

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:* Tina, Jane, Karen, Mike and Marion, Eve, Sean, Sharon, Paul, Llawela, Andrew B, Paul M, Grahame, Nadia, Georgina, Autumn and parents Shauna and Pascal

....*for the family and friends* of those who have died especially thinking of Angela Craddock and Karen and Andy Clark and 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.

21st January St Nicholas Court Communion at 10.30

13th February Wedding at Hardwicke for Cobi and Lucy

14th February Coffee Morning at Hardwicke Church 10.30 – 12.30

As it is on St Valentines Day we are especially inviting anyone who was married in St Nicholas to come for a look around. Have a coffee, cake and a chat and a photo if possible

A reminder – we are supporting Gloucester City Mission - they are still in need of underwear, socks, adult waterproof coats, and hoodies – box at the back of church

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

A big thank you to all who helped make the services so special for Christmas, from the music and service leaders to the decorations and tree. All services were valued and enjoyed. Thank you.

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

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 11th January The Baptism of Christ

9.30am - Longney Holy Communion

11.00am – Hardwicke Holy Communion

4.00pm - Elmore Evensong

Week beginning 11th January

12th January Hardwicke PCC at the British Legion 7.30pm

13th January Tuesday Prayer Group at Pam's 10.30am

Next Sunday – January 18th 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

9.30am Elmore Holy Communion

11.00am All Age Service in Hardwicke School

Readings 1 Corinthians 1 v 1 – 9 John 1 29 – 42

Collect for – Sunday 11th January

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit;
grant to us, who are born again to water and the Spirit,
that we may be to our calling as your adopted children;
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

Reading Acts 10 v 34 – 43

Then Peter began to speak: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favouritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached—how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him. “We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate

and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Gospel Matthew 3 v 13 – end

The Baptism of Jesus

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfil all righteousness.”

Then John consented. As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”