

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. Joan Margaret Preece from Elmore and family Trevor and Amanda Diane and Tony and the wider 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/Jenny 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

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 10th May 6th Sunday of Easter

9.30am - Longney Holy Communion

11.00am - Hardwicke Holy Communion

4.30 pm - Elmore Evensong

Week beginning 10th May

11th May – PCC at Hardwicke

12th May Tuesday Prayer Group Pam's 10.30

Next Sunday – 17th May Sunday after Ascension Day

9.30am Elmore Holy Communion

11.00am Hardwicke All Age service followed by the APCM

Readings Acts 1 v 6 – 14

John 17 v 1 – 11

Collect for – 6th Sunday of Easter

God our Redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son;
grant that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us
he may raise us to eternal joy;
through 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 Acts 17 v 22 – 31

Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said:
“People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious.
For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of
worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN
UNKNOWN GOD. So you are ignorant of the very thing you
worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you. “The
God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of
heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human
hands. And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed
anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and
everything else. From one man he made all the nations, that
they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their
appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands.
God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out

for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us.
‘For in him we live and move and have our being.’ As some of
your own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring.’ “Therefore,
since we are God’s offspring, we should not think that the divine
being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human
design and skill. In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but
now he commands all people everywhere to repent. For he has
set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man
he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by
raising him from the dead.”

Gospel John 14 v 15 – 21

“If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father,
and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with
you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him,
because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him,
for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as
orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not see
me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will
live. On that day you will realise that I am in my Father, and you
are in me, and I am in you. Whoever has my commands and
keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will
be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself
to them.”