

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.

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

Don't 'Give up' 'Give' for Lent

Please donate the boxes will be leaving this week.

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

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 5th April Easter Sunday

9.30am Elmore Holy Communion

11.00am Hardwicke Holy Communion

Week beginning 5th April

No Tuesday Prayer Group this week

No Toddler service this month – next meeting on May 6th

11th April Coffee Morning at St Nicholas Hardwicke 10.30 - 12.30

Next Sunday – 12th April 2nd Sunday of Easter

9.30am Longney Holy Communion

11.00am Hardwicke Holy Communion

4.30 pm Elmore Evensong

Readings Acts 2 v 14, 22 – 32 John 20 v 19 – end

Collect for – Easter Sunday

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him;
grant that we being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity.

Reading Acts 10 v 34 – 43

Then Peter began to speak: “I now realise how true it is that God does not show favouritism but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him. “We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—

by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Gospel Matthew 28 v 1 - 10

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’ Now I have told you.”

So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them. “Greetings,” he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”