

YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE... for **PEACE in the world** especially where people are fighting and suffering, for refugees and asylum seekers, those kidnapped and hostages.

... *please pray for:* 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* Ruby

....for 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 4th May – Jane Edwards (BMS) guest speaker at Hardwicke

Saturday 10th May 10.30am Hardwicke Coffee Morning – Christian Aid

Saturday June 14th BIG 'Coffee morning' 10.30 – 4.00pm

A mini fete with refreshments, gift stall, raffle, chocolate tombola, wine to water tombola and more

Help wanted with running stalls, Donating gifts, etc

setting up and taking down (please see Jenny or Justine to help)

July 19th - Hardwicke Church Wide Valley Singers 7.30pm £6

September 26th Hardwicke Church – Ukulele Band 7.30pm £6

HELP NEEDED PLEASE – **Sportily Hardwicke Residential 21st – 23rd May**

Thank you to the volunteers for the other days the slots are now booked

23rd May – 11.30 – 13.30 **2 Volunteers still needed** to wash up from breakfast and serve lunch

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)

Revd 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 20th April - Easter Sunday

9.30am Elmore Holy Communion

11.00am Hardwicke Holy Communion

Week beginning 20th April

Tuesday 22nd April The Prayer group meet at Pam's

Wednesday 23rd April 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 1030am.

Next Sunday 27th April

9.30am Longney Holy Communion

11.30am Hardwicke Holy Communion

4.30pm Elmore Evensong

Readings Acts 5 v 27 – 32 John 20 v 19 – 31

Collect for 20th April Easter Sunday

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour;
glory and might, now and in all eternity.

Reading for 20th April

Acts 10 v 34 – 43

³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: ‘I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.’

Gospel Reading

John 20 v 1 – 18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.’ ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes. ¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look^[a] into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping?’ She said to them, ‘They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.’ ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?’ Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, ‘Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.’ ¹⁶Jesus said to her, ‘Mary!’ She turned and said to him in Hebrew,^[b] ‘Rabbouni!’ (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, ‘Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, “I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.”’ ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord’; and she told them that he had said these things to her.