

**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, Longney urgent roof repairs

..... 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!

.... But now please pray for Urgent roof repairs there

*Newc Benefice Prayer - 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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**Assistant Priests** Revd George Parfitt (currently on Sabbatical)

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 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

### **Week beginning 19 January (week of Prayer for Christian Unity)**

Tues 21st 7.30pm Elmore PCC, Pleasure Farm

Wed 15<sup>th</sup>, 9.30am Hardwicke: Holy Communion

7.30pm Church House: Benefice Study Group

Sat 25<sup>th</sup>, 10.30-12.30 Hunts Grove school – Community breakfast.

### **Sunday 26 January, Epiphany**

9.30am Longney: Storyteller Holy Communion for Plough Sunday

11am Hardwicke: Holy Communion

4pm Elmore: Evening worship

Readings: 1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a, Luke 4:14-21

## **Collect for 19 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 19 January**

### 1 Corinthians 12: 1-11

Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. <sup>2</sup>You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to dumb idols. <sup>3</sup>Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, 'Jesus be cursed,' and no one can say, 'Jesus is Lord,' except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup>There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. <sup>5</sup>There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. <sup>6</sup>There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

<sup>7</sup>Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, <sup>[a]</sup>and to still another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>[b]</sup><sup>11</sup>All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

### John 2: 1-11

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, <sup>2</sup>and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup>When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, 'They have no more wine.'

<sup>4</sup>'Woman, <sup>[a]</sup>why do you involve me?' Jesus replied. 'My hour has not yet come.'

<sup>5</sup>His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.'

<sup>6</sup>Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from eighty to a hundred and twenty litres.

<sup>7</sup>Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water'; so they filled them to the brim.

<sup>8</sup>Then he told them, 'Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet.'

They did so, <sup>9</sup>and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realise where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside <sup>10</sup>and said, 'Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now.'

<sup>11</sup>What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.