



**THE ABBEY CHURCH
OF ST MARY AND ST HELENA, ELSTOW**
We extend a warm welcome to everyone today
Sunday 29th March 2015
Palm Sunday

- 10.00am Holy Communion Service + Procession, sadly without a donkey + Sunday School (JRC)
- 10.15am Holy Communion at St Michael's (NM)
- 11.20am Mattins (Group)
- 6.30pm Evensong + Holy Communion + Healing (JRC + Alex Thomson to preach)

Collect for Palm Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God,
Who in your tender love towards the human race
Sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
To take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the
Cross: grant that we may follow the example of his
Patience and humility,
And also be make partakers of his resurrection;
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 Maundy Thursday

God our Father, you have invited us to share in the supper
Which your Son gave to his Church
To proclaim his death until he comes:
May he nourish us by his presence,
And unite us in his love; Who is alive and reigns with you
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and for ever.

- **Notices and Future Events**
- **Easter Flowers** - Help needed arranging Easter flowers in the church from 10am on Easter Saturday, plus any greenage that you are able to bring. Thank you.
- **Easter Monday Pilgrimage** - please meet at 11.30am at Bedford Train Station to go to St Albans
- **May Festival** - combined with the abseil is on Sat 2nd May 10am-5pm. Any raffle prizes, please pass onto John Hinson
- **Christian Aid Events** - Glynis Freeman is kindly arranging these and the plan is for an afternoon tea on Sat 25th April 3.30-5pm in the tea gardens, envelopes in church on 10th May and the abseil. Please go to the website to register for the abseil www.christianaid.org.uk/abseil
- **CTSB** - next meeting 7.45pm Tues 14th April at London Rd
- **Hustings ahead of the General Election** - Thurs 23rd April Bunyan Meeting House Time TBC, Chaired by the Rt Revd Richard Atkinson, Bishop of Bedford
- **AGM** - Thurs 23rd April at 7pm at Elstow Abbey. To stand for warden or PCC, please see Glynis Freeman for a form.
- **Shakespeare Festival** - Advance notice Mon 6th July - The Comedy of Errors (Durham University's Castle Theatre co) & Fri 10th July - A Midsummer Night's Dream (Handlebards)
- **Jeremy is away from Monday 6th April for a week**

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	No Mums & Toddlers
30 th	2.30pm	Prayer Group
	7.30pm	Reflective worship at St Michael's
Tuesday	12Noon	JRC and SS - pastoral meet up
31 st	4.00pm	Wedding interview (JRC)
	6.30pm	No Youth Club
	7.30pm	Holy Communion at Elstow (RC+ JRC)
	8.15pm	Bible Study at the Vicarage
Wed	11.30am	Coffee and Soup in the vestry
1 st	2.00pm	Benefice Bible Study @ Cardington
	2.30pm	Baptism interview @ Vicarage
	7.30pm	Compline and address at St Mary's
Maundy	09.30am	No prayers or 11am Holy Communion
Thursday	Clergy to St Albans Abbey	
	7.30pm	Holy Communion at St Michael's (NM)
	7.30pm	Holy Communion + Watch Elstow(JRC)
Good	9.30am	Family Service at St Mary's (SS)
Friday	10am	Family Service at Elstow (TH)
	10.15am	Stations of the Cross at St Michael's
	11.00am	Last hour at Elstow (JRC)
	12Noon	Soup lunch in vestry or cloisters

Collect for Good Friday:

Almighty Father, look with mercy on this your family
For which our Lord Jesus Christ was content to be betrayed
And given up into the hands of sinners
And to suffer death upon the cross;
Who is alive and glorified with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and for ever.

Holy Saturday 8pm

The First light of Easter

Easter Day - Sunday 5th April

10.30am	Joint Holy Communion + Sunday School (JRC)
10.15am	Holy Communion at St Michael's (NM)
11.00am	Holy Communion at St Mary's (SS)
6.30pm	Evensong + Holy Communion (JRC)

Collect: Lord of all life and power,
Who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
Overcame the old order of sin and death
To make all things new in him:
Grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus
Christ, may reign with him in glory;
To whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and
Honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity

Mon	No Mums and Toddlers or Prayer Group
6 th	11.30am Meet at Bedford Train Station to go to St Albans for Easter pilgrimage JRC away this week
Wed	11.30am Coffee and Soup in the Vestry
8 th	2.00pm Benefice Bible Study at Cardington
Thurs	09.15am Funeral Service at the Crematorium +
9 th	10.00am Elstow for Pamela Trueman (JEH) 09.30am Morning Prayers (SS) 11am Holy Communion in the vestry (RC)
Fri	7pm No Choir Practice
10 th	8pm Bell Ringing

Morning Prayer said every day 8.30am at St Mary's
Deceased: Pamela Trueman, Daniel Clark