

### 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:* Julie and Trevor, Tina, Jane, Karen, Mike and Marion, Eve, Sean, Paul, Llawela, Andrew B, Paul M, Grahame, Georgina, Autumn and parents Shauna and Pascal.

....*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.**

14<sup>th</sup> 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 please could you bring a photo if possible*

18<sup>th</sup> February - Service at St Nicholas Court with ashing 10.30am

***Don't 'Give up' 'Give' At St Nicholas many of us are going to 'give' this lent – something little every day / or weekly to either the City Misson or the food Bank. Boxes will be at the back of church during lent for your gifts. Please join in if you would like to.***

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](mailto:vannessa_moore@yahoo.co.uk) by Monday if possible

## **Benefice of Hardwicke and Elmore with Longney**

[www.hardwicke-elmore-longney.church](http://www.hardwicke-elmore-longney.church)

**Priest-in-Charge** vacancy, [vicar@hardwicke-elmore-longney.church](mailto:vicar@hardwicke-elmore-longney.church)  
and 01452 720015 are still in use

**Assistant Priest** Revd George Parfitt

**Licenced Readers** Judy Cheshire

**Reader in Training** Richard Flower (on secondment)

**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 8<sup>th</sup> February**

9.30am - Longney Holy Communion

11.00am – Hardwicke Holy Communion

4.00pm – Elmore Evensong

### **Week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> February**

9<sup>th</sup> February Ministry Team Meeting

10<sup>th</sup> February Tuesday Prayer at church cleaning 10.30am

13<sup>th</sup> February Wedding at Hardwicke

14<sup>th</sup> February Coffee Morning - Valentines Day

### **Next Sunday – 15<sup>th</sup> February**

9.30am Elmore Holy Communion

11.00am Hardwicke All Age Service

Readings 2 Peter 1 v 16 – end Matthew 17 v 1 – 9

**Collect for – Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February**

Almighty God,  
you have created the Heavens and the earth  
and made us in your own image:  
teach us to discern your hand in all your works  
and your likeness in all your children;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all  
things  
now and for ever.

**Reading** Romans 8 v 18 – 25

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

**Gospel** Matthew 6 v 25 – end

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? “ And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labour or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.