

**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.

*Benefice Prayer Diary- Paper copies are in each Church*

### **Electoral Rolls**

Every 6 years Electoral Rolls have to be completely re-written. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, 6.30pm Longney**

**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**

[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 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 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

### **Week beginning 23 February**

Tues 25<sup>th</sup> 2-4pm Prayer walking, meet at Hunts Grove school

1-7pm Longney Church in use

Wed 26<sup>th</sup>, 9.30am Hardwicke: Holy Communion

7.30pm Church End Barn, Longney PCC

### **Sunday 2 March, Sunday before Lent**

9.30am Elmore: Holy Communion

11am Hardwicke: Simply Worship Holy Communion

Readings: 2 Corinthians 3:12 – 4:2, Luke 9: 28-36

1230 Hardwicke Richard's farewell.

## **Collect for 23 February, 2nd Sunday before Lent**

Almighty God,  
you have created the heavens and the earth  
and made us in your own image:  
teach us to discern your hand in all your works  
and your likeness in all your children;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,  
now and for ever.

## **Readings for 23 February**

### Revelation 4

After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, 'Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.' <sup>2</sup> At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it. <sup>3</sup> And the one who sat there had the appearance of jasper and ruby. A rainbow that shone like an emerald encircled the throne. <sup>4</sup> Surrounding the throne were twenty-four other thrones, and seated on them were twenty-four elders. They were dressed in white and had crowns of gold on their heads. <sup>5</sup> From the throne came flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of thunder. In front of the throne, seven lamps were blazing. These are the seven spirits<sup>[a]</sup> of God. <sup>6</sup> Also in front of the throne there was what looked like a sea of glass, clear as crystal.

In the centre, round the throne, were four living creatures, and they were covered with eyes, in front and behind. <sup>7</sup> The first living creature was like a lion, the second was like an ox, the third had a face like a man, the fourth was like a flying eagle. <sup>8</sup> Each of the four living creatures had

six wings and was covered with eyes all round, even under its wings. Day and night they never stop saying:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,”<sup>[b]</sup>  
who was, and is, and is to come.’

<sup>9</sup> Whenever the living creatures give glory, honour and thanks to him who sits on the throne and who lives for ever and ever, <sup>10</sup> the twenty-four elders fall down before him who sits on the throne and worship him who lives for ever and ever. They lay their crowns before the throne and say:

<sup>11</sup> ‘You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things,  
and by your will they were created and have their being.’

### Luke 8: 22-25

One day Jesus said to his disciples, ‘Let us go over to the other side of the lake.’ So they got into a boat and set out. <sup>23</sup> As they sailed, he fell asleep. A squall came down on the lake, so that the boat was being swamped, and they were in great danger.

<sup>24</sup> The disciples went and woke him, saying, ‘Master, Master, we’re going to drown!’

He got up and rebuked the wind and the raging waters; the storm subsided, and all was calm. <sup>25</sup> ‘Where is your faith?’ he asked his disciples.

In fear and amazement they asked one another, ‘Who is this? He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him.’