

**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, Ann.

***.....for the family and friends of*** Matthew, Ruby

.....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 latest prayer letter is here:-*

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.....for Tim Fletcher Pioneer "Sportily" Minister, working on Hunts Grove.

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

**THANK YOU!** For all your kindness on my retirement Sunday last week. My moving date is 11 March. Thereafter I'm at Flat 29, Bromley College, London Road, Bromley, BR1 1PE, phone 020 4619 5208, email [revramartin@btinternet.com](mailto:revramartin@btinternet.com) My flat has a spare bedroom for 2, do be in contact if you'd like a London base for a night or two. "Pray for me, as I will for thee, that we may merrily meet in heaven" (Thomas More). Richard

### **Dates for your diary.**

Sat 8 March, 10-1230, Hardwicke Coffee morning

– and then the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday every month.

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, Longney APCM

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

Maunder 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** vacancy, [vicar@hardwicke-elmore-longney.church](mailto:vicar@hardwicke-elmore-longney.church) and 01452 720015 are still in use

**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 9 March, First Sunday in Lent**

9.30am Longney: Holy Communion

11am Hardwicke: Holy Communion

4pm Elmore Evensong (Psalm 91: 1-11)

Readings: Romans 10: 8b-13, Luke 4: 1-13

### **Week beginning 9 March**

Monday 10<sup>th</sup>, Hardwicke PCC, venue tba

Tues 11<sup>th</sup>, 1030 Lent group, Purton Cottage, Stroud Road

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>, 10.00am ST JAMES QUEDGELEY: Holy Communion

**and for all Wednesdays till further notice,**

except the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday each month when the service is still at St Nicholas Court at 1030.

Thurs 13<sup>th</sup>, 1pm Elmore: wedding

### **Sunday 16 March, 2nd Sunday in Lent**

9.30am Elmore: Holy Communion

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

Readings: Philippians 3: 17 – 4:1, Luke 13: 31-end

### Collect for 9 March, First Sunday in Lent

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,  
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:  
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;  
and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save;  
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 9 March

#### Romans 10: 8b-13

This is the message concerning faith that we proclaim: <sup>9</sup> if you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. <sup>11</sup> As Scripture says, 'Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.'<sup>12</sup> For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile – the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, <sup>13</sup> for, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

#### Luke 4: 1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, <sup>2</sup> where for forty days he was tempted<sup>[a]</sup> by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

<sup>3</sup> The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread.'

<sup>4</sup> Jesus answered, 'It is written: "Man shall not live on bread alone."<sup>[b]</sup>'

<sup>5</sup> The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup> And he said to him, 'I will give you all their authority and splendour; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. <sup>7</sup> If you worship me, it will all be yours.'

<sup>8</sup> Jesus answered, 'It is written: "Worship the Lord your God and serve him only."<sup>[c]</sup>'

<sup>9</sup> The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down from here. <sup>10</sup> For it is written: "He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; <sup>11</sup> they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone."<sup>[d]</sup>'

<sup>12</sup> Jesus answered, 'It is said: "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."<sup>13</sup> When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an

opportune time.

#### Psalm 91: 1-11 (at Elmore)

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

<sup>2</sup> **I will say of the Lord, *He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.***

<sup>3</sup> Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, *and* from the noisome pestilence.

<sup>4</sup> **He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth *shall be thy shield and buckler.***

<sup>5</sup> Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; *nor* for the arrow *that* flieth by day;

<sup>6</sup> ***nor* for the pestilence *that* walketh in darkness; *nor* for the destruction *that* wasteth at noonday.**

<sup>7</sup> A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; *but* it shall not come nigh thee.

<sup>8</sup> **Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked.**

<sup>9</sup> Because thou hast made the Lord, *which is* my refuge, *even* the most High, thy habitation;

<sup>10</sup> **there shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.**

<sup>11</sup> For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.