

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.

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

Saturday 26th September – Longney Harvest Lunch at 12.30. The cost is £25 pp and there is a choice of menu. For tickets and menu details please contact Sue O'Reilly (M. 07749837658)

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.

Ride & Stride Sponsor forms available at Hardwicke Church or donate online via Hardwicke Church Face Book Page.

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 6th September - Creation in Christ - Trinity 14

9.30am Elmore Church with Holy Communion

11.00am Hardwicke Simply Worship with Holy Communion

Week beginning 30th August

Tuesday 8th September- Tuesday Prayer Group at Pam's 10.30am

Wednesday 9th September - Holy Communion at Quedgeley Church

Saturday 12th September – Ride and Stride Day & Hardwicke Church

Coffee Morning - Church will be open from 10.00am until 4pm

Next Sunday – 13th September

9.30am Longney Church with Holy Communion

11.00am Hardwicke Church with Holy Communion

4.00pm Elmore Evensong

Readings : Romans 14.1–12 Matthew 18.21–35

Collect for Creation in Christ - Trinity 14

Holy and eternal God, you are the Maker of heaven and earth, you are the Word through whom all things were made, and you are the Spirit, the giver of life: draw us into the mystery of your love, that with all creation we may proclaim your praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading - Colossians 1.15–20

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Gospel Reading - John 1.1–14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the

light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

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.