

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.

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 27th April 2nd Sunday of Easter

9.30am Longney Holy Communion

11.00am Hardwicke Holy Communion

4.30pm Elmore – Evensong

Week beginning 27th April

Tuesday 29th April The Prayer group meet at Pam's

Wednesday 30th 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 May 4th – 3rd Sunday of Easter

9.30 Elmore Holy Communion

11.00 Hardwicke Simply Worship with Holy Communion

Jane Edwards (BMS) guest speaker

Readings Acts 9 v 1 – 20 John 21 v 1 – 19

Collect for 27th April Second Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification;
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy spirit, one God, now and forever.

Readings for today

Acts 5 v 27 – 32

Then the high priest took action; he and all who were with him (that is, the sect of the Sadducees), being filled with jealousy, ¹⁸ arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. ¹⁹ But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors, brought them out, and said, ²⁰ 'Go, stand in the temple and tell the people the whole message about this life.' ²¹ When they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and went on with their teaching. When the high priest and those with him arrived, they called together the council and the whole body of the elders of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought. ²² But when the temple police went there, they did not find them in the prison; so they returned and reported, ²³ 'We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them, we found no one inside.' ²⁴ Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were perplexed about them, wondering what might be going on. ²⁵ Then someone arrived and announced, 'Look, the men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people!' ²⁶ Then the captain went with the temple police and brought them, but without violence, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people. ²⁷ When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸ saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name,^[d] yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' ²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority.'^[d] ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour, so

that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

Gospel Reading

John 20 v 19 – 31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin^[d]), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' ²⁸ Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' ²⁹ Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe^[d] that Jesus is the Messiah,^[e] the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.