

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 14th – Hunts Grove school Carol service 3.00pm

December 17th – Carol Service at Hardwicke church 7.30pm

Alma's family would like to thank everyone who came to her service in Church and at the Crematorium on Tuesday 18th November.

Special thanks to the Churchwardens, to Sarah and Mark for their support preparing the church and for playing the hymns and music that Alma chose.

Also many thanks to the ladies of the Prayer Shawl Group for the beautiful flower arrangements they provided in church and to Vanessa and Anita who read the Bible readings.

The many messages of condolence and love that we have received have meant so much in our time of loss. God bless you all.

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 23rd November Sunday Before Advent

9.30am Longney Story Teller Eucharist

11.00am Hardwicke Holy Communion

4.00pm Elmore Sung Evensong

Week beginning 23rd November

Monday 24th Ken Walpole Funeral at Hardwicke 12.00

Tuesday 25th November Tuesday Group meeting at Pam's

Wednesday 26th Nov. 10.00am Holy Communion at Quedgeley Church

Next Sunday – 30th November Advent Sunday Year A

***** **10.30am Benefice Service at Longney** *****

Readings - Romans 13 v 11 – 14

Matthew 24 v 36 - 44

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

Collect for – Sunday before Advent - Christ The King

Eternal Father;
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King;
keep the church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God now and forever; Amen

Reading Colossians 1 v 11 – 20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the

church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Gospel Reading Luke 23 33 – 43

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews. One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom. He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."