

### **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 "Sportily" Ministry, working on Hunts Grove.

*Benefice Prayer Diary- Paper copies are in each Church (or website)*

### **Future Dates for your diary.**

**Elmore Festival Evensong** to be held at St John the Baptist Church on Sunday, the 9<sup>th</sup> August at 4pm. The service completes the Elmore Festival season for 2026. Everyone is welcome.

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

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September** – Ride and Stride Day & Hardwicke Church Coffee Morning - Church will be open from 10.00am until 4pm

*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.*

Please send notices for the newsletter to [notices@hardwicke-elmore-longney.church](mailto:notices@hardwicke-elmore-longney.church) by 5pm Tuesday

## **Benefice of Hardwicke and Elmore with Longney**

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

**Priest-in-Charge:** Currently in Vacancy

**Contact Details:** [vicar@hardwicke-elmore-longney.church](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup> August - Trinity 9 / Proper 13**

9.30am Elmore Holy Communion

11.00am Hardwicke - Simply Worship with Holy Communion

### **Week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> August**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August- Tuesday Prayer Group at Pam's 10.30am

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August at 12.30 The funeral of the late Les Hall will take place at Longney followed by cremation at Gloucester Crematorium.

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August - Holy Communion at Quedgeley Church

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August - Hardwicke Church - coffee morning 10.30am

5-8 August - Elmore Festival tickets available [www.elmorefestival.com](http://www.elmorefestival.com)

### **Next Sunday – 9<sup>th</sup> August**

9.30am Longney Story Teller with Holy Communion

11.00am Hardwicke Holy Communion

4.00pm Elmore Festival Evening Worship

### **Collect for Trinity 9**

Almighty God,  
who sent your Holy Spirit  
to be the life and light of your Church:  
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,  
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit  
in love and joy and peace;  
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.  
Amen.

### **First Reading - Romans 9.1–5**

I am speaking the truth in Christ-I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit - I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.

### **Gospel Reading - Matthew 14.13–21**

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick.

When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves."

Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat."

They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish."

And he said, Bring them here to me. Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Readings for 9 August: Romans 10.5–15    Matthew 14.22–33