	Baptism at Elstow of Elly Hewson
6.30pm	Evensong (Jeremy Crocker)

---

## Monthly Guest Preachers at Elstow

8 <sup>th</sup> May	Rev'd Edward Lewis (Chief Executive of Hospital Chaplains)
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Rev'd Wyn Beynon (Rural Dean of Biggleswade)
12 <sup>th</sup> June	Rev Canon John Tibbs
6.30pm	
17 <sup>th</sup> July	The Right Rev'd Christopher Foster (The Bishop of Hertford)
6.30pm	

---

## Please pray for:

*The Sick:* Ron Chappell, Betty Finch, Joyce Cross  
Glenys Godden

*The recently departed:*

Margaret Blundel, Janet Thompson,  
Bill Philsbury.