

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, Jane, Karen, Mike and Marion, Eve, Sean, Sharon, Liz, Paul, Wendy, Llawela, Andrew, Sally, Paul M, Grahame, Nadia, Georgina.

...*for the family and friends* of those who have died especially Alma Weeks, David Johnson, Ken Walpole, Sandra Oliffe, Liz Hammond, Patricia, and Jenny Dyer. We support John, Julie, Andrew and all Alma's family. Wendy, Tom and Luke. Patricia, Ben and Vicky. Angie and Tony Leach and family. Marilyn and family. Neil, Kerry-Anne, Theo and wider family.

... 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.

December 13th – Hardwicke Coffee Morning 10.30 – 12.30

December 13th – Longney Coffee Morning 10.00 – 12.30

December 14th – Hunts Grove school Carol service 3.00pm

December 17th – Carol Service at Hardwicke church 7.30pm

December 21st – Elmore Nine Lessons and Carols 6.30pm

December 24th – Midnight Mass 11.15pm at both Hardwicke and Longney

December 25th – Christmas Day Eucharist 9.30am at Elmore, 11.00am at Hardwicke

Sunday the 28th will be Duncan's last day with us, we will have a 9.30 Family Christingle at Longney, 11.00 at Hardwicke and 4pm Evensong at Elmore followed by a Christmas Tea Party

Pray for Gloucester - to join in / find out more click on
<http://www.pray4gloucester.uk>

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 Judy Cheshire

Reader in Training Richard Flower

Authorised Leaders of Worship: Neil Hollis, Doff Stone

Justine Sullivan and Linda Cook

Pioneer Sports Minister: Tim Fletcher

Please take this sheet home and use it for your prayers and Bible study

Today 30th November 1st Sunday of Advent

10.30am – Longney Benefice Service

Week beginning 30th November

Tuesday 2nd December Tuesday Group meeting at Pam's

Wednesday 3rd Dec 10.00am Holy Communion at Quedgeley Church

Next Sunday – 7^h December Advent 2 Year A

9.30am – Elmore Holy Communion

11.00am – Hardwicke Simply Worship

Readings Romans 15 v 4 – 13 Matthew 3 v 1 – 12

Anything for the newsletter to vannessa_moore@yahoo.co.uk by Monday if possible

Collect for – Sunday 30th November Advent 1

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day, when he shall come in his glorious
majesty to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God now and for ever; Amen

Reading Romans 13 v 11 – end

And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armour of light. Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

Gospel Reading Matthew 24 v 36 – 44

“But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left. “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.