

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

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

...for the sick and struggling: Chris and Pam, Tina, Marion, Jade, Becci, Sue, Claire, Eve, Jessica, Jane, Carrie, Julie and Trevor, Karen, Karie and Lucas, Lesley, Denise.

.....for the family and friends of Verna, Peter, Nigel.

.....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:-

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

Benefice Prayer diary is on our website. Paper copies are in each Church

Gloucester Foodbank is running out of food and toiletries. Thank you to all the people who donate items or money. If every donor bought just one extra item for us, when shopping, it would make a big difference.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- **Line Dance:** Hardwicke school, Friday 18 October, 7-9.30pm. Adults £5, children £2.
- **Annual Memorial services.** These will be held at Elmore on Sunday 27 October (4pm) and Hardwicke on Sunday 3 November, (4pm) Invitations have been sent to the families of all those whose funerals or interments we have conducted this year. All are welcome however, to remember any loved one, from however long ago. Do invite your neighbours too!
 - **Welcome to Rev'd Duncan Hutchison!**
- **Duncan is a self-supporting priest who has kindly accepted the Bishops' invitation to be seconded to our Benefice for 12 months, starting in November. We warmly welcome him to our ministry team and pray God's blessing on him as he ministers among us. His family will continue to worship at Hucclecote.**

Benefice of

Hardwicke and Elmore with Longney

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Assistant Priests Revd George Parfitt (currently on Sabbatical)

Rev'd Duncan Hutchison, on secondment from Hucclecote

Licenced Readers Pat Buckland, Judy Cheshire and Mike Williams

Authorised Leaders of Worship: Neil Hollis and Doff Stone.

Pioneer Sports Minister: Tim Fletcher

Please take this sheet away with you

Today Sunday 13 October, Trinity 20

9.30am Longney: Holy Communion

11.00 Hardwicke: Holy Communion

4pm Elmore Evensong (Psalm 90: 12-end)

Readings Amos 5: 6-7, 10-15, Mark 10: 17-31

Week beginning 13 October

Tuesday 15th: 11am Longney: funeral

7pm Deanery Parish share meeting, Tuffley

8pm, Hunts Grove school: Youth Alpha course begins

Wednesday 16th 9.30am NO Hardwicke, Holy Communion

Instead, at St Nicholas' Court

7.30pm Lord's Meade, Longney PCC

Riday 18th, 7pm, Hardwicke school, Line Dance

Saturday 19th: 1pm Elmore, Baptism

Next Sunday 20 October, Trinity 21

9.30am Elmore: Holy Communion (preacher and celebrant Rev Mark Watson)

11.00 Hardwicke school: "Meeting God in Hardwicke"

Isaiah 53: 4-end, Mark 10: 35-45

Collect for Trinity 20

God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church:
by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ
and make us eager to do your will,
that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings

Amos 5: 6-7, 10-15

Seek the Lord and live, or he will sweep through the tribes of Joseph like a fire;
it will devour them, and Bethel will have no one to quench it.

⁷ There are those who turn justice into bitterness
and cast righteousness to the ground.

There are those who hate the one who upholds justice in court
and detest the one who tells the truth.

¹¹ You levy a straw tax on the poor and impose a tax on their grain.
Therefore, though you have built stone mansions, you will not live in them;
though you have planted lush vineyards, you will not drink their wine.

¹² For I know how many are your offences and how great your sins.
There are those who oppress the innocent and take bribes
and deprive the poor of justice in the courts.

¹³ Therefore the prudent keep quiet in such times, for the times are evil.

¹⁴ Seek good, not evil, that you may live.

Then the Lord God Almighty will be with you, just as you say he is.

¹⁵ Hate evil, love good; maintain justice in the courts.

Perhaps the Lord God Almighty will have mercy on the remnant of Joseph.

Mark 10: 17-31

As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. 'Good teacher,' he asked, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?'

¹⁸ 'Why do you call me good?' Jesus answered. 'No one is good – except God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: "You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honour your father and mother." ^[a]'

²⁰ 'Teacher,' he declared, 'all these I have kept since I was a boy.'

²¹ Jesus looked at him and loved him. 'One thing you lack,' he said. 'Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.'

²² At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.

²³ Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!'

²⁴ The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, 'Children, how hard it is ^[b] to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.'

²⁶ The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, 'Who then can be saved?' ²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, 'With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.'

²⁸ Then Peter spoke up, 'We have left everything to follow you!'

²⁹ 'Truly I tell you,' Jesus replied, 'no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel ³⁰ will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields – along with persecutions – and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹ But many who are first will be last, and the last first.'

Psalm (at Elmore) 90: 12-end

¹² So teach *us* to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

¹³ Return, O Lord! How long? And have compassion on Your servants.

¹⁴ Oh, satisfy us early with Your mercy,
That we may rejoice and be glad all our days!

¹⁵ Make us glad according to the days *in which* You have afflicted us,
The years *in which* we have seen evil.

¹⁶ Let Your work appear to Your servants, And Your glory to their children.

¹⁷ And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us,
And establish the work of our hands for us;
Yes, establish the work of our hands.