

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

... 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 - Churchdown Male Voice Choir in aid of Elmore Organ Fund 7.30pm in the church Tickets £10 available from Colin and on the door

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 Hardwicke Coffee Morning Pre Christmas sale tombola, raffle and gifts. 10.30 – 2.00pm

October 11th Harvest Supper at Elmore Village Hall

October 13th – Visiting bell ringers at Hardwicke (one of whom is a descendent of the Trye family).

Thank you to all who turned up last Tuesday to help clean the church, it looked lovely on Sunday. If anyone has the calling to help clean the church see Vanessa or Sarah to sign up.

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 7th September Proper 18/ Trinity 12

9.30am Elmore Holy Communion

11.00am Hardwicke Simply Worship with Holy Communion

6.00pm Deanery Evensong at St James Quedgeley

Week beginning 7th September

Tuesday 9th September 10.30am Prayer Group at Pam's

Tuesday 9th September - Hardwicke PCC – re New Incumbent at 7.00pm at Hardwicke School

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Wednesday 10th Sept. 10.00am Holy Communion at Quedgeley Church

Next Sunday 7th September – Proper 19/ Trinity 13

9.30am Longney Holy Communion

11.00am Hardwicke Holy Communion

4.30pm Elmore Evensong

Readings 1 Timothy 1 v 12 – 17 Luke 15 v 1 – 10

Collect for the 31st August – Trinity 11

Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid
and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to
ask but through the merits and meditation
of 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 Philemon 1 - 21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember youⁱⁿ in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that weⁱⁿ may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed usefulⁱⁿ both to you and to me. I am sending him, that

is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Gospel Reading Luke 14 v 25 - 33

Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, ‘Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, “This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.” Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.