

YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE... for PEACE in Palestine and Israel, Ukraine, Sudan, Haiti, Syria, 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

An invitation from Richard...

New Year's Eve party, Church House, 7.30pm onwards. Pop in for a while or stay till after midnight. All welcome. Bring a little something to share if you can.

THANK YOU! Longney's Advent Fair raised £1586.50.

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 22 December, Advent 4

9.30am Longney: Christingle and Crib service (not Holy Communion)

11.00 Hardwicke: Holy Communion

4pm Elmore: Evening Worship

Readings: Hebrews 10: 5-10, Luke 1: 39-45

Week beginning 22 December

Christmas Eve, Tuesday 24 December

4pm Hardwicke: Crib service

11.15pm Elmore Midnight Mass

11.15pm Hardwicke Midnight Mass

Readings, Hebrews 1: 1-4, John 1: 1-14

Christmas Day, Wednesday 25th

9.30am Longney Storyteller Holy Communion

11.00 Hardwicke Informal Holy Communion

Readings, Titus 3: 4-7, Luke 2: 8-20

Next Sunday 29 December, Christmas 1

10.30am Longney: Benefice New Year service

Readings: Colossians 3:12-17, Luke 2: 41-end

Collect for Advent 4

God our redeemer,
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
to be the mother of your Son:
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,
so we may be ready to greet him
when he comes again as our judge;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Readings for Advent 4

Hebrews 10: 5-10

When Christ came into the world, he said:

‘Sacrifice and offering you did not desire,
but a body you prepared for me;
⁶with burnt offerings and sin offerings
you were not pleased.

⁷Then I said, “Here I am – it is written about me in the scroll –
I have come to do your will, my God.”^[a]

⁸First he said, ‘Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them’– though they were offered in accordance with the law.

⁹Then he said, ‘Here I am, I have come to do your will.’ He sets aside the first to establish the second. ¹⁰And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Luke 1: 39-45

At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, ⁴⁰where she entered Zechariah’s home and greeted Elizabeth.

⁴¹When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. ⁴²In a loud voice she exclaimed:

‘Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! ⁴³But why am I so favoured, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfil his promises to her!’