

## 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, 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  
We remember Fi, Ryan and Jack Keepin and family on the 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary of their daughter Fliss's tragic accident

... **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.

**13<sup>th</sup> June –Hardwicke This is our BIG coffee morning 10.30 – 2.30pm.**  
**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 26<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:vannessa_moore@yahoo.co.uk) by Monday if possible

# Benefice of Hardwicke and Elmore with Longney

[www.hardwicke-elmore-longney.church](http://www.hardwicke-elmore-longney.church)

**Priest-in-Charge** vacancy, [vicar@hardwicke-elmore-longney.church](mailto: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 17<sup>th</sup> May 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter / Ascension

9.30am - Elmore Holy Communion

11.00am - Hardwicke All Age Service followed by APCM

## Week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> May

18<sup>th</sup> May – Ministry Ream Meeting – 7.30pm Lords Meade Longney

19<sup>th</sup> May Tuesday Prayer Group Pam's 10.30 am

19<sup>th</sup> May Longney PCC – 7.30pm Lords Meade Longney

23<sup>rd</sup> May Emma Whittaker's Wedding St Laurence Longney

## Next Sunday – 24<sup>th</sup> May Pentecost Sunday

9.30am Longney Pentecost Storyteller family Eucharist

11.00am Hardwicke Holy Communion

4.30pm Elmore Evensong

Readings Acts 2 v 1 – 21

John 20 v 19 – 23 or John 7 v 37 - 39

### **Collect for Sunday after Ascension**

O God the King of glory,  
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ  
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven;  
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,  
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us  
and exalt us to the place  
where our Saviour Christ is gone before,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit.  
one God, now and for ever

### **Reading Acts 1 v 6 – 14**

In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day’s walk from the city. When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon

the Zealot, and Judas son of James. all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

### **Gospel John 17 v 1 – 11**

After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: “Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began. “I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one.