

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, Sally

.....for the family and friends of Max, Evelyn, Don, Matthew

.....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 Longney's re-ordering and Church heating is COMPLETED!

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

Electoral Rolls

Every 6 years Electoral Rolls have to be completely re-written. 2025 is one of those years! Whether or not you are currently on your Church's roll, if you'd like to be on the new one, you must fill in a form by the due date. If you are on the current one, The Electoral Roll officer will send you the form with an explanatory letter saying where it should be returned. If you're not on the ER at present and would like to join, forms will be available at the back of each Church for completion and handing in. Many thanks to Pat, Sue and Will who will be collating the forms and producing the new Rolls.

Benefice of **Hardwicke and Elmore with Longney**

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Rev'd Duncan Hutchison, on secondment from Hucclecote

Licenced Readers Pat Buckland and Judy Cheshire

Authorised Leaders of Worship: Neil Hollis and Doff Stone.

Pioneer Sports Minister: Tim Fletcher

Please take this sheet home and use it for your prayers and Bible study

Today 12 January, Epiphany 1, The Baptism of Christ

9.30am Longney: Holy Communion

11am Hardwicke: Holy Communion

4pm Elmore, Evensong (Psalm 29)

Readings: Acts 8:14-17, Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

Week beginning 12 January

Tues 14th 7.30pm Hardwicke PCC, Church House

Wed 15th, 9.30am Hardwicke: NO Holy Communion

Instead, 10.30am at St Nicholas Court

Sat 18th, Start of Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Sunday 19 January, Epiphany 2

9.30am Elmore: Holy Communion: preacher and celebrant, Bp Rachel

11am Hardwicke School: All Age worship, "Meeting God in Hardwicke"

Readings: 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11, John 2: 1-11

6.30pm Gloucester ecumenical prayer and praise, St Luke's Stroud Road

Collect for 12 January, Epiphany 2

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory;
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 for 12 January

Acts 8:14-17

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to Samaria. ¹⁵ When they arrived, they prayed for the new believers there that they might receive the Holy Spirit, ¹⁶ because the Holy Spirit had not yet come on any of them; they had simply been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. ¹⁷ Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. ¹⁶ John answered them all, 'I baptise you with ^[b] water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptise you with ^[c] the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.'

When all the people were being baptised, Jesus was baptised too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened ²² and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: 'You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.'

Psalm 29 (at Elmore)

Give unto the Lord, O ye mighty, give unto the Lord glory and strength.

² Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name;
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

³ The voice of the Lord *is* upon the waters:
the God of glory thundereth: the Lord *is* upon many waters.

⁴ The voice of the Lord *is* powerful; the voice of the Lord *is* full of
majesty.

⁵ The voice of the Lord breaketh the cedars;
yea, the Lord breaketh the cedars of Lebanon.

⁶ He maketh them also to skip like a calf;
Lebanon and Sirion like a young unicorn.

⁷ The voice of the Lord divideth the flames of fire.

⁸ The voice of the Lord shaketh the wilderness;
the Lord shaketh the wilderness of Kadesh.

⁹ The voice of the Lord maketh the hinds to calve,
and strippeth bare the forests:
and in his temple doth every one speak of *his* glory.

¹⁰ The Lord sitteth upon the flood; yea, the Lord sitteth King for ever.

¹¹ The Lord will give strength unto his people;
the Lord will bless his people with peace.