

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:* Eric, Julie and Trevor, Karen and Keith, Mike and Marion, Eve, Sean, Paul, Andrew B, Paul M, Grahame, Georgina, Nadia, Mair.

....*for the family and friends* of those who have died recently

... 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 (or website)

Future Dates for your diary.

5 – 8 August - Elmore Festival tickets available www.elmorefestival.com

Saturday 8 August – Hardwicke Church - Monthly coffee morning 10.30am - 12.30pm.

Friday 4th September – Hardwicke Church – Ukulele Evening of Entertainment 7pm – Please see Linda if you would like to perform a number.

*Are you looking for a meaningful way to put your faith into action and support the next generation? Hardwicke Parochial Primary Academy is currently seeking **three new School Governors** to join their dedicated leadership team. Please have a chat with a member of the PCC.*

Join in and sign up for this year's Ride & Stride Day (Saturday 12 September) and raise money for your local historic church and the Historic Churches Trust. See Justine at Hardwicke Church for more details.

Please send notices for the newsletter to notices@hardwicke-elmore-longney.church by 5pm Tuesday

Benefice of Hardwicke and Elmore with Longney

www.hardwicke-elmore-longney.church

Priest-in-Charge: Currently in Vacancy

Contact Details: vicar@hardwicke-elmore-longney.church / 01452 720015

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: Richard Witham

Please take this sheet home and use it for your prayers and Bible study

Today 26th July - Trinity 8 / Proper 12

9.30am	Longney Story Teller with Holy Communion
11.00am	Hardwicke Holy Communion
4.00pm	Elmore Evening Worship

Week beginning 26th July

Tuesday 28th July- Tuesday Prayer Group at Pam's 10.30am
Wednesday 29th July - Holy Communion at Quedgeley Church

Next Sunday – 2nd August

9.30am	Elmore Holy Communion
11.00am	Hardwicke All Age - Simply Worship Eucharist

Readings: Romans 9 v 1-5 Matthew 14.13–21

Collect for Trinity 8

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading - Romans 8.26–end

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Reading - Matthew 13.31–33, 44–52

He put before them another parable: The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.

He told them another parable: The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.

The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Have you understood all this? They answered, Yes. And he said to them, therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.