

## YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE

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

... *please pray for:* Libby, Tina, Victoria, Jane, Karen, Mair, Carrie, Eric, Mike and Marion, Eve, Jen, Sean, Denise, Kate, Alison.

....*for the family and friends* of those who have died especially for Dave Carter and his family - Lorraine, Mark, Paul and Lauren

... for The Benefice vacancy and the appointing of a new priest.

....for Hardwicke's restructuring plans, Elmore's new organ, Longney's urgent roof repairs

....for staff and pupils at Longney, Hardwicke and Hunts Grove schools

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

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

## **Dates for your diary.**

**August 23<sup>rd</sup>** Longney Coffee morning 10.00am – 12.30pm In aid of the Church Roof

**September 13<sup>th</sup>** Ride and Stride Coffee Morning at Hardwicke -All day

**September 19<sup>th</sup> Note change of date** - Churchdown Male Voice Choir in aid of Elmore Organ Fund

**September 21<sup>st</sup>** Hardwicke Harvest festival - Service in school

**September 26<sup>th</sup>** Hardwicke Church 7.30pm – Ukulele Band Playing and singing Group, Duet and Solo pieces. Something for everyone  
£ 6 Tickets available.

**October 11<sup>th</sup>** Harvest Supper at Elmore Village Hall

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

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 10<sup>th</sup> August Proper 14 /Trinity 8**

9.30am Longney Holy Communion

11.00am Hardwicke Holy Communion

4.00pm Elmore Evensong

## **Week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> August**

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> August 10.30am Prayer Group at Pam's

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August 10.00am Holy Communion at Quedgeley Church

## **Next Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August – Proper 15 / Trinity 9**

9.30am Elmore Holy Communion

11.00am Hardwicke All Age Worship

**Readings** Hebrews 11 v 29 – 12 - 2 Luke 12 v 49 – 56

## **Collect for the 10<sup>th</sup> August – Trinity 8**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
We beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern  
both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws  
and the works of your commandments;  
that through your most mighty protection.  
both here and ever,  
we may be preserved in body and soul;  
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.        Amen

### **Readings for today** Hebrews 11 v 1-3, 8 – 16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup> Indeed, by faith<sup>[a]</sup> our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup> By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.<sup>[b]</sup>

<sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup> By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup> For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup> By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised.<sup>[c]</sup> <sup>12</sup> Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, ‘as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.’

<sup>13</sup> All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were

strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup> for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup> If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup> But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

### **Gospel Reading**     Luke 12 v 32 – 40

<sup>32</sup> ‘Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup> Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>35</sup> ‘Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup> be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. <sup>37</sup> Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup> If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

<sup>39</sup> ‘But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he<sup>[d]</sup> would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup> You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.’