

YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE... for PEACE in Ukraine, Isreal/Gaza, 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 back in the UK for the remainder of her contract.**

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

Benefice Prayer Diary- Paper copies are in each Church

Dates for your diary.

Sunday 30 March Mothering Sunday 11am Benefice service for all
in **HUNTS GROVE SCHOOL GL2 4EP**

Sunday 6 April, 1030 Elmore APCM

Saturday 12th April Hardwicke Easter Coffee Morning

Sunday 13 April, Palm Sunday Longney APCM after service
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

Future Dates

Saturday 10th May Hardwicke Coffee Morning

Anything for the newsletter to vannessa_moore@yahoo.co.uk
by Monday if possible

Benefice of **Hardwicke and Elmore with Longney**

www.hardwicke-elmore-longney.church

Priest-in-Charge vacancy, 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)

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 March, Third Sunday in Lent

9.30am Longney: Holy Communion

11am Hardwicke: Holy Communion

4pm Elmore Evensong

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

Week beginning 23 March

Wednesday 19th, 10.00am ST JAMES QUEDGELEY: Holy Communion

and for all Wednesdays till further notice,

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

Sunday 30th March, 4th Sunday in Lent

11am Mothering Sunday 11am Benefice service for all in **HUNTS GROVE
SCHOOL GL2 4EP**

Readings: Corinthians 10 1-13

Collect for 23rd March, Third Sunday in Lent

Almighty God,
whose most dear son went not up to joy
but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace:
though 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 23rd March

1 Corinthians 10 v 1-13

10 For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. **2** They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. **3** They all ate the same spiritual food **4** and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. **5** Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.

6 Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did. **7** Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: "The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry."^[a] **8** We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did—and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died. **9** We should not test Christ,^[b] as some of them did—and were killed by snakes. **10** And do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel.

11 These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come. **12** So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! **13** No temptation^[c] has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted^[d] beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted,^[e] he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

Gospel Reading

Luke 13 v 1-9

13 Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. **2** Jesus answered, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? **3** I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. **4** Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? **5** I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish."

6 Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. **7** So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, 'For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?'

8 "'Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. **9** If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.'