

**YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE...** for PEACE in the world especially where people are fighting and suffering, for 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*** 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 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

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May** Hardwicke Coffee Morning – Christian Aid

### **HELP NEEDED PLEASE – Sportily Hardwicke Residential**

21<sup>st</sup> May – 2 volunteers - Sarah and Mark

22<sup>nd</sup> May - 11.30 -13.30 2 Volunteers to wash up after Breakfast and serve Lunch  
17.00-19.30 2 volunteers to serve dinner and wash up Justine plus 1 other

23<sup>rd</sup> May – 11.30 – 13.30 2 Volunteers to wash up from breakfast and serve lunch

Anything for the newsletter to [vannessa\\_moore@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:vannessa_moore@yahoo.co.uk)  
by Monday if possible

## **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)

Revd 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 6<sup>th</sup> April Fifth Sunday in Lent**

9.30 Elmore Holy Communion followed by the APCM

11.00 Hardwicke Simply Worship

Readings: Philippians 3 v 4b-14 John 12 v 1-8

### **Week beginning 6<sup>th</sup> April**

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April Lent Group at Purton Cottage Bristol Rd.

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April, 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.

Saturday Hardwicke Easter Coffee morning 10.30 – 12.30

### **April 13<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday**

9.30 Longney Holy Communion followed by the APCM

11.00 Hardwicke Holy Communion followed by the APCM

4.30 Elmore Evensong

Readings – Philippians 2 v 5-11 Luke 22 v 14- 23.56 or Luke 23 v 1-49

### **Collect for 6<sup>th</sup> April**

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be partakers of his resurrection; 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.

### **Reading for 6<sup>th</sup> April**

#### **Philippians 3 v 4b-14**

If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup> circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup> as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.

<sup>7</sup> But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup> What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in <sup>[a]</sup> Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. <sup>10</sup> I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his

sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup> and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup> Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. <sup>13</sup> Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold

### **Gospel Reading**

#### **John 12 1-8**

**12** Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup> Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honour. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. <sup>3</sup> Then Mary took half a litre of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

<sup>4</sup> But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, <sup>5</sup> "Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages.<sup>[b]</sup>" <sup>6</sup> He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

<sup>7</sup> "Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup> You will always have the poor among you,<sup>[c]</sup> but you will not always have me."