

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.
- **Good Friday Witness** team is looking for volunteers to support with the stewarding. Please contact Simon, Hope in Bedfordshire Coordinator on simon.mushonga@threeriversbedford.uk if you can help!
- **Easter Monday Pilgrimage** – St Albans Abbey from 1pm, service at 3pm
- **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 April 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.....
- **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*



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

We extend a warm welcome to everyone today

Sunday 20th March 2016
Sixth Sunday of Lent
Palm Sunday

9am	Choir Practise
10am	Family Communion (RC) & Sunday School
11:20am	Mattins (RC)
1.00pm	Baptism of Amy Sneddon
6:30pm	Evensong (Stella Brooks)

Collect for 20.03.16

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 made 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.

Amen

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

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<https://www.facebook.com/ElstowAbbey>

Diary for the week

Monday	10.00am	Mothers and Toddlers
21st	2.30pm	Prayer Group
	7.30pm	Holy Week meditation (DW)
Tuesday	6.30pm	NO Youth Group
22nd	7.30pm	Stations of the Cross – St Michael's
Wednesday	11.00am	Coffee and Soup in the vestry
23rd	2.00pm	Benefice Bible Study
	7.30pm	Compline – St Mary's, Cardington
Thursday	7.30pm	Maundy Thursday Holy Communion (MB)
24th		

Collect for Maundy Thursday

God our Father, your Son Jesus Christ was obedient to the end and drank the cup prepared for him: may we who share his table watch with him through the night of suffering and be faithful. Amen

Friday	10.00am	Good Friday Worship (TH/JEH)
25 th	11.20am	Last Hour (group)
	12.30pm	Soup Lunch

Collect for Good Friday

Eternal God, in the cross of Jesus we see the cost of our sin and the depth of your love: in humble hope and fear may we place at his feet all that we have and all that we are, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Saturday	10am	Decorating the Church for Easter
26th	4.00pm	Easter Messy Church
	7.30pm	First Light of Easter (JEH)

Sunday 27.03.16

Easter Day

10.30am	Easter Communion with Sunday School
6.30pm	Evensong, Holy Communion and laying on of hands for Healing (SS)

Collect for 27.03.16

Easter Day

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.

Amen

Monday	10am	NO Mothers and Toddlers
28th	2.30pm	Prayer Group
	3.00pm	Easter Monday Pilgrimage Service at St Albans Abbey
Tuesday	6.30pm	NO Youth Group
29th		
Wednesday	11.00am	Coffee and soup
30th	2.00pm	Benefice Bible Study
Thursday	11.00am	Holy Communion
31st		
Friday	7.00pm	May Festival meeting – Moot Hall Green
1 st April	8.00pm	Bell Ringing

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/>