

YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE... for PEACE in Ukraine, Sudan, Haiti, Syria, the Sahel region, Greenland, DR Congo

..... for all refugees and asylum seekers, those kidnapped and hostages.

...for the sick and struggling: Tina, Marion and Mike, Eric, Sally, Carrie, Lesley, Steve, Sean, Jen, Eve, Denise, Jessica, Karen and Keith, Mike,

.....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 leaving Mozambique. Her farewell blog is here:-*

[Saying goodbye – Jane in Mozambique](#)

.....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

Benefice Prayer Diary- 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. Many thanks to Pat, Sue and Will who will be collating the forms and producing the new Rolls.

Dates for your diary.

Ash Wednesday 5 March services 10am **AT QUEDGELEY**, 7.30pm at Elmore

Sat 8 March, 10-1230, Hardwicke Coffee morning

– and then the 2nd Saturday every month.

Sunday 23 March, 1030 Longney APCM

Sunday 30 March Mothering Sunday 11am Benefice service

in **HUNTS GROVE SCHOOL GL2 4EP**

Sunday 6 April, 1030 Elmore APCM

Sunday 13 April, Palm Sunday 12noon, Hardwicke APCM

Tuesday of Holy Week 15 April: 7.30pm Compline at Longney

Maundy Thursday 17 April: 7.30pm Agape at Hardwicke

Good Friday 18 April services 2pm Hardwicke, 7.30pm Elmore

Sunday 20 April, Easter Day, services: 0930 at Elmore,

1100 at Hardwicke (NB NOT in the school): both Holy Communion

Friday 9 May, Hardwicke Skittles evening, RBL club, Green Lane

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

Licensed 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 16 February, 3rd Sunday before Lent

9.30am Elmore: Holy Communion

11am Hardwicke school: "Meeting God in Hardwicke" – All-age worship

Readings: 1 Corinthians 15: 12-20, Luke 6: 17-26

Week beginning 16 February

Wed 19th, **NO 9.30am Hardwicke: Holy Communion, instead**

10.30 Holy Communion at St Nicholas' Court

Sunday 23 February, 2nd Sunday before Lent

9.30am Longney: Holy Communion

11am Hardwicke: Holy Communion

4pm Elmore Evening worship

Readings: Revelation 4, Luke 8: 22-25

Rev Richard's final Sunday.....

... will be March 2nd. There will be the usual services at Elmore (0930) and Hardwicke (1100) but we hope everyone can come to Hardwicke for 1230 for a farewell.

Collect for 16 February, 3rd Sunday before Lent

Eternal God,
whose Son went among the crowds
and brought healing with his touch:
help us to show his love,
in your Church as we gather together,
and by our lives as they are transformed
into the image of Christ our Lord.

Readings for 16 February

1 Corinthians 15: 12-20

If it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. ¹⁵ More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. ¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. ¹⁹ If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰ But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Luke 6: 17-26

Jesus went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coastal region around Tyre and Sidon, ¹⁸ who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases.

Those troubled by impure spirits were cured, ¹⁹ and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all.

²⁰ Looking at his disciples, he said:

'Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ Blessed are you who hunger now,
for you will be satisfied.

Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²² Blessed are you when people hate you,
when they exclude you and insult you
and reject your name as evil,
because of the Son of Man.

²³ 'Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

²⁴ 'But woe to you who are rich,
for you have already received your comfort.

²⁵ Woe to you who are well fed now,
for you will go hungry.

Woe to you who laugh now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you,
for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.