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, Paul M, Grahame, Georgina, Nadia, Mair.
….*for the family and friends* of those who have died recently especially Andrew.
….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 14th November – Hardwicke Church Coffee Morning 10.30am - 12.30pm - With Poppy Display.

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

Could you help shape the future at Hardwicke Church School?

We have **two vacancies for Foundation Governors** to join our team! This is a wonderful ministry opportunity to act as a living bridge between our church and local families.

If you are passionate about **safeguarding our Christian ethos** and **supporting the well-being of hundreds of local children**, please **speak to Rev Duncan** for an informal chat.

Please send notices for the newsletter to notices@hardwicke-elmore-longney.church by 5pm Tuesday.

Benefice of Hardwicke and Elmore with Longney

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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 25th October – last Sunday after Trinity / Proper 25

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

Week beginning 25th October

Tuesday 27th October - Tuesday Prayer Group at Pam's 10.30am
Wednesday 28th October - Holy Communion at Quedgeley Church 10.00am

Next Sunday – 1st November

9.30am	Elmore Church Service with Holy Communion
11.00am	Hardwicke Church Simply Worship with Holy Communion

Readings: 1 John 3.1–3 Matthew 5.1–12

Collect for Last Sunday after Trinity

Merciful God,
teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty,
that trusting in your word
and obeying your will
we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

First Reading - 1 Thessalonians 2.1–8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully maltreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Gospel Reading - Matthew 22.34–end

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest? He said to him, You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he? They said to him, The son of David. He said to them, How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

> The Lord said to my Lord,
> Sit at my right hand,
> until I put your enemies under your feet?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son? No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.