



**THE ABBEY CHURCH
OF ST MARY AND ST HELENA, ELSTOW**
We extend a warm welcome to everyone today
Sunday 1st February 2015
The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

10.00am Holy Communion + Sunday School (RC)
10.15am *Holy Communion at St Michael's (NM)*
11.20am Mattins (Group)
6.30pm Evensong (RH)

Collect for 01.02.15

God our creator, who in the beginning
Commanded the light to shine out of darkness:
We pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ
May dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief,
Shine into the hearts of all your people,
And reveal the knowledge of your glory
In the face of 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 08.02.15

Almighty God,
You have created the heavens and the earth and made us
in your own image:
Teach us to discern your hand in all your works
And your likeness in all your children;
Through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
Who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all
things,
Now and for ever.

- **Notices and Future Events**
- **Men's Supper Club** - Wed 11th Feb 6.30pm for 7pm cheese and wine evening hosted by Charles Whitbread at Summerhill Shop. £7 each, partners welcome. Please sign up
- **Magazine for February/March is now ready**
- **For a New Church & Community Hall** see sign up sheet
- **Messy Church** - Saturday 14th Feb 4-6pm in the Abbey. If you are able to help, please let Tracey know. Various craft activities, an act of worship & hot supper. For everyone.
- **May Festival** - Jeremy has decided to combine this with the abseil for Christian Aid on Saturday 2nd May 10am-5pm.
- **Christian Aid Abseil** - please go to the website, if you would like to sign up to take part! www.christianaid.org.uk
- **18th February - Ash Wednesday** - There will be a cluster service at 7.30pm at All Saints, Queens Park
- **Scripture Union** - are running a four day workshop on Tues 19th - Fri 22nd May for school children to learn about John Bunyan based here at the Abbey and on Moot Hall Green. They would love some more volunteers to help with the event. If you're interested, please come and listen to the coordinator, Simon Barker at the PCC Meeting on 26th March at 7.30pm in Elstow Abbey vestry.
- **Jeremy's day off : Saturday 7th Feb and Friday 13th Feb**

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

JRC attending Synod in Cyprus until

Saturday 7th February

Monday	10.00am	Mums & Toddlers in the Vestry
2 nd	2.30pm	Prayer Group
Tuesday	11.30am	Funeral of Rev Len Moore - St Andrews Church, Bedford
3 rd	6.30-8pm	Youth Club
Wed	11.30am	Coffee and Soup in the vestry
4 th	1.00pm	Funeral of Florence Harley at Elstow Abbey, followed by the Crem (PL)
	2.00pm	Benefice Bible Study @ Cardington
	7.00pm	Alpha Course at Elstow
	7.30pm	St Michael's PCC
Thursday	09.30am	Morning Prayers at St Michael's (SS)
5 th	11am	Holy Communion (RC)
Friday	7pm	Choir Practice
6 th	8pm	Bell Ringing

Sunday 8th February - The Second Sunday before Lent

10.00am	Holy Communion + Sunday School (JRC)
10.15am	Holy Communion at St Michael's (RC)
11.20am	Mattins (JRC)
6.30pm	Evensong (JRC)

Mon	10am	Mums and Toddlers
9 th	2.15pm	Funeral of Isabel Godwin at Elstow Abbey, followed by the Crem (JRC)
	2.30pm	Prayer Group
Tuesday	10am	Safeguarding course at Cotton End Primary School (JRC)
10 th	6.30pm	Youth Club
Wed	11.30am	Coffee and Soup in the Vestry
11 th	2.00pm	Benefice Bible Study at Cardington
	6.30 for 7pm	Men's Supper Club with Charles Whitbread at Summerhill Shop. See sign up sheet. £7 per head - partners welcome.
	7pm	Alpha Course at Elstow
Thurs	09.30am	Morning Prayers (JRC/SS)
12 th	11am	Holy Communion (JRC)
Fri	7pm	No Choir Practice
13 th	8pm	Bell Ringing
Sat	4-6pm	Messy Church in the Abbey.
14 th		All welcome - parents and children.

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

Deceased: Rev Len Moore, Lynda Keep, Florence Harley, Isabel Godwin, Geraldine Rodgers