

**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.

**.....for the family and friends of** Graham, Mike, Robert, Verna, Peter.

.....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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**PLEASE READ IT AS IT CONTAINS IMPORTANT NEWS**

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

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

**YOUR ACTION PLEASE:-** 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.

**We will be accepting donations TINS OF SOUP, PLEASE! at our Harvest service (Elmore 6 October) and in the week following (box in porch).**

**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!

## **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 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 6 October, Trinity 19**

9.30am Elmore: Holy Communion HARVEST FESTIVAL

Readings: Isaiah 28: 24-29, Mark 4: 27-29

11.00 Hardwicke: Simply Worship Holy Communion

Readings at Hardwicke: Genesis 2: 18-24, Mark 10: 2-16

### **Week beginning 6 October**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup>, Longney 2.30pm: school Harvest Festival

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>: 8pm, Hunts Grove school: Youth Alpha course begins

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Hardwicke, Holy Communion

7.30pm Church House: Benefice housegroup

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>: 1.30pm Hardwicke: school visit

7.30pm Church house: Parish share meeting

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>: 10-12 noon, Hunts Grove school, Community Breakfast

1030-1400, Hardwicke Church, Coffee morning

(new and pre-loved Christmas decorations etc)

1900 Elmore village Hall: Harvest supper.

### **Next 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

## **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.

### **A Message from George**

*'Both Beryl and I are overwhelmed with thanks for all who were able to come and support us last Sunday. For the friendship and many words of encouragement. Also many, many thanks for all the kind gifts and the team efforts re the lunch.'* Beryl and George

### **Collect for Trinity 19**

O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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**

#### **Genesis 2: 18-24**

The Lord God said, 'It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.'

<sup>19</sup> Now the Lord God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup> So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals.

But for Adam<sup>[a]</sup> no suitable helper was found. <sup>21</sup> So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs<sup>[b]</sup> and then

closed up the place with flesh. <sup>22</sup> Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib<sup>[c]</sup> he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

<sup>23</sup> The man said, 'This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called "woman", for she was taken out of man.'

<sup>24</sup> That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

#### **Mark 10: 2-16**

Some Pharisees came and tested him by asking, 'Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?'

<sup>3</sup> 'What did Moses command you?' he replied. <sup>4</sup> They said, 'Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away.'

<sup>5</sup> 'It was because your hearts were hard that Moses wrote you this law,' Jesus replied. <sup>6</sup> 'But at the beginning of creation God "made them male and female" <sup>7</sup> "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, <sup>8</sup> and the two will become one flesh." So they are no longer two, but one flesh. <sup>9</sup> Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.'

<sup>10</sup> When they were in the house again, the disciples asked Jesus about this. <sup>11</sup> He answered, 'Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her. <sup>12</sup> And if she divorces her husband and marries another man, she commits adultery.'

<sup>13</sup> People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them.

<sup>14</sup> When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. <sup>15</sup> Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' <sup>16</sup> And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.