

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 23rd Longney Coffee Morning 10.00am – 12.30pm in aid of the Church Roof

September 13th Ride and Stride Coffee Morning at Hardwicke -All day

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

September 21st Hardwicke Harvest festival - Service in school

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

October 11th Harvest Supper at Elmore Village Hall

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

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 17th August Proper 15 / Trinity 9

9.30am Elmore Holy Communion

11.00am Hardwicke All Age Worship

Week beginning 17th August

Tuesday 19th August 10.30am Prayer Group at Pam's

Wednesday 20th August 10.00am Holy Communion at Quedgeley Church

Next Sunday 24th August – Proper 16 / Trinity 10

9.30am Longney Holy Communion

11.00am Hardwicke Holy Communion

4.00pm Elmore Evensong

Readings Hebrews 12 v 18 - -29 Luke13 v 10 - 17

Collect for the 17th August – Trinity 9

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church;
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love, joy and peace;
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 29 – 12- 2

²⁹ By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰ By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹ By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient,^u because she had received the spies in peace.

³² And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— ³³ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵ Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶ Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷ They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two,^u they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— ³⁸ of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

³⁹ Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰ since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,^[a] and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of^[b] the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Gospel Reading Luke 12 v 49 - 56

⁴⁹ ‘I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰ I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹ Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵² From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³ they will be divided:

father against son and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.

⁵⁴ He also said to the crowds, ‘When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, “It is going to rain”; and so it happens. ⁵⁵ And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, “There will be scorching heat”; and it happens. ⁵⁶ You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?