

**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, Becci, Jess, Claire and John (x2).

.....**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 prayer letter is here:-** [0224-Edwards.pdf \(bmsworldmission.org\)](https://www.bmsworldmission.org/0224-Edwards.pdf)

.....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**

Dates of APCMs

Hardwicke 14 April 12noon, Elmore 21 April 1030am, Longney 28 April 1030am



## Benefice of

## Hardwicke and Elmore with Longney

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*Please take this sheet away with you*

**Today Sunday 31 March, EASTER SUNDAY, ALLELUIA!**

**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

Readings, Acts 10: 34-43, Mark 16: 1-8

**Week beginning 31 March**

Wed 3 April, 9.30am Hardwicke, Holy Communion

**Sunday 7 April, EASTER 2**

9.30am Elmore Holy Communion

11.00 Hardwicke: Simply worship Holy Communion

Readings, Acts 4 32-35, John 20: 19-end

**Week beginning 7 April**

Mon 8<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm Church House, ministry team and Wardens' meeting

Wed 10<sup>th</sup>, 9.30am Hardwicke, Holy Communion

Thurs 11<sup>th</sup>, Elmore, 1pm Wedding

2pm service at the Lawns

**Sunday 14 April, Easter 3**

9.30am Longney, Holy Communion

11.00 Hardwicke, Holy Communion followed by APCM

4pm Elmore, Evensong

Readings Acts 3: 12-19. Luke 24: 36b-48

### **Collect for Easter Sunday**

God of glory, by the raising of your Son  
you have broken the chains of death and hell:  
fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned  
and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

### **Readings for Easter Sunday**

#### Acts 10: 34-43

Then Peter began to speak: 'I now realise how true it is that God does not show favouritism <sup>35</sup> but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. <sup>36</sup> You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached – <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

<sup>39</sup> 'We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, <sup>40</sup> but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. <sup>41</sup> He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen – by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

#### Mark 16: 1-8

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. <sup>2</sup> Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb <sup>3</sup> and they asked each other, 'Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?' <sup>4</sup> But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. <sup>5</sup>

As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup> 'Don't be alarmed,' he said. 'You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. <sup>7</sup> But go, tell his disciples and Peter, "He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you."'<sup>8</sup> Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

### **Collect for Easter 2**

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:  
open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others  
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father.

### **Readings for Easter 2**

#### Acts 4 32-35

All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. <sup>33</sup> With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all <sup>34</sup> that there was no needy person among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales <sup>35</sup> and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

#### John 20: 19-end

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Again Jesus said, 'Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.' <sup>22</sup> And with that he breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.'

<sup>24</sup> Now Thomas (also known as Didymus<sup>Ⓜ</sup>), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord!' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.'

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.'<sup>28</sup> Thomas said to him, 'My Lord and my God!' <sup>29</sup> Then Jesus told him, 'Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.'

<sup>30</sup> Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written that you may believe<sup>Ⓜ</sup> that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.