

YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE... for PEACE in Palestine and Israel, Ukraine, Sudan, Haiti, Yemen, Ecuador, the Sahel region.

..... for all refugees and asylum seekers, and those kidnapped or taken hostage.

...Thank God for diplomats and peace-keepers

...**for the sick and struggling**: Chris and Pam, Sean, Lesley, Tina, Beryl, Mair, Marion, Philippa, Pauline

.....**for the family and friends of** Laura, Nicolas, Sue, Hugh, Dennis, Colin, Gail.

.....for Longney's re-ordering, Hardwicke's plans, Elmore's organ replacement.

..... For staff and pupils at Longney, Hardwicke and Hunts Grove schools

.....*for Jane Edwards in Mozambique. Her latest prayer letter is here:*

[1223-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

Refugees and Asylum seekers

Many of these folk are being granted leave to remain and are leaving hotels. They often have nowhere to go. **You can help** by offering a spare room in your home on a short-term basis (say 3 months). You will receive payment from Gloucestershire CC. For more details please email hfr@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday 14 February.

There will be a service of holy Communion with ashing at Hardwicke at 9.30am

Lent groups will meet at Church House on Wednesdays 7.30pm and Thursdays 3pm

Dates of APCMs

Hardwicke 14 April 12noon

Elmore 21 April 1030am

Longney 28 April 1030am

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 4 February (2nd before Lent)

9.30am Elmore Holy Communion

11am Hardwicke: Simply Worship Holy Communion

Readings: Proverbs 8: 1. 22-31, John 1: 1-14

Week beginning 4 February

Mon 5th 7.30pm Church House Ministry Team and wardens' meeting

Wed 7th 9.30am Hardwicke: Holy Communion

10.30 Hardwicke: Pre-schoolers' play and praise

Thurs 8 Feb: 5pm Elmore: Wedding rehearsal

Fri 9th: 1pm Elmore: Wedding

Next Sunday 11 February (next before Lent)

9.30am Longney Holy Communion

11am Hardwicke: Holy Communion

Readings 2 Kings 2: 1-12, Mark 9: 2-9

4pm Elmore Evening Worship "A celebration of love"

Reading 1 John 3: 16-20

Collect for 2nd Sunday before Lent

Almighty God,
give us reverence for all creation
and respect for every person,
that we may mirror your likeness
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings for 2nd Sunday before Lent

Proverbs 8: 1. 22-31

Does not wisdom call out?

Does not understanding raise her voice?

'The LORD brought me forth as the first of his works,^{[c][d]}
before his deeds of old;

²³ I was formed long ages ago,
at the very beginning, when the world came to be.

²⁴ When there were no watery depths, I was given birth,
when there were no springs overflowing with water;

²⁵ before the mountains were settled in place,
before the hills, I was given birth,

²⁶ before he made the world or its fields
or any of the dust of the earth.

²⁷ I was there when he set the heavens in place,
when he marked out the horizon on the face of the deep,

²⁸ when he established the clouds above
and fixed securely the fountains of the deep,

²⁹ when he gave the sea its boundary
so that the waters would not overstep his command,
and when he marked out the foundations of the earth.

³⁰ Then I was constantly^[e] at his side.

I was filled with delight day after day,
rejoicing always in his presence,

³¹ rejoicing in his whole world
and delighting in the human race.

John 1: 1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome^[a] it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. ⁸ He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

⁹ The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognise him. ¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God – ¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.