

**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

***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.

## **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 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

**Week beginning 8 December**

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Hardwicke, Holy Communion,

7.30pm Church House: Benefice housegroup

Friday 13<sup>th</sup>, The Lawns: carols and lessons

**Next Sunday 15 December, Advent 3**

9.30am Elmore: Holy Communion

11.00 Hardwicke School: All-age informal worship

Readings: Philippians 4: 4-7, Luke 3: 7-18

4pm Hunts Grove school: Community Carol service

6.30pm Longney: Nine Lessons and Carols

### Collect for Advent 2

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power  
and come among us, and with great might succour us;  
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously  
hindered in running the race that is set before us,  
your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honour and glory, now and for ever.

### Readings for Advent 2

#### Philippians 1: 3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you. <sup>4</sup> In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy <sup>5</sup> because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, <sup>6</sup> being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

<sup>7</sup> It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. <sup>8</sup> God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup> And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, <sup>10</sup> so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup> filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ – to the glory and praise of God.

#### Luke 3: 1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar – when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene – <sup>2</sup> during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup> He went into

all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>4</sup> As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet:

'A voice of one calling in the wilderness,

"Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.

<sup>5</sup> Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill made low.

The crooked roads shall become straight, the rough ways smooth.

<sup>6</sup> And all people will see God's salvation.'"

#### (At Elmore): Psalm 75

Unto thee, O God, do we give thanks, *unto thee* do we give thanks: for *that* thy name is near thy wondrous works declare.

<sup>2</sup> When I shall receive the congregation I will judge uprightly.

<sup>3</sup> The earth and all the inhabitants thereof are dissolved: I bear up the pillars of it.

<sup>4</sup> I said unto the fools, Deal not foolishly: and to the wicked, Lift not up the horn:

<sup>5</sup> lift not up your horn on high: speak *not with* a stiff neck.

<sup>6</sup> For promotion *cometh* neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south.

<sup>7</sup> But God *is* the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another.

<sup>8</sup> For in the hand of the Lord *there is* a cup, and the wine is red; it is full of mixture; and he poureth out of the same: but the dregs thereof, all the wicked of the earth shall wring *them out, and* drink *them*.

<sup>9</sup> But I will declare for ever; I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

<sup>10</sup> All the horns of the wicked also will I cut off;  
*but* the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.