



Dear Parishioners

It has been a very busy summer at the Abbey, celebrating some 18 Weddings and 25 Baptisms, welcoming 60 children to our annual holiday club and welcoming many visitors. Our thoughts are now turning towards Christmas as we plan our special Services and activities for all members of our community.

## Regular events at the Abbey

Sunday worship	10am	Family communion Service with Sunday school (Choir practice at 9am)
	11.15am	Informal Worship service on 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month
	6.30pm	Morning Prayer
Monday	10am	Mothers and Toddlers
	2.30pm	Prayer Group
Tuesday	3.45pm	Tuesday club – St Michaels' Faldo Road
	6.30pm	Elstow Youth group for school years 4 – 9
Wednesday	11.00am	Coffee and Soup
	2.00pm	Benefice Bible Study (St Mary's Cardington)
Thursday	11am	Holy Communion (often followed by lunch in the Red Lion)
	7.00pm	London Road Youth Club – London Road Methodist Church
Friday	8pm	Bell Ringing

## Contacts

If we can help you in any way please contact our Church Wardens

Tracey Hinson and Steve McDonald [abbeyelstow@gmail.com](mailto:abbeyelstow@gmail.com)

For Weddings/Baptisms	John and Tracey Hinson	01234 406061
For Funerals and churchyard queries	Steve McDonald	01525 716773
For access/guided tours	Bill and Joyce	Elstow Tea Gardens

## Autumn/Winter Events at the Abbey 2015

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October –10am** Decorating the Church for Harvest

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October –4pm** Harvest Messy Church

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October – HARVEST FESTIVAL 10am, 11.20 and 6.30pm**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November –6.30pm** Annual Service to remember loved ones

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November –** Parish Community Bonfire Night

All Welcome! Please bring a Firework if you are able! Refreshments available

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November 10.55am–** Remembrance day

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November – ELSTOW ABBEY CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Christingle Service 3.30pm** All proceeds to support the Children's Society

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December –** Decorating the church for Christmas

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December – HOLIDAY AT HOME CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

We would like to invite all Senior Citizens of our Parish to join us for Christmas Dinner served in the Church

Tickets £7.00 from The Church, Bill and Joyce (Elstow Tea Gardens) or Barbara Routledge

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December –** Festival of 9 lessons and Carols

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December – 2pm and 4pm CRIB SERVICES**

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December – 11.30 Midnight Communion**

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December –** Celebration Service for Christmas Day

### Christmas Lights

Last year some very generous villagers sponsored the lights on the Church Bell tower during advent. We would like to be able to light up the church this year and also illuminate a Christmas tree by the Bell Tower. If you would like to help, perhaps making a donation in memory of a loved one please contact John and Tracey Hinson or Steve McDonald

Further information on all of these events can be obtained from our church website [www.elstow-abbey.org.uk](http://www.elstow-abbey.org.uk)

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*We look forward to seeing you at the Abbey at our church services or one of our special events.  
If you would like to find out more or have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to get in touch.*