

Next 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

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, David Hodgson

.....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

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TODAY 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

Week beginning 7 May

Tues 9 May, 12noon, Hardwicke, funeral of Peter Moncrieff

Wed 10th 9.30am Hardwicke: Holy Communion

Thurs 11th, 2pm service at the Lawns

Fri 12th 1030-1pm Elmore: Franciscan meeting

1230 Hardwicke: Wedding

Sat 13th 1.30pm Elmore: Wedding

The Collect for 7 May, Easter 5

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us
 you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings for 7 May

Acts 7: 55-end

Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ 'Look,' he said, 'I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.'

⁵⁷ At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, ⁵⁸ dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul.

⁵⁹ While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' ⁶⁰ Then he fell on his knees and cried out, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he fell asleep.

John 14: 1-14

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God^[a]; believe also in me. ² My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴ You know the way to the place where I am going.

⁵ Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?'

⁶ Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you really know me, you will know^[b] my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.'

⁸ Philip said, 'Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.'

⁹ Jesus answered: 'Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? ¹⁰ Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. ¹¹ Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.