

Next Sunday 7 May (EASTER 5)

9.30 Elmore: Holy Communion

11.00 Hardwicke: Simply Worship Holy Communion, followed by APCM

Readings: Acts 7: 55-end, John 14: 1-14

1.30pm Hardwicke: Baptism

3pm Elmore Wedding rehearsal

PRAYERS PLEASE... for PEACE in Ukraine, South Sudan, West Bank, Haiti, Burkino-Faso, AND in our Industries and public services

..... for all refugees and asylum seekers

...Thank God for diplomatic relations resuming between Iran and Saudi Arabia and the hope of a ceasefire at last in Yemen.

...for the sick and struggling: Chris and Pam, Sean, Karen and Keith, Nick Julie, Gail, Margaret, Derek, Pat

.....for the family and friends of Steve Dunlin, Jeanne Pocket, Joyce Woodward, Gordon Hunt, Christine Cooper, Janice Williams, Clarice Buckland, Pam (Claire's mother), Peter Moncrieff.

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

..... For Headteacher appointments at Longney and Hardwicke schools

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

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

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

Dates of APCMs

Hardwicke Sunday 7 May, 12noon

Benefice of Hardwicke and Elmore with Longney

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Licenced Readers Pat Buckland, Judy Cheshire and Mike Williams

Authorised Leaders of Worship: Neil Hollis and Doff Stone.

TODAY **Sunday 30 April (EASTER 4)**

Benefice service 11am at Hardwicke. "Easter Songs of Praise"

Week beginning 30 April

Tues 2 May: 7.30pm Elmore PCC venue tba

Wed 3rd 9.30am Hardwicke: Holy Communion

10.30am Toddlers' praise and play

Thurs 4th 1pm Elmore: wedding

Sat 6th 2pm Elmore: Wedding

The Collect for 30 April, Easter 4

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Readings for 30 April

Acts 2: 42-end

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

John 10: 1-10

'Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognise a stranger's voice.' ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

⁷ Therefore Jesus said again, 'Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸ All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. ⁹ I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. ¹⁰ They will come in and go out, and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.