

**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** Gail, Irene, Pauline, Diana, Rosie, Graham

.....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](mailto:hfr@gloucestershire.gov.uk)

#### Holy Week services – for your diary!

Mon 25 March, 8pm Hardwicke: Compline

Tues 26<sup>th</sup>, 8pm Longney: Compline

Wed 27<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm Hardwicke: Taize worship

Thurs 28<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm Harwicke: Agape meal

Good Friday 29<sup>th</sup> 2pm Hardwicke "An hour at the cross"

6.30pm Elmore Reflective music and Readings

Easter Day 31<sup>st</sup> (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**

[www.hardwicke-elmore-longney.church](http://www.hardwicke-elmore-longney.church)

**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 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

#### Week beginning 17 March

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> **9.30am Hardwicke: NO Holy Communion**

10.30 St Nicholas Court, Holy Communion

7.30pm Church House Barn, Longney PCC

Thurs 21<sup>st</sup>: 3pm Lent Group, Church House,

"Why did Jesus die on the cross?"

Fri 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7pm Hardwicke: Ukulele evening.

Sat 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10-12am, Hunts Grove school: Coffee and Easter Activity morning

#### **Next Sunday 24 March (Lent 6, Palm Sunday)**

9.30am Longney, Storyteller Holy Communion

11am Hardwicke Holy Communion

4pm Elmore, Evening worship

Readings: Mark 11:1-11, Mark 15: 1-39 (dramatized)

#### Dates of APCMs

Hardwicke 14 April 12noon,

Elmore 21 April 1030am

Longney 28 April 1030am

## Collect for Lent 5

Gracious Father,  
you gave up your Son  
out of love for the world:  
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,  
that we may know eternal peace  
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Readings for Lent 5, Passion Sunday

### Jeremiah 31: 31-34

'The days are coming,' declares the LORD,  
'when I will make a new covenant  
with the people of Israel  
and with the people of Judah.

<sup>32</sup> It will not be like the covenant  
I made with their ancestors  
when I took them by the hand  
to lead them out of Egypt,  
because they broke my covenant,  
though I was a husband to<sup>[a]</sup> them,<sup>[b]</sup>  
declares the LORD.

<sup>33</sup> 'This is the covenant that I will make with the people of Israel  
after that time,' declares the LORD.

'I will put my law in their minds  
and write it on their hearts.  
I will be their God,  
and they will be my people.

<sup>34</sup> No longer will they teach their neighbour,  
or say to one another, "Know the LORD,"  
because they will all know me,  
from the least of them to the greatest,'  
declares the LORD.

'For I will forgive their wickedness  
and will remember their sins no more.'

### John 12: 20-33

Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. <sup>21</sup> They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. 'Sir,' they said, 'we would like to see Jesus.' <sup>22</sup> Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus.

<sup>23</sup> Jesus replied, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup> Very truly I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. <sup>25</sup> Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup> Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honour the one who serves me.

<sup>27</sup> 'Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? "Father, save me from this hour"? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. <sup>28</sup> Father, glorify your name!'

Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and will glorify it again.' <sup>29</sup> The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.

<sup>30</sup> Jesus said, 'This voice was for your benefit, not mine. <sup>31</sup> Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup> And I, when I am lifted up<sup>[a]</sup> from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' <sup>33</sup> He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

## BUY YOUR TICKETS WHILE STOCKS LAST.....

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