



**THE ABBEY CHURCH
OF ST MARY AND ST HELENA, ELSTOW**
We extend a warm welcome to everyone today
Sunday 11th January 2015
The Baptism of Christ

10.00am Holy Communion + Sunday School (PL)
11.15am *Holy Communion at St Michael's (RC)*
11.20am Mattins (Group)
6.30pm Evensong (RH)

Collect for 11.01.15

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus
Revealed him to be your Son,
Appointing him with the Holy Spirit;
Grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,
That we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted
children;
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

Collect for 18.01.15

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new:
Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of
your grace,
And in the renewal of our lives
Make known your heavenly glory;
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

• **Notices and Future Events**

- **Messy Church at St Michael's** - planning to start soon.
- **Toy Library** - Emma Pearce is setting up a toy library to launch in January. She is looking for toy donations, volunteers and people to pray for the initiative. Thank you.
- **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** - Sun 18th Jan - Sun 25th Jan. Please see the diary for daily meets at different churches in Bedford, including the Bishop of Bedford at St Michael's on Wed 21st Jan at 12.30pm & finishing on **Sun 25th** with a Christian Unity Celebration service here at **Elstow Abbey at 6pm** with Rev Roger Sutton.
- **Fish & Chips Supper** - Benefice Social at Elstow Abbey. 6-9pm Sat 31st Jan. Fish & Chips £5, Sausage & chips £2, followed by games. Please sign up on sheet if coming.
- **Men's Supper Club** - Wed 11th Feb 7pm cheese and wine evening hosted by Charles Whitbread at Summerhill Shop. £7 each, partners welcome.
- **For a New Church & Community Hall** see sign up sheet
- **Alpha Course @ Elstow Abbey, starting from Wed 14th Jan** - see **Matthew**, or the **Magazine** for more details
Open to anyone, please come along and see if it's for you!
- Jeremy is in Cambodia until Saturday 17th January
- **Jeremy's day off : Friday 23rd January**

Church Wardens Contact details: Tracey Hinson 01234 406061 & Andrene Kerr-Robinson 01234 342156

Wedding/ Baptism Bookings/enquiries or Notices on **Thursday** to Sarah Duffy at the Rectory - 01234 261477.

IF YOU ARE NEW TO OUR CHURCH...WELCOME.
Please stay for tea/coffee and cakes in the Vestry following the 10am service

Diary for the weeks

Monday	10.00am	Mums & Toddlers in the Vestry
12 th	2.30pm	Prayer Group
Tuesday	6.30-8pm	Youth Club
13 th	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting at The Playing Fields
Wed	11.30am	Coffee and Soup in the vestry
14 th	2.00pm	Benefice Bible Study @ Cardington
	7.30pm	Bedford Street Angels Meeting
	7.45pm	Alpha Course Starts at Elstow
Thursday	09.30am	Morning Prayers at St Michael's (SS)
15 th	11am	Holy Communion (RC)
Friday	7pm	Choir Practice
16 th	8pm	Bell Ringing

Sunday 18th January - The Second Sunday of Epiphany

10.00am	Holy Communion + Sunday School (JRC)
10.15am	Holy Communion at St Michael's (SS)
11.00am	Holy Communion at St Mary's (RC)
11.20am	Mattins (JRC)
5.00pm	Wedding interview @ Vicarage (JRC)
6.30pm	Evensong + Holy Communion + laying on of hands (JRC)

Morning Prayer said every day 8.30am St Mary's Cardington

Deceased: Annie Hartup and Robert Tory

Sunday 18th - Sunday 25th January - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

12.30pm meetings across Bedford - open to all. Please bring a packed lunch with you. Hot drinks provided.

Mon	10am	Mums and Toddlers
19 th	12.30pm	Christian Unity meeting at All Saints Church, Queens Park
	2.30pm	Prayer Group
Tuesday	12.30pm	Christian Unity meeting - St Andrews
20 th	6.30pm	Youth Club
	7.45pm	Churches Together in South Bedford Meeting @ London Road
Wed	11.30am	Coffee and Soup in the Vestry
21 st	12.30pm	Bishop Richard at St Michael's - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
	2.00pm	Benefice Bible Study at Cardington
	3.30pm	Baptism interview @ Vicarage (JRC)
	6.30pm	Wedding interview @ Vicarage (JRC)
	7.30pm	Alpha Course at Elstow
Thurs	09.30am	Morning Prayers (JRC/SS)
22 nd	11am	Holy Communion (JRC)
	12.30pm	Christian Unity meeting - Friends Meeting House, Linden Road
	6.45pm	Wedding interview @ Vicarage (JRC)
	7.45pm	CTSB fish and chips supper at Christ the King, All Welcome.
Fri	12.30pm	Christian Unity meeting - Rutland Road Church
23 rd	7pm	Choir Practice
	8pm	Bell Ringing