

# Longney & Elmore Community Newsletter

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## New Beginnings

...so the  
adventure  
begins

Many of you will know by now that I have tendered my resignation as Vicar of Hardwicke and Elmore with Longney with effect from March 31<sup>st</sup> 2019.

Also, this coming March, I will (God willing) celebrate my 65<sup>th</sup> birthday, a real milestone in my life.

Health issues have not made the past two years easy for me or my family and I have not been able to give myself 100% to the work as your Vicar.

It was a long time ago now, in 1980, that I was ordained in Liverpool Cathedral by Bishop David Sheppard (the famous cricketer and diocesan bishop). Over the past 38 years God has led me through a variety of different places and experiences in ministry; first as Curate and then as Vicar. I have met some extremely interesting people across the years and been very privileged to serve as Vicar in three wonderful places – St John The Baptist, Hindley Green in Wigan, Holy Trinity Drybrook (affectionately known as Forest Church) and, for the past 13 years, as your Parish Priest and Vicar at Hardwicke and Elmore with Longney.

It has always been my intention to put down roots and stay in a parish until God has made it clear it is time to move. Now it has become increasingly obvious to me and Julie that the time is right to say farewell, as Vicar, to dear friends and parishioners in this part of the Severn Vale.

I am grateful to so many Longney & Elmore people for your friendship, love and support; it has been a pleasure to share the important times in life with so many of you. To be the one to celebrate christenings, weddings and also services when people have gathered to remember a loved one who has died has meant so much.

March will be my final letter in this publication, until then  
my best wishes to you and yours.

Fr. Andrew-

Vicar and Parish Priest of Hardwicke and Elmore with Longney

# Church Services in Longney and Elmore January and February 2019

*Unless otherwise publicised the regular service pattern is:*

- 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month – Parish Eucharist at Elmore 9.30am
- 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month – Eucharist at Longney 9.30am
- 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month – Evensong at Elmore 4.00pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month – no service at Elmore or Longney

*In February there are special seasonal services...*

## **Sunday February 3<sup>rd</sup> – Presentation of Christ Sunday**

*“The Lord comes to the Temple”*

Elmore Parish Eucharist 9.30am

## **Sunday February 10<sup>th</sup> – 4 before Lent**

Longney Parish Eucharist 9.30am

Elmore Valentine’s Sunday Evensong 4.00pm



(Valentine’s Sunday Guest Service for our wedding couples)

## **Sunday February 17<sup>th</sup> – 3 before Lent**

*“Short Term and Long Term Blessings”*

Elmore Parish Eucharist 9.30am

## **Sunday February 24<sup>th</sup> – 2 before Lent**

*“Heaven breaks in on earth”*

Longney Short Eucharist and Annual Meeting 9.30am

Elmore Evensong with Hymns 4.00pm

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**Baptism (Christening) or Weddings:** phone Fr. Andrew 01452 720015

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