

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:* Sarah, 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 especially Les and his 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 "Sportily" Ministry, working on Hunts Grove.

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

Future Dates for your diary.

Friday 4th September – Hardwicke Church – 7pm - Ukulele Evening of Entertainment – 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

Tuesday 22nd September - Duncan Hutchinson will be licensed by the Bishop of Tewkesbury at Hardwicke Parish Church.

Longney Harvest Lunch on Saturday 26th September at 12.30. Further details to follow.

Friday 16th October – Hardwicke Church – 7pm – Wide Valley Singers Concert.

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

Benefice of Hardwicke and Elmore with Longney

www.hardwicke-elmores-longney.church

Priest-in-Charge: Currently in Vacancy

Contact Details: vicar@hardwicke-elmores-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 23rd August - Trinity 12 / Proper 16

9.30am	Longney Storyteller and Family Holy Communion
11.00am	Hardwicke Parish Holy Communion
4.00pm	Elmore Evening Worship

Week beginning 23rd August

Tuesday 25th August- Tuesday Prayer Group at Pam's 10.30am

Wednesday 26th August - Holy Communion at Quedgeley Church

Next Sunday – 30th August

10.30am Benefice Service at Hardwicke Church

Readings : Romans 12.9–end Matthew 16.21–end

Collect for Trinity 12

God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading - Romans 12.1–8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Gospel Reading - Matthew 16.13–20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Shape the Future: School Governor Vacancies

We are seeking three people from our church network to serve as Foundation Governors at our Church of England Primary School, a vital ministry that acts as a living bridge between our church and local families. If you want to help safeguard our Christian ethos and shape the well-being of hundreds of local children, please have a chat with a member of the PCC.