

• **Notices and Future Events**

**Benefice Lent Course 2015-all welcome**

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February - 7.30-9pm St Mary's Cardington

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March - 7.30-9pm St Michael's Faldo Road

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March - 7.30-9pm St Mary's Cardington

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March - 7.30-9pm St Michael's Faldo Road

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March - 7.30-9pm St Mary's Cardington

- **May Festival** - Jeremy has decided to combine this with the abseil for Christian Aid on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.christianaid.org.uk)
- **Public Meeting** - On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March there will be a public meeting 8.30pm-9.30pm in the Vestry (following PCC) open to all to discuss the vacancy when Jeremy leaves.
- **Scripture Union** - are running a four day workshop on Tues 19<sup>th</sup> - Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm in Elstow Abbey vestry.
- **Jeremy's day off** : Friday 20<sup>th</sup> and Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February

**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



**THE ABBEY CHURCH**

**OF ST MARY AND ST HELENA, ELSTOW**

We extend a warm welcome to everyone today

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2015**

**The Sunday Next before Lent**

10.00am Holy Communion + Sunday School (RC)

10.15am Holy Communion at St Michael's (JRC)

11.20am Mattins (RC)

12.30pm Baptism of Amelia Alice Mopp (JRC)

6.30pm Evensong (JF)

*Banns to be read at 10am service for wedding on 28/3*

**Collect for 15.02.15**

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross:

Give us grace to perceive his glory,

That we may be strengthened to suffer with him

And be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;

Who is alive and reigns with us

In the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, now and for ever

**Collect for 23.02.15**

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,

And was tempted as we are, yet without sin:

Give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness,

So may we know your power to save;

Through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

Who is alive and reigns with you,

One God, now and for ever.

## Diary for the weeks

Monday	10.00am	NO Mums & Toddlers - Half Term
16 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	Prayer Group
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup>	No Youth Club as it is Half Term	
Wed	11.30am	Coffee and Soup in the vestry
18 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Benefice Bible Study @ Cardington
	7.00pm	Alpha Course at Elstow
	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Cluster Group Ash Wednesday</b>
		<b>Service at All Saint's Queen's Park</b>
Thursday	09.30am	Morning Prayers (JRC/SS)
19 <sup>th</sup>	11am	Holy Communion (JRC)
Friday	7pm	No Choir Practice
20 <sup>th</sup>	8pm	Bell Ringing
Sat	3.45pm	Quarter peel of the bells
21 <sup>st</sup>	7pm	Bedford Street Angels at St Peter's

## Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February - The First Sunday of Lent

10.00am	Family Service (JEH)
10.15am	Holy Communion at St Michael's (PL)
11.00am	Holy Communion at St Mary's (JRC)
11.20am	BCP Holy Communion (RC)
2.15pm	Baptism of Jack Ford (JRC)
6.30pm	Evensong + Holy Communion + Healing (JRC)

Mon	10am	Mums and Toddlers in the Vestry
23 <sup>rd</sup>	2.30pm	Prayer Group
	3.00pm	Ministers' Meeting at Stephen's house
	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>First session of the Benefice Lent</b>
		<b>Group at St Mary's, Cardington</b>
	8pm	Elstow Church Wardens Meeting @Hinsons

Tues	2pm	Stewardship meeting (JRC/EC/MC)
24 <sup>th</sup>	5.30pm	Diocesan Board of Finance mtg (JRC)
	6.30pm	Youth Club
Wed	11.30am	Coffee and Soup in the Vestry
25 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Benefice Bible Study at Cardington
	7pm	Alpha Course at Elstow
Thurs	09.30am	Morning Prayers (JRC/SS)
26 <sup>th</sup>	11am	Holy Communion (JRC)
	12-2pm	Chapter Clergy mtg at Bedford St
		John's (JRC)
	8.00pm	Finance and Standing at the Rectory
Fri	7pm	Choir Practice
27 <sup>th</sup>	8pm	Bell Ringing

***Morning Prayer said every day 8.30am at St Mary's***

*Deceased: Lynda Keep, Florence Harley, Isobel Goodwin, Geraldine Rodgers, Greta Crookall*

## *Easter Lilies*

*In memory of a loved one*

*£1.50 each*



*Please ring Barbara on 01234 854369 or use the envelopes at the back of the church to put your money in with the name of the person to be remembered*

*The names of those remembered will be displayed on a board at the back of church on Easter Day*