

**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, Claire, Eve, Jessica, Karen and Keith, Carrie, Joyce, Katie and Lucas, Lesley, Denise, Mike, Steve, Sean, Eric, Dee, Jen

**.....for the family and friends of** Nigel, Mike, Eleanor, Phil, Max

.....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.

**GIVE THANKS for Longney's re-ordering and new Church heating – NOW COMPLETED!**

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: Christmas Services

Sun 15 Dec, 4pm Hunts Grove school, community carols

(3.30pm Christingle making)

6.30pm Longney 9 Lessons and Carols

Thurs 19 Dec, 7.30pm, Hardwicke Carol service

Sun 22 Dec 9.30am Longney Crib and Christingle (not Holy Communion)

Christmas Eve

4pm Hardwicke: Crib service

11.15pm Elmore Midnight Mass

11.15pm Hardwicke Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

9.30am Longney Storyteller Holy Communion

11.00 Hardwicke Informal Holy Communion

Sunday 29 Dec, 1030 Longney: Benefice New Year service

**Please pray for all who were abused by John Smyth**

If you or anyone you are in contact with are affected by the publication of the Makin report and want to talk to someone independently please call the Safe Spaces helpline on 0300 303 1056 or visit [safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk](http://safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk). Alternatively, you may wish to contact the [diocesan safeguarding team](#) or the National Safeguarding Team at [gro.dnalgnefohcruhcg@gnidraugefas](mailto:gro.dnalgnefohcruhcg@gnidraugefas)

## **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

**Licensed 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 1 December, Advent Sunday, Lectionary Year C begins**

*This year we will be using the Epistle and Gospel readings set for each Sunday*

9.30am Elmore: Holy Communion

11.00 Hardwicke: Simply Worship Holy Communion

Readings: 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-end, Luke 21: 25-36

Week beginning 1 December

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7.30pm Church House: Ministry Team

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Hardwicke, Holy Communion,

10.30am Hardwicke: Toddlers' play and praise

6.30pm Longney: Elmore Guides carols service

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>, 1030-1230 Hardwicke: Coffee morning

**Next Sunday 8 December, Advent 2**

9.30am Longney: Holy Communion

11.00 Hardwicke: Holy Communion

4pm Elmore: Evensong (Psalm 75)

Readings: Philippians 1: 3-11, Luke 3: 1-6

## Collect for Advent Sunday

Almighty God,  
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness  
and to put on the armour of light,  
now in the time of this mortal life,  
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;  
that on the last day,  
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty  
to judge the living and the dead,  
we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## Readings for Advent Sunday

### 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-end

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you? <sup>10</sup> Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith.

<sup>11</sup> Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you. <sup>12</sup> May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. <sup>13</sup> May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

### Luke 21: 25-36

There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. <sup>26</sup> People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. <sup>27</sup> At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup> When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

<sup>29</sup> He told them this parable: 'Look at the fig-tree and all the trees. <sup>30</sup> When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. <sup>31</sup> Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup> 'Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. <sup>33</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

<sup>34</sup> 'Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. <sup>35</sup> For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup> Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.'