

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.

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

Thank you to Mark for being available all week as the organ was removed and to Sarah and Mark for making the church presentable for the service last Sunday A huge step forward for our reordering but an unexpected and very long week for those involved.

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 31st August Proper 17/ Trinity 11

10.30am Hardwicke Holy Communion Benefice Service

Week beginning 31st August

Tuesday 2nd September 10.30am Prayer Group at Pam's

Wednesday 3rd Sept. 10.00am Holy Communion at Quedgeley Church

Wednesday 3rd September Hardwicke Toddler Service

Next Sunday 7th September – Proper 18/ Trinity 12

9.30am Elmore Holy Communion

11.00am Hardwicke Simply Worship with Holy Communion

Readings Philemon 1 - 21 Luke 14 v 25 - 33

Collect for the 31st August – Trinity 11

O God, you declare your almighty power
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity;
mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace,
that we, running the way of your commandments,
may receive your gracious promises,
and be partakers of your heavenly treasure;
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 forever. Amen

Readings Genisis 12 v 1 - 5

12 Now the LORD said to Abram, ‘Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. ² I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.’^[a]

⁴ So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. ⁵ Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother’s son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan,

Gospel Reading John 10 v 1 – 6, 11 – 18

10 ‘Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.’ ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

¹¹ ‘I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³ The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴ I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes^[a] it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.’