

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, Andrew B, Paul M, Grahame, Georgina, Nadia, Baby Autumn and parents Shauna and Pascal.

....*for the family and friends* of those who have died especially Arnold Cleaverly and his daughter Christine

... 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.

26th February – Funeral of Arnold Cleaverly at St Nicholas 1.00pm

14th March – Wedding at St Nicholas - Georgina and Oliver

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 Mission 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 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 Priest Revd George Parfitt

Licenced Reader 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 15th February Sunday before Lent

9.30am - Elmore Holy Communion

11.00am – Hardwicke All Age Worship

Week beginning 15th February

17th February Tuesday Prayer at Pam's 10.30am

18th February St Nicholas Court Communion with ashing 10.30am

Next Sunday – 22nd February 1st Sunday of Lent

9.30am Longney Holy Communion

11.00am Hardwicke Holy Communion

4.00pm Elmore Evensong

Readings Romans 5 v 12 – 19 Matthew 4 v 1 - 11

Collect for – Sunday 15th February

Almighty God,
whose son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross;
gave us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Reading 2 Peter 1 v 16 – end

For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

He received honour and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet’s own interpretation of things.

For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Gospel Matthew 17 v 1 – 9

After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves.

There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!”

When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. But Jesus came and touched them. “Get up,” he said. “Don’t be afraid.” When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, “Don’t tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”