

## 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.

... **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.

18<sup>th</sup> March – St Nicholas Court – Holy Communion 10.30am

21<sup>st</sup> March – Coffee Morning at St Nicholas Hardwicke

***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](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

**Licensed 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 8<sup>th</sup> March Lent 3

9.30am - Longney Holy Communion (Bp. Robert)

11.00am – Hardwicke Holy Communion with Baptism of Rory

4.00pm - Elmore Evensong

## Week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> March

10<sup>th</sup> March Tuesday Prayer Group at Pam's 10.30am

14<sup>th</sup> March Wedding at Hardwicke – Georgina and Oliver

## Next Sunday – 15<sup>th</sup> March Lent 4

9.30am Elmore Holy Communion

11.00am Hardwicke All Age Worship at the church

Readings Ephesians 5 v 8 – 14 John 9

**Collect for – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March Lent 3**

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy  
but first he suffered pain,  
and entered not into glory before he was crucified;  
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,  
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;  
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.

**Reading** Exodus 17:1-7

The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, traveling from place to place as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. So they quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses replied, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the LORD to the test?” But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?” Then Moses cried out to the LORD, “What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me.” The LORD answered Moses, “Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink.” So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the

place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarreled and because they tested the LORD saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”.

**Gospel** John 4.5-14

So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, “Will you give me a drink?” (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, “You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?” (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.” “Sir,” the woman said, “you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?” Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”