

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.

Alternatively, you may wish to contact the [diocesan safeguarding team](#) or the [National Safeguarding Team](#)

Benefice of **Hardwicke and Elmore with Longney**

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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 24 November, Sunday before Advent (Christ the King)

9.30am Longney: Holy Communion

11.00 Hardwicke: Holy Communion

4pm Elmore: Evening worship

Readings: Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14, John 18: 33-37

Week beginning 24 November

Wednesday 27th 9.30am Hardwicke, Holy Communion,

6pm Hardwicke: Brownies and Rainbows carols and craft

Saturday 30th, 10-12noon Longney Advent Coffee morning

Next 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

Collect for Christ the King Sunday

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory.

Post Communion

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings for Christ the King Sunday

Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14

'As I looked, thrones were set in place,
and the Ancient of Days took his seat.
His clothing was as white as snow;
the hair of his head was white like wool.
His throne was flaming with fire,
and its wheels were all ablaze.
¹⁰ A river of fire was flowing,
coming out from before him.
Thousands upon thousands attended him;

ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him.
The court was seated, and the books were opened.

'In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. ¹⁴ He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshipped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

John 18: 33-37

Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?'

³⁴ 'Is that your own idea,' Jesus asked, 'or did others talk to you about me?'

³⁵ 'Am I a Jew?' Pilate replied. 'Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?'

³⁶ Jesus said, 'My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place.'

³⁷ 'You are a king, then!' said Pilate.

Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.'