

### **Next Sunday 7 August – Trinity 8**

9.30am Longney Holy Communion with hymns

11am Hardwicke: Holy Communion

1pm Wedding at Hardwicke

4pm Elmore Choral Evensong

Readings: Genesis 15: 1-6, Luke 12: 32-40

### **PRAYERS PLEASE... for PEACE in Ukraine, South Sudan, Northern Ireland ...Thank God for peace deals in Yemen, Ethiopia/Eritrea, Western Sahara**

***...for the sick and struggling:*** Lesley, Chris, Carol, Sean, Tim, Michelle K, Hilarie, Louie, Karen and Keith, Tish.

***....for the family and friends of*** Trevor Hawkins, Lynne Ellway, Amanda Mills, Paul Littledike, Jack Widdowson, Peter Pockett, Margaret Jones.

### **Jack's funeral is at Hardwicke 2.30pm Friday 5 August.**

.....for Longney and Hardwicke PCCs' re-ordering plans.

.....for Jane Edwards in Mozambique. Her latest prayer letter is at [A time to gather – Jane in Mozambique \(wordpress.com\)](#)

.....for Tim Fletcher Pioneer "Sportily" Minister, working on Hunts Grove.

***Please use the Benefice Prayer diary. It is on our website.***

- *Doff Stone leads Evening Prayer each weekday at 6pm on her Facebook page [\(1\) Dorothy Annabel Stone | Facebook](#)*

### **Advance Notice**

As from 11 September the 11am Hardwicke service will take place at Hardwicke Parochial Primary Academy, Poplar Way, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday each month, except Remembrance Sunday in November.

**Government heating grant.** Every household will receive £400 in the autumn towards energy costs. Excellent! But Churches get nothing! Please would you consider tithing your £400? If everyone could give £40 to their Church that would make a huge difference. Thank you!

## **Benefice of Hardwicke with Elmore and Longney**

[www.hardwicke-elmore-longney.church](http://www.hardwicke-elmore-longney.church)

**Priest-in-Charge** Rev Richard Martin 01452 720015

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**Assistant Priest** Revd George Parfitt

**Licenced Readers** Pat Buckland, Judy Cheshire and Mike Williams

**Authorised Leaders of Worship:** Neil Hollis and Doff Stone.

**Covid measures.** These are now non-compulsory but please take care!  
***Mask wearing is optional.*** Communion: the priest will intinct the bread for you. During the Peace wave, or offer your hand or elbow to your neighbours. ***A socially-distanced seating area is available.***

### **Today Sunday 31 July – Trinity 7**

11am Hardwicke: Benefice all-age Worship (not Holy Communion)

Speaker Susanne Lindblom, from Sweden

Readings: Hosea 11:1-11, Luke 12: 13-21

### **Collect**

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### **This week**

Mon 1<sup>st</sup>, Elmore, Wedding blessing

Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> 9.30am Hardwicke, Holy Communion

1130 Longney: funeral of Peter Pockett

Thurs 4-Sat 6<sup>th</sup>: **Elmore Chamber Music Festival** at [Elmore Chamber Music Festival | Home](#)

Fri 5<sup>th</sup>, 2.30pm Hardwicke: Funeral of Jack Widdowson

## Readings for Trinity 7

### Hosea 11:1-11

'When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.

<sup>2</sup> But the more they were called, the more they went away from me.<sup>[a]</sup>

They sacrificed to the Baals and they burned incense to images.

<sup>3</sup> It was I who taught Ephraim to walk, taking them by the arms; but they did not realise it was I who healed them.

<sup>4</sup> I led them with cords of human kindness, with ties of love.

To them I was like one who lifts a little child to the cheek, and I bent down to feed them.

<sup>5</sup> 'Will they not return to Egypt and will not Assyria rule over them because they refuse to repent?

<sup>6</sup> A sword will flash in their cities; it will devour their false prophets and put an end to their plans.

<sup>7</sup> My people are determined to turn from me.

Even though they call me God Most High, I will by no means exalt them.

<sup>8</sup> 'How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, Israel?

How can I treat you like Admah? How can I make you like Zeboyim?

My heart is changed within me; all my compassion is aroused.

<sup>9</sup> I will not carry out my fierce anger, nor will I devastate Ephraim again.

For I am God, and not a man – the Holy One among you.

I will not come against their cities.

<sup>10</sup> They will follow the LORD; he will roar like a lion.

When he roars, his children will come trembling from the west.

<sup>11</sup> They will come from Egypt, trembling like sparrows, from Assyria, fluttering like doves.

I will settle them in their homes,' declares the LORD.

### Luke 12: 13-21

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.'

<sup>14</sup> Jesus replied, 'Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?' <sup>15</sup> Then he said to them, 'Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.'

<sup>16</sup> And he told them this parable: 'The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. <sup>17</sup> He thought to himself, "What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops."

<sup>18</sup> 'Then he said, "This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. <sup>19</sup> And I'll say to myself, 'You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.'"

<sup>20</sup> 'But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?"

<sup>21</sup> 'This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich towards God.'