

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

..... for all refugees and asylum seekers, those kidnapped and hostages.

...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** Hugh, Dennis, Colin, Gail, Irene, Pauline

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

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

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

<https://janeinmozambique.wordpress.com/2024/01/28/we-buy-used-car-batteries/>

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

Please use the newly revised Benefice Prayer diary. It is on our website and paper copies are available in each Church

Refugees and Asylum seekers

Many of these folk are being granted leave to remain and are leaving hotels. **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

Holy Week services – for your diary!

Mon 25 March, 8pm Hardwicke: Compline

Tues 26th, 8pm Longney: Compline

Wed 27th, 7.30pm Hardwicke: Taize worship

Thurs 28th, 7.30pm Harwicke: Agape meal

Good Friday 29th 2pm Hardwicke "An hour at the cross"

6.30pm Elmore Reflective music and Readings

Easter Day 31st (nb clocks go forward today!)

6am Robins Wood Hill: Deanery Dawn service

9.30am Longney Holy Communion

11.00 Hardwicke: Holy Communion

4pm Elmore, Evening Worship

Benefice of

Hardwicke and Elmore with Longney

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Priest-in-Charge Rev Richard Martin 01452 720015

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Assistant Priest Revd George Parfitt

Licenced Readers Pat Buckland, Judy Cheshire and Mike Williams

Authorised Leaders of Worship: Neil Hollis and Doff Stone.

Today Sunday 10 March (Lent 4, Mothering Sunday)

9.30am Longney Holy Communion

11am Hardwicke Holy Communion

4pm Elmore Evensong (Psalm 34: 11-20)

Readings: Exodus 2: 1-10, Luke 2: 33-35

Week beginning 10 March

Monday 11th, 7.30pm Church House: Hardwicke PCC

Wednesday 13th 9.30am Hardwicke: Holy Communion

10.30 Toddlers play and praise

6.30pm Hardwicke: Brownies Easter badge

8pm Lent group, Church House: "What is marriage?"

Thurs 14th: 3pm Lent Group, Church House, "Why do we pray for others"

Sat 16th, 1030-1230, Hardwicke: Coffee Morning

6.30pm Elmore: Chamber music concert

Next Sunday 17 March (Lent 5, Passion Sunday)

9.30am Elmore Holy Communion

11am Hardwicke School All-age worship (Mothering Sunday theme)

Readings at Elmore Jeremiah 31: 31-34, John 12: 20-33

Dates of APCMs

Hardwicke 14 April 12noon,

Elmore 21 April 1030am

Longney 28 April 1030am

Collect for Lent 4

God of love,
passionate and strong,
tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings for Mothering Sunday

Exodus 2: 1-10

Now a man of the tribe of Levi married a Levite woman, ²and she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him for three months. ³But when she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket^[a] for him and coated it with tar and pitch. Then she placed the child in it and put it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile. ⁴His sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him.

⁵Then Pharaoh's daughter went down to the Nile to bathe, and her attendants were walking along the river-bank. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her female slave to get it. ⁶She opened it and saw the baby. He was crying, and she felt sorry for him. 'This is one of the Hebrew babies,' she said.

⁷Then his sister asked Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?'

⁸'Yes, go,' she answered. So the girl went and got the baby's mother. ⁹Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this baby and nurse him for me, and I will pay you.' So the woman took the baby and nursed him. ¹⁰When the child grew older, she took him to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son. She named him Moses,^[b] saying, 'I drew him out of the water.'

Luke 2: 33-35

The child's father and mother marvelled at what was said about him. ³⁴Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: 'This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, ³⁵so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

Psalm 34: 11-20

Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

¹²What man is he that desireth life, and loveth many days, that he may see good?

¹³Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.

¹⁴Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

¹⁵The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous
and his ears are open unto their cry.

¹⁶The face of the LORD is against them that do evil,
to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

¹⁷The righteous cry, and the LORD heareth,
and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

¹⁸The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart;
and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

¹⁹Many are the afflictions of the righteous
but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.

²⁰He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken.

BUY YOUR TICKETS WHILE STOCKS LAST.....

Elmore Chamber Music Festival spring taster concert: Saturday 16
March, 6.30pm at Elmore Church. Booking via ECMF website

Ukulele evening: Friday 22 March, 7pm at Hardwicke Church, £5 adults,
£2.50 children, tickets available in Church or on the night.