

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 Sylvia

... 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.

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.

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

Saturday 10th October - Elmore will be holding their every popular **Harvest Supper** at the Village Hall at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £20.00 Please apply to Jennifer Watts 720233 or Jill Hurran on 720539.

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

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 30th August - Trinity 13/ Proper 17

10.30am Benefice Service 'Simply Worship' at Hardwicke Church

Week beginning 30th August

Tuesday 1st September- Tuesday Prayer Group at Pam's 10.30am

Wednesday 2nd September - Holy Communion at Quedgeley Church

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

Next Sunday – 6th September

9.30am Elmore Parish with Holy Communion

11.00am Hardwicke Parish with Holy Communion

Readings : Romans 12.9–end Matthew 16.21–end

Collect for Trinity 13

Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading - Romans 12.9-end

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are.

Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.

No, if your enemies are hungry, feed them;
if they are thirsty, give them something to drink;
for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Gospel Reading - Matthew 16.21–end

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.

And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.

But he turned and said to Peter, Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.

Then Jesus told his disciples, If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done.

Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.

Shape the Future: School Governor Vacancies

We are seeking two people from our church network to serve as Foundation Governors at Hardwicke Church 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.