

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 and Keith, Mike and Marion, Pam, 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.

9th May - Hardwicke Coffee Morning 10.30 – 12.30

Lent donation 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 12th April Easter Sunday

9.30am - Longney Holy Communion

11.00am - Hardwicke Holy Communion

4.30 pm – Elmore Evensong

Week beginning 12th April

14th April Tuesday Prayer Group TBA

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.

Next Sunday – 19th April 3rd Sunday of Easter

9.30am Elmore Holy Communion

11.00am Hardwicke All Age Worship

Readings Acts 2 v 14, 36 – 41

Luke 24 v 13 – 35

Collect for – 2nd Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father,
you have given your only Son to die for our sins
and to rise again for our justification;
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness
that we may always serve you
in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit.
one God, now and forever.

Reading Act 2 v 14, 22 – 32

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.

“Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. This man was handed over to you by God’s deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. David said about him: ‘I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest in hope, because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, you will not let your holy one see decay. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.’ Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. But he was a prophet and knew

that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it.

Gospel John 20 v 19 – end

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.” Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.” A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.” Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!” Then Jesus told him “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.