

Notices

- **Foodbank/Prebend Street day centre** – there are boxes at the back of church for donations for the foodbank (tins and dried food) or Prebend Street (warm clothes and blankets)
- **Elstow APCM – Monday 18th April 7.30pm in the Vestry**
Election of PCC members and Church Officers. Please complete a nomination form (available from Glynis) if you would like to stand. We would encourage everyone to come along listen to the reports of the year and support and vote for your PCC.
- All APCM reports are being collated into the final report for the APCM. If your report has not been submitted, please give to Tracey by Monday 4th April.
- **Child Protection Training** –Chris Lees, the diocesan safeguarding officer will provide training for **all** who are involved in working with children or vulnerable adults on **Wednesday 25th May from 7pm.**

- **Elstow May Festival – Saturday 7th May – Please see the list at the back. Please prayerfully consider how you can help us to make this year's festival "Bigger and Better"**
Come and Help on the day, sell raffle tickets, provide raffle/tombola prizes, donate a bottle for our pram raffle, or display a poster.....
Please put donations for Raffle prizes, tombola etc in the box at the back!
Cakes etc can be brought on the day.

- **Friends AGM 3pm Sunday 8th May 2016**
- **United prayer service** on Sunday 8th May at 8pm at Three Rivers Church East, Denmark Street
- **United Pentecost Service** on Pentecost Sunday, 15th May in Bedford Park (near the cafe) at 3.00pm with Gavin Calver, Director of Mission for the Evangelical Alliance.

Whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

Mark 11:24

Please pray for

- *The May Festival – for everyone who is involved and for all who will come*
- *Unity within our church family. Give thanks for God's help and guidance through our interregnum*
- *The person that God has planned for us – that they will see the advert, feel the call and respond*
- *The Elstow Abbey APCM and those who feel called to serve God here in this place.*



The Abbey Church *of* *St Mary and St Helena, Elstow*

We extend a warm welcome to everyone today

Sunday 3rd April 2016
2nd Sunday of Easter

10am	Family Communion (RC) & Sunday School
11:20am	BCP Holy Communion (RC)
6:30pm	Evensong (JEH)

Collect for 03.04.16

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 and 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.

Amen

IF YOU ARE NEW TO OUR CHURCH....WELCOME.

Please visit and Like our facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/ElstowAbbey>

Interregnum News

As you all know the first round of interviews in March was not successful and we were unable to fill the position of Priest for our Church. We are now waiting for Bishop Richard and Archdeacon Paul to re-advertise the vacancy at Elstow – we expect this to happen in the next couple of weeks!

Please continue to pray that the right person will see the advert and respond to God's call.

Diary for the week

Monday	10.00am	NO Mothers and Toddlers
4th	2.30pm	Prayer Group
	7.30pm	F and S committee (vestry)
Tuesday	6.30pm	NO Youth Group
5th		
Wednesday	11.00am	Coffee and Soup in the vestry
6 th	2.00pm	Benefice Bible Study
Thursday	11.00am	Holy Communion (SS)
7th		
Friday	8.00pm	Bell Ringing
8th		

Sunday 10.04.16

10.00am	Family Communion (MB) Sunday School
11.20am	Mattins (JEH)
2.30pm	Bell Ringers visit
6.30pm	Evensong (JEH)

Collect for 10.04.16

The Third Sunday of Easter

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.

Amen

Monday	10am	Mothers and Toddlers
11th	2.30pm	Prayer Group
	3.00pm	Funeral of Ann Ritchie
Tuesday	6.30pm	Youth Group
12th		
Wednesday	11.00am	Coffee and soup
13th	2.00pm	Benefice Bible Study
Thursday	11.00am	Holy Communion
14th		
Friday	8.00pm	Bell Ringing
15 th		

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

Magazine – Please send all information to Janice

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Wedding/ Baptism Bookings/enquiries or Notices -

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NEW on line calendar may be viewed at

<http://www.elstow-abbey.org.uk/google/>