



THE ABBEY CHURCH  
OF ST MARY AND ST HELENA, ELSTOW  
We extend a warm welcome to everyone today  
**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2015**  
**The Second Sunday of Easter**

- 10.00am Holy Communion + Sunday School (PL)
- 10.00am Holy Communion at St Johns, Hatfield (JRC)
- 10.15am *Holy Communion at St Michael's (RC)*
- 11.20am Mattins (Group)
- 6.30pm Evensong (JEH)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Banns to be read re 9<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm

**Collect for 12.04.15 Low Sunday**

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for  
Our sins and to rise again for our justification:  
Grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and  
Wickedness  
That we may always serve you in pureness of living & truth  
Through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
Who is alive and reigns with you,  
In the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Collect for 19.04.15**

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the  
Disciples with the sight of the risen Lord:  
Give us such knowledge of his presence with us,  
That we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen  
Life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth  
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**
- **May Festival** - combined with the abseil is on Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> April 3.30-5pm in the tea gardens, envelopes in church on 10<sup>th</sup> May and the abseil. Please go to the website to register for the abseil [www.christianaid.org.uk/abseil](http://www.christianaid.org.uk/abseil)
- **CTSB** - next meeting 7.45pm Tues 14<sup>th</sup> April at London Rd
- **Hustings ahead of the General Election** - Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> April Bunyan Meeting House Time TBC, Chaired by the Rt Revd Richard Atkinson, Bishop of Bedford
- **AGM** - Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 7pm at Elstow Abbey. To stand for warden or PCC, please see Glynis Freeman for a form.
- **ShowUp Prayer Meeting for the General Election**  
Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April at Christ the King Roman Catholic Church 8.00pm - 9.00pm - an hour of prayer ahead of the General Election and Bedford Mayoral Election.
- **Shakespeare Festival** - Advance notice Mon 6<sup>th</sup> July - The Comedy of Errors (Durham University's Castle Theatre co) & Fri 10<sup>th</sup> July - A Midsummer Night's Dream (Handlebards)
- **Jeremy's days off Friday 17<sup>th</sup> and Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April**

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
13 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	Prayer Group
	3.00pm	Wedding interview @ Vicarage
	6.00pm	Wedding interview @ Vicarage
Tuesday	1pm	JRC and SS - pastoral meet up
14 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	Wedding interview (TBC)
	6.30pm	Youth Club
	7.45pm	CTSB at London Road Methodist
Wed	11.00am	BOA - JRC to meet family
15 <sup>th</sup>	11.30am	Coffee and Soup in the vestry
	1.00pm	Clergy Meeting at Stephen's house
	2.00pm	Benefice Bible Study @ Cardington
	6.00pm	Bingo and fish and chips at Bunyan's Mead (JRC)
	7.30pm	Bedford Street Angels Meeting
Thursday	09.30am	Morning Prayers (SS/JRC)
16 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Holy Communion (JRC)
	11.30am	Burial of Ashes of Isobel Goodwin (JRC)
	1.30pm	JRC hospital visit
	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting at The Playing Fields
	7.30pm	Clergy Chapter at Bedford Christ Church with Bishop Richard
Friday	7.00pm	Choir Practice
17 <sup>th</sup>	8.00pm	Bell Ringing
Saturday	10am	JRC on pastoral visit
18 <sup>th</sup>	12.30pm	JRC to see John Hydon
	4.45pm	Bell Ringing

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April - The Third Sunday of Easter**

10.00am	Holy Communion + Sunday School (RC)
10.15am	Holy Communion at St Michael's (JRC)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Banns	
11.20am	Mattins (RC)
3.00pm	Baptism of Corey Brown (JRC)
3.45pm	Baptism of Taniyah Bilan (JRC)
4.00pm	Goodbye to Phil Campion at St Andrews Baptist Church
6.30pm	Evensong (JRC + Andrew Godfrey)
Mon	10.00am Mums and Toddlers
20 <sup>th</sup>	4-5pm Scripture Union at Elstow Abbey - meet teachers
	7.30pm Scripture Union new team at Elstow Abbey
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup>	6.30pm Youth Club
Wed	11.30am Coffee and Soup in the Vestry
22 <sup>nd</sup>	1.30pm JRC pastoral visit
	2.00pm Benefice Bible Study at Cardington
Thurs	Sarah's last day at the Vicarage
23 <sup>rd</sup>	09.30am Morning Prayers (SS/JRC)
	pm JRC to Cotton End School to see new classrooms
	7pm APCM at Elstow Abbey
Fri	7pm Choir Practice
24 <sup>th</sup>	8pm Bell Ringing
Sat	3.30-5pm Christian Aid Afternoon Tea in the Tea Gardens
<b>Morning Prayer said every day 8.30am at St Mary's</b>	
<b>Deceased: Isobel Goodwin</b>	