

Next Sunday 21 May (EASTER 7)

9.30 Elmore: Holy Communion

11.00 Hardwicke School: All-Age worship

Readings: Acts 1: 6-14, John 17: 1-11

3pm Licensing of Rev James Mjue, St Paul and St Stephen's

PRAYERS PLEASE... for PEACE in Ukraine, 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, David Hodgson

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

..... For new Headteachers, Heather and Sharon, from September respectively at
Longney and Hardwicke schools

.....*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

This is Christian Aid week

There are so many needs in our world. Of course there is poverty here – the numbers needing to use Foodbanks has risen dramatically. But there are, just to give one example, people living in tents in Turkey and Syria following the earthquake, and they could be there for years. Please open your heart and your bank account to people in need overseas, by supporting Christian Aid in whatever way you can. Thank you.

Benefice of Hardwicke and Elmore with Longney

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TODAY Sunday 14 May (EASTER 6)

9.30 Longney: Holy Communion

11.00 Hardwicke: Holy Communion

4pm Elmore Evensong BCP (Psalm 66: 7-end)

Readings: Acts 17: 22-31, John 14: 15-21

1.30pm Hardwicke: Baptism

3pm Elmore Wedding rehearsal

Week beginning 14 May

Wed 17th **kept as Ascension Day** 9.30am Hardwicke: Holy Communion

4pm Elmore: Wedding Blessing rehearsal

Thurs 18th, 1.30pm Elmore, Wedding Blessing

6.15pm Deanery Eucharist and Social at Coney Hill

Fri 19th 1pm Christian Aid service at St Mary de Crypt

7.30pm Elmore, wedding rehearsal

Sat 20th 1030-1230 Hardwicke, Christian Aid coffee morning

2pm Elmore: Wedding

7pm Christian Aid concert at St Barnabas Stroud Road

The Collect for 14 May, Easter 6

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us
to eternal joy;
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.

Readings for 14 May

Acts 17: 22-31

Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said:
'People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very
religious. ²³ For as I walked around and looked carefully at your
objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN
UNKNOWN GOD. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship –
and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

²⁴ 'The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of
heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human
hands. ²⁵ And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed
anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and
everything else. ²⁶ From one man he made all the nations, that they
should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed
times in history and the boundaries of their lands. ²⁷ God did this so
that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find
him, though he is not far from any one of us. ²⁸ "For in him we live

and move and have our being."^[a] As some of your own poets have
said, "We are his offspring."^[a]

²⁹ 'Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that
the divine being is like gold or silver or stone – an image made by
human design and skill. ³⁰ In the past God overlooked such
ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to
repent. ³¹ For he has set a day when he will judge the world with
justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to
everyone by raising him from the dead.'

John 14: 15-21

Jesus promises the Holy Spirit

¹⁵ 'If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father,
and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you
for ever – ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because
it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives
with you and will be^[a] in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will
come to you. ¹⁹ Before long, the world will not see me any more, but
you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you
will realise that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in
you. ²¹ Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who
loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too
will love them and show myself to them.'