

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 daughter Karen and Andy Clark and family. Charles Taylor and wife Genaveve, Martin 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.

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 adult waterproof coats, hoodies, new underwear and socks – box at the back of church

Pray for Gloucester - to join in / find out more click on

<http://www.pray4gloucester.uk>

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 18th January

9.30am - Elmore Holy Communion

11.00am – Hardwicke All age service at the school

Week beginning 18th January

20th January Tuesday Prayer Group at Pam's 10.30am

21st January St Nicholas Court Communion at 10.30am

Next Sunday – January 25th

9.30am Longney Story Teller Service

11.00am Hardwicke Holy Communion

4.00pm Elmore Evensong

Readings Possibly Galatians 1 v 11 – 16 Matthew 19 v 27 – end

Collect for – Sunday 18th January

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new;
transform the poverty of our nature
by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
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 1 Corinthians 1 v 1- 9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be his holy people, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ—their Lord and ours: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge— God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. Therefore, you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel John 1 v 29 – 42

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is the one I meant when I said, ‘A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptising with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.” Then John gave this testimony: “I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptise with water told me, ‘The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptise with the Holy Spirit.’ I have seen and I testify that this is God’s Chosen One.” The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!” When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, “What do you want?” They said, “Rabbi” (which means “Teacher”), “where are you staying?” “Come,” he replied, “and you will see.” So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon. Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, “We have found the Messiah” (that is, the Christ). And he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas” (which, when translated, is Peter).