

Next Sunday 26 March (Lent 5, Passion Sunday)

9.30am Longney: Storyteller Holy Communion

11.00 Hardwicke: Holy Communion

4pm Elmore: Evening worship

Readings: Ezekiel 37: 1-14, John 11: 1-7, 17-45

**PRAYERS PLEASE... for PEACE in Ukraine, South Sudan, West Bank, Haiti, , Burkino-Faso, Yemen AND in our Industries and public services
...Thank God for grain shipments resuming from Ukraine, and a peace agreement between Eritrea and Ethiopia.**

...for the sick and struggling: Lesley, Chris and Pam, Sean, Michelle K, Hilarie, Louie, Karen and Keith, Sharon, Sue, Nick, Vicky, Sheryl, Derek, Peter, Julie, Gail.

.....for the family and friends of Valerie Williams, Tim Longney, Jane Attwooll, Gerald Hayward, Steve Dunlin

.....for Longney and Hardwicke PCCs' re-ordering plans, Elmore's organ and Hardwicke's bells.

.....for Jane Edwards in Mozambique. Her latest prayer letter is at [0223-Edwards.pdf \(bmsworldmission.org\)](https://www.bmsworldmission.org/0223-Edwards.pdf)

.....for Tim Fletcher Pioneer "Sportily" Minister, working on Hunts Grove.

Please use the Benefice Prayer diary. It is on our website

Advance Notices

Dates of APCMs

Elmore: Sunday 16 April, 1030,

Longney Sunday 23 April 1030

Hardwicke Sunday 7 May, 12noon

Benefice service 30 April.

This will be at 11am at Hardwicke. It will be an "Easter Songs of Praise", where people choose their favourite Easter hymn and speak briefly about why they have chosen it. Lists will appear in each Church in the next week or so for people to offer their suggestions.

Leading intercessions – could this be for you?

We would like to expand our team of people willing to lead our intercessions. Could God be calling you to this ministry? There will be an introduction and training session at Elmore Church on Saturday 15 April, 3-4.30pm. If you already lead intercessions and would like a refresher, you'd be very welcome too!

Benefice of Hardwicke and Elmore with Longney

www.hardwicke-elmore-longney.church

Priest-in-Charge Rev Richard Martin 01452 720015

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Assistant Priest Revd George Parfitt

Licensed Readers Pat Buckland, Judy Cheshire and Mike Williams

Authorised Leaders of Worship: Neil Hollis and Doff Stone.

TODAY Sunday 19 March (Lent 4, Mothering Sunday)

9.30am Elmore: Holy Communion

11.00 Hardwicke School: All-age worship

Readings: Colossians 3: 12-17, Luke 2: 33-35

Week beginning 19 March

Mon 20th, 11am, at Church House, Cornfield Drive: Lent group

Wed 15th, Hardwicke 9.30am Holy Communion

Lent group – "enriching our prayer life"

Mondays 11am, sometimes followed by a light lunch. All welcome!

Holy Week services and events

Palm Sunday 2 April: 9.30am at Elmore, 11am at Hardwicke: Holy Communion

3pm at Hunts Grove school: Messy Church

Monday 3 April, 7.30pm at Hardwicke – Compline

Tues 4 April, 7.30pm at Longney - Compline

Wed 5th April: 9.30am Holy communion,

7.30pm Taize worship (both at Hardwicke)

Maundy Thursday 6th April: 7.30pm Agape meal (Hardwicke),

approx 8.45pm short Agape meal (Longney)

Good Friday 7th April: 11am-12noon Creating Easter garden with childrens' activities (Hardwicke), 2-3pm "The last hour at the cross" (Hardwicke"), 6.30pm "The way of the cross - a Passiontide sequence" (Longney)

Easter Day: 6.15am Dawn service (Hardwicke), 9.30am Holy Communion (Longney), 11am Holy Communion (Hardwicke), 4pm Evening worship (Elmore).

The Collect for 19 March, Mothering Sunday

God of love,
passionate and strong,
tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings for 19 March

Colossians 3: 12-17

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Luke 2: 33-35

When Jesus was taken into the temple at Jerusalem, the child's father and mother marvelled at what was said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: 'This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, ³⁵ so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.'