

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/ Proper 22

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

God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

First Reading - Philippians 3.4b–14

even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh.
If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more:
circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Reading - Matthew 21.33–end

Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, They will respect my son. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance. So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants? They said to him, He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.

Jesus said to them, Have you never read in the scriptures:
The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lords doing, and it is amazing in our eyes?

Therefore, I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

