

Next Sunday 28 May (PENTECOST)

9.30 Longney: Storyteller Holy Communion
11.00 Hardwicke: Holy Communion
1pm Hardwicke: Baptism
3pm Hunts Grove school – Messy Church
4pm Elmore: Evening worship
Readings: Acts 2: 1-21, John 20: 19-23

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 [0423-](#)

[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

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 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

Week beginning 21 May

Wed 24th 9.30am Hardwicke: Holy Communion

5.30pm Elmore: wedding rehearsal

7.30pm Longney PCC

Thurs 25th, 10am Open the Book planning meeting

1.30pm Elmore, Wedding

Sat 20th 10-12noon Elmore Church and grounds clean up.

The Collect for 21 May, Easter 7

O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Readings for 21 May

Acts 1: 6-14

The apostles gathered round Jesus and asked him, 'Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?'

⁷ He said to them: 'It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'

⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹ 'Men of Galilee,' they said, 'why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.'

John 17: 1-11

Jesus looked towards heaven and prayed:

'Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. ² For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. ³ Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴ I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. ⁵ And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

⁶ 'I have revealed you^(a) to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. ⁸ For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. ⁹ I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰ All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. ¹¹ I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of^(b) your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one.