

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 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 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.**

Saturday 31st October – Allentide Fun. A Cornish tradition celebrating St Allen encompassing All Hallows, All Saints and All Souls. Afternoon of Apple Bobbing and children's games with Best Dressed Child and Adult Best carved Pumpkin/Swede. Afternoon Tea and cake.

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 20th September - Trinity 16 / Proper 20

9.30am Elmore Church with Holy Communion

11.00am **Hardwicke School** – Harvest Thanksgiving Service

Week beginning 20th September

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

Tuesday 22nd September - Tuesday Prayer Group at Pam's 10.30am

Tuesday 22nd September - Duncan Hutchinson will be licensed by the Bishop of Tewkesbury at Hardwicke Parish Church at 7.30pm.

Wednesday 23rd September - Holy Communion at Quedgeley Church

Saturday 26th September – Longney Harvest Lunch at 12.30.

Next Sunday – 27th September

9.30am Longney Church Storyteller with Holy Communion

11.00am Hardwicke Church with Holy Communion

4.00pm Elmore Evensong

Collect for Trinity 16

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

First Reading - Philippians 1.21–end

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is Gods doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Gospel Reading - Matthew 20.1–16

For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard.

When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the

market-place; and he said to them, You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right. So they went.

When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, Why are you standing here idle all day?

They said to him, Because no one has hired us.
He said to them, You also go into the vineyard.

When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.

When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.

But he replied to one of them, Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous? So the last will be first, and the first will be last.

Readings for Harvest Festival: 2 Corinthians 9.6–end Luke 12.16-30