

## 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, Terry H  
....*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.

11<sup>th</sup> April – Coffee Morning at St Nicholas Hardwicke 10.30 – 12.30

18<sup>th</sup> April – Elmore Organ Extravaganza 10.30 – 1.30 Elmore Cakes, Coffee and Music. Hear the refurbished and rebuilt Hardwicke Organ at Elmore  
6.30pm Short Organ recital by Jed Hughes followed by Refreshments.

As you will be aware, recently the adverts went up a new priest-in-charge, the closing date was last Friday – unfortunately we have not been able to appoint at this time. The churchwardens will meet with Diocese after Easter to discuss the next steps

Don't 'Give up' 'Give' for Lent Boxes are at the back of church. Please donate before the boxes leave after Easter Sunday

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 29<sup>th</sup> March Palm Sunday

10.30am - Elmore Holy Communion

## Week beginning 29<sup>th</sup> March

31<sup>st</sup> March Tuesday Prayer Group at Jenny's

2<sup>nd</sup> April – 7.30pm Agape Supper Service at Hardwicke – please let Jenny know if you are attending

3<sup>rd</sup> April – Good Friday Hardwicke – Private Prayer 12 – 2

Last Hour Service 2 – 3

Elmore – 6.30 pm ' Last Words of Love '

## Next Sunday – 5<sup>th</sup> April Easter Sunday

6.00am Sunrise Benefice Service on Robinswood Hill

9.30am Elmore Holy Communion

11.00am Hardwicke Holy Communion

Readings Acts 10 v 34 – 43 Matthew 28 v 1 – 10

### **Collect for – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March Palm Sunday**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who in your tender love towards the human race sent your  
Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to  
suffer death upon the cross;  
grant that we may follow the example of his patience and  
humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection;  
for 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 Philippians 2 v 5 – 11**

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset  
as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider  
equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;  
rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a  
servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in  
appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming  
obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore God  
exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is  
above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should  
bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every  
tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of  
God the Father.

### **Gospel Matthew 26 v 14 – 30**

Then one of the Twelve—the one called Judas Iscariot—went to the  
chief priests and asked, “What are you willing to give me if I deliver  
him over to you?” So they counted out for him thirty pieces of  
silver. From then on Judas watched for an opportunity to hand him  
over. On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the  
disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Where do you want us to make  
preparations for you to eat the Passover?” He replied, “Go into the  
city to a certain man and tell him, ‘The Teacher says: My appointed  
time is near. I am going to celebrate the Passover with my disciples at  
your house.’” So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them and  
prepared the Passover. When evening came, Jesus was reclining at  
the table with the Twelve. And while they were eating, he  
said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.” They were very sad  
and began to say to him one after the other, “Surely you don’t mean  
me, Lord?” Jesus replied, “The one who has dipped his hand into the  
bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man will go just as it is  
written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of  
Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born.” Then  
Judas, the one who would betray him, said, “Surely you don’t mean  
me, Rabbi?” Jesus answered, “You have said so.” While they were  
eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke  
it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body.”  
Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to  
them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of  
the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of  
sins. I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on  
until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”  
When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.