

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, Mair and Victoria

...*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.

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 3rd May 5th Sunday of Easter

9.30am - Elmore Holy Communion

11.00am - Hardwicke Simply Worship

Week beginning 3rd May

5th April Tuesday Prayer Group Pams or Vanessa's watch for notification on WhatsApp

9th May Coffee Morning at Hardwicke proceeds to Christian Aid

Next Sunday – 10th May 6th Sunday of Easter

9.30am Longney Holy Communion

11.00am Hardwicke Holy Communion

4.30pm Elmore Evensong

Readings Acts 17 v 22 – 31

John 14 v 15 – 21

Gospel John 14 v 1 – 14

Collect for – 5th Sunday of Easter

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life; grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit. one God, now and for ever

Reading Acts 7 v 55 – end

But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. “Look,” he said, “I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. Meanwhile, the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” Then he fell on his knees and cried out, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he fell asleep.

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?” Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.” Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.