

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 9th August at 4pm. The service completes the Elmore Festival season for 2026. Everyone is welcome.

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

Saturday 12th 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 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 2nd August - Trinity 9 / Proper 13

9.30am Elmore Holy Communion

11.00am Hardwicke - Simply Worship with Holy Communion

Week beginning 2nd August

Tuesday 4th August- Tuesday Prayer Group at Pam's 10.30am

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

Wednesday 5th August - Holy Communion at Quedgeley Church

Saturday 8th August - Hardwicke Church - coffee morning 10.30am

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

Next Sunday – 9th 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 - Isaiah 55:1-5

“Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.

Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labour on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare.

Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David.

See, I have made him a witness to the peoples, a ruler and commander of the peoples.

Surely you will summon nations you know not, and nations you do not know will come running to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has endowed you with splendour.”

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