

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

... **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

Future Dates for your diary.

13th June Elmore Festival Launch at 7.30 pm

13th 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 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 24th May Pentecost

9.30am - Longney Pentecost Storyteller family Eucharist

11.00am - Hardwicke Holy Communion

4.30 pm - Elmore Evensong

Week beginning 24th May

26th May Tuesday Prayer Group Pam's 10.30 am

Next Sunday – 31st May Benefice Service

10.30am Benefice Holy Communion at Hardwicke Church

Readings 2 Corinthians 13 v 11 to end Matthew 28 v 16 – end

Collect for Pentecost

God who as at this time
taught the hearts of your faithful people
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit;
grant us by the same spirit
to have a right judgement in all things
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit.
one God, now and for ever

Reading Acts 2 v 1– 21

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?” Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.” 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. These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: ‘In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’

Gospel John 20 v 19 – 23

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.”

John 7 v 37 – 39

On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.” By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.