

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:* Pam, Angela, 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.

Monday 21st September - Deanery Evensong 5.30pm at the Cathedral.

Tuesday 22nd September - Duncan Hutchinson will be licensed by the Bishop of Tewkesbury at Hardwicke Parish Church at 7pm.

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.

Saturday 10th October – Hardwicke Church Coffee Morning 10.30am We have Chocolate Tombola, pick a jar, crafts stall, preloved Christmas items and toys. Help we need - Chocolate, as new toys and teddies, filled jars (see Anita), crafts, raffle prizes, presents for regifting. Please help us by donating items.

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 13th September - Trinity 15 / Proper 19

9.30am	Longney Church with Holy Communion
11.00am	Hardwicke Church with Holy Communion
4.00pm	Elmore Evensong

Week beginning 13 September

Monday 14th September - Hardwicke PCC Meeting 7.30pm at Hardwicke RBL.

Tuesday 15th September- Tuesday Prayer Group at Pam's 10.30am

Wednesday 16th September - Holy Communion at Quedgeley Church

Next Sunday – 20th September

9.30am	Elmore Church with Holy Communion
11.00am	Hardwicke School – Harvest Thanksgiving Service

Readings : Philippians 1.21–end Matthew 20.1–16

Collect for Trinity 15

Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

First Reading - Romans 14.1–12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written,

As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,

and every tongue shall give praise to God.

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Gospel Reading - Matthew 18.21–35

Then Peter came and said to him, Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times? Jesus said to him, Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything. And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, Pay what you owe. Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, Have patience with me, and I will pay you. But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you? And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.