

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, Libby, 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, especially Mike Ricketts and all his family.

... **for The Benefice vacancy and the appointing of a new priest.**

...for Hardwicke's restructuring plans, 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 Donations to Christian Aid

17th May – Hardwicke APCM after the service

13th June –Hardwicke This is our BIG coffee morning 10.30 - -2pm. We need help during the event, donations for the raffle, bottles for the tombola, items for the sale table. Volunteers for stalls, Help with posters and publicity. And attendance on the day Please see Vanessa to offer help.

Early Notice – Friday 26th June The Wide Valley Singers will perform 'Songs from the Shows' at Hardwicke Church £6 admission on the door

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 26th April 4th Sunday of Easter

9.30am - Longney Holy Communion followed by the APCM

11.00am - Hardwicke Holy Communion

4.30pm - Elmore Evensong

Week beginning 26th April

28th April Tuesday Prayer Group TBA watch for notification on WhatsApp

Next Sunday – 3rd May 5th Sunday of Easter

9.30am Elmore Holy Communion

11.00am Hardwicke Simply Worship

Readings Acts 7 v 55 – end

John 14 v 1 – 14

Collect for – 4th Sunday of Easter

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life;
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit.
one God, now and for ever

Reading Act 2 v 42 – end

The Fellowship of the Believers

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Gospel John 10 v 1 – 10

The Good Shepherd and His Sheep

“Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice.” Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.