

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:* Jill, Pam, Angela & Nick, 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 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. Tickets available on the night.

Saturday 14th November – Hardwicke Church Coffee Morning 10.30am

Saturday 28 November – Longney Advent Fayre, Draw and Coffee Morning. 1000 – 1230hrs. Advent Draw with great prizes, Stalls etc. Free drink and biscuit with entry.

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: Rev. Duncan Hutchison

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Assistant Priest: Rev. George Parfitt

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 4th October - Trinity 18 - Harvest Thanksgiving

9.30am Elmore Harvest Festival Service with Holy Communion

11.00am Hardwicke Church Simply Worship with Holy Communion

Week beginning 4th October

Tuesday 6th October - Tuesday Prayer Group at Pam's 10.30am

Wednesday 7th October - Holy Communion at Quedgeley Church 10.00am

Thursday 8th October – Hardwicke Church - help setting up for Coffee AM

Saturday 10th October – Hardwicke Church Coffee Morning 10.30am-2.00pm.

Saturday 10th October - Elmore Harvest Supper at the Village Hall 7.30pm.

Next Sunday – 11th October

9.30am Longney Church Service with Holy Communion

11.00am Hardwicke Church Service with Holy Communion

4.00pm Elmore Evensong

Readings: Philippians 4.1–9 Matthew 22.1–14

Collect for Trinity 18

Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this house of prayer: we praise you for the many blessings you have given to those who worship you here: and we pray that all who seek you in this place may find you, and, being filled with the Holy Spirit, may become a living temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading - 2 Corinthians 9.6–end

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written,

He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;
his righteousness endures for ever.

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Gospel Reading - - Luke 12.16-30

Then he told them a parable: The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops? Then he said, I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry. But God said to him, You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be? So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.

He said to his disciples, Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you-you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.