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Christian  Aid
We believe in life before death

Christian Aid is a Christian organisation that insists the world can and must be swiftly changed to one where everyone can live a full life, free from poverty. Regardless of colour, creed or race, they provide urgent, practical and effective assistance where need is great, tackling the effects of poverty as well as its root causes.

Christian Aid changes the lives of people, in effective and innovative ways, in Africa, South America, the Indian Sub-continent and Asia – in so many countries Christian Aid makes all the difference. This year Christian Aid Week is May 15th – 21st 2016.

Christian Aid Week unites over 20,000 churches and other people of good will to put this love in to action. Together we'll hold church collections, host Big Brekkie fundraising breakfasts, and collect house-to-house.

In our area we don't usually conduct door to door collections these days but still support Christian Aid through Church Collections and fund raising events.

**There will be a Coffee Morning and Bring & Buy for Christian Aid at
Hardwicke Church on Saturday May 14th from 10.00am – 12 noon**

Church Services in Longney and Elmore

May and June 2016

Sunday May 1st – Easter 6

“Going to the Father”

Parish Eucharist at Elmore Church 9.30am

Holy Baptism at Elmore 11.00am

Sunday May 8th – Sunday after Ascension

“The Promise of the Holy Spirit”

Parish Eucharist at Longney Church 9.30am

Evensong with Hymns at Elmore Church 6.30pm

Sunday May 15th – Pentecost Sunday

“The Birthday of the Christian Church”

Parish Eucharist at Elmore Church 9.30am

Sunday May 22nd - Trinity Sunday

“This is our God!”

“Storyteller” Eucharist at Longney Church 9.30am

Sung Evensong at Elmore Church 6.30pm



Sunday May 29th – Trinity 1

“The New Commandment – Love one another”

Café Church at Hardwicke Primary Academy 11.00am

Sunday June 5th – Trinity 2

“Death and Life”

Parish Eucharist at Elmore Church 9.30am

Sunday June 12th – Trinity 3

“Faith and Works”

Parish Eucharist at Longney Church 9.30am

Sung Evensong at Elmore Church 6.30pm

Sunday June 19th – Trinity 4

“Good and Evil”

Parish Eucharist at Elmore Church 9.30am

Sunday June 26th – Trinity 5

“No ifs and buts!”

“Storyteller” Eucharist at Longney Church 9.30am

Evensong with Hymns at Elmore Church 6.30pm

Ne'er cast a clout...

I am sure you have heard the phrase “ne'er cast a clout till May is out”.

For most people it is a reminder to keep those warm clothes at hand until the month of May is over but it is also a reminder that spring is here so we can expect some warmer weather and look forward to getting our summer clothes out.

Spring is an uplifting season, with signs of new life appearing in the gardens and in the fields – spring flowers and blossom, lambs, birds nesting. It lifts our spirits.

The Feast of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit was given to the disciples of Jesus, falls on Sunday 15th May. Immediately they left the safety of the upper room and went out onto the streets of the city and beyond to spread Jesus' message of hope and peace – the same message that has been preached for over 2000 years and is still relevant today.

The disciples were clothed with courage, determination, freedom and power to continue Christ's work in the world, often at great danger to themselves.

God's Holy Spirit has been at work in our world since the beginning of time and is still at work in our world today.

The good news is that you don't have to wait until the end of May to cast off whatever is holding you back from being clothed with the Holy Spirit's courage, determination, freedom and power.



Julie James

Lay Reader of Hardwicke and Elmore with Longney

“When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit”

(Acts of the Apostles Chapter 2)

Local News

"Walking for Health in Severnside - Frampton PPG

The next walk in the Walking for Health scheme in the area will take place on Wednesday 11th May from The Red Lion in Arlingham at 9.45am for a 10am walk start. The car park is 100 yards straight on, on the right This walk will include some field paths and stiles. The walk will be a max. of 2 miles in length (approx 1 hour in time). All are welcome. If you like more information please contact Nick on 01452 740265 or email nandanailsworth@yahoo.co.uk

Nick Peters - Walk Leader

Whist Drives at Elmore Village Hall – on Saturdays at 2.00pm

May 28th, July 23rd, September 24th, November 12th

Brenda Lovell

Gloucestershire Rural Community Council

Village and Community Agents support people aged 50+ living in Gloucestershire, bridging the gap between the local community and the statutory or voluntary organisations able to offer help or support.

Christine Lingard covers the parishes of: Arlingham, Elmore, Frampton on Severn, Fretherne with Saul, Hardwicke, Longney & Epney, Moreton Valence, Standish and Whitminster.

To contact Christine call 07810 630179 or christine@villageagent.grcc.org.uk

From the Elmore Church Registers

March 12th – Marriage of Rupert & Katherine Arneil

April 9th – Marriage of Martyn & Danielle Ford

April 16th – Marriage of Rory & Georgina Fuchs

April 22nd – Marriage of Stephen & Carly Kenyon

April 22nd – Burial of Rosie Jones

From the Longney Church Registers

April 11th – Funeral of Elizabeth Bruce

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