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*: Rev Duncan, 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 the family of Robert Smith (Bob).

….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:

Longney's Advent Coffee Morning and Draw on Saturday 28 November will now take place from 1000 – 1230hrs **across the road in Longney School**. Sadly, there will be no stalls this year, but there will be a cakes sale and our **£300 Cash Prize Draw** (2nd £100, 3rd £50) for which tickets are selling like hot cakes! Get yours today!

The **Advent Benefice Service** due to take place in St Laurence, Longney on **Sunday 29th November at 1030hrs**, will now be held in **St John the Baptist, Elmore**.

Sat 12th December - Hardwicke Church Coffee Morning 10.30am - with festive treats.

Sunday 13th December – Hardwicke Church Carols and Lessons 7.00pm

Message from Archdeacon John - Duncan is recovering from a surgical procedure and this may take some time. We look forward to welcoming him back when fully recovered. Please do continue in prayer for him Eleanor and the family

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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Please take this sheet home and use it for your prayers and Bible study

Today 8th November – 3rd Sunday before Advent – Remembrance Sunday

9.30am	Longney Church Service Holy Communion with Silence
10.45am	Hardwicke Church Remembrance Service
3.30pm	Elmore Evensong with Service at Elmore War Memorial

Week beginning 8th November

Monday 9th November – Hardwicke PCC Meeting

Tuesday 10th November - Tuesday Prayer Group at Pam's 10.30am

Wednesday 11th November- Holy Communion - Quedgeley Church 10.00am

Saturday 14th November – Hardwicke Church Coffee Morning 10.30am - With Poppy Display.

Next Sunday – 15th November - 2nd Sunday before Advent

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

Readings: 1 Thessalonians 5.1–11 Matthew 25.14–30

Collect for Remembrance Service

God, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars shall cease
and poverty and pain shall end,
that earth may know the peace of heaven
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Old Testament - Reading Micah 4:1-5

In the last days

the mountain of the Lord's temple will be established
as the highest of the mountains;
it will be exalted above the hills,
and peoples will stream to it.

Many nations will come and say,

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the temple of the God of Jacob.
He will teach us his ways,
so that we may walk in his paths.'
The law will go out from Zion,
the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
He will judge between many peoples
and will settle disputes for strong nations far and wide.
They will beat their swords into ploughshares
and their spears into pruning hooks.
Nation will not take up sword against nation,
nor will they train for war any more.
Everyone will sit under their own vine
and under their own fig-tree,
and no one will make them afraid,
for the Lord Almighty has spoken.
All the nations may walk
in the name of their gods,
but we will walk in the name of the Lord
our God for ever and ever.

Gospel Reading - Matthew 5:38-48

'You have heard that it was said, "Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth." But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also. And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well. If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles. Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.

'You have heard that it was said, "Love your neighbour and hate your enemy." But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.