

### **Next Sunday 11 September Trinity 13**

9.30am Longney Holy Communion

11am [Hardwicke school](#) : All-Age worship

1 and 2pm Hardwicke: Baptisms

4pm Elmore: Evensong

Readings: 1 Timothy 1: 12-17, Luke 15: 1-10

### **PRAYERS PLEASE... for PEACE in Ukraine, South Sudan, Taiwan**

**...Thank God for grain shipments resuming from Ukraine**

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

**....for the family and friends of** Amanda Mills, Paul Littledike, Jack Widdowson, Peter Pockett, Margaret Jones, Tish

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

.....for Jane Edwards in Mozambique. Her latest prayer letter is at [0822-Edwards.pdf \(bmsworldmission.org\)](#)

.....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 Notices**

**The 11am Hardwicke service will take place at Hardwicke Parochial Primary Academy, Poplar Way, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday each month**

**Harvest Festivals:** Longney 9.30am 25 Sept (including pet blessing)

Elmore 9.30am 2 October Hardwicke 11am 9 October (in the school)

**Siobhan Baillee MP will be holding a surgery** in Hardwicke Church on Friday 16 September, 1030-1230. Anyone can come to raise concerns

**Wed 21 Sept 7.30pm** Licensing of Rev Heather de Gruyther, Highnam

**Government heating grant.** Every household will receive £400 in instalments 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

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

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

### **Today Sunday 4 September Trinity 12**

9.30am Elmore Holy Communion

11am Hardwicke: Holy Communion

1pm Hardwicke: Baptisms

Readings: Philemon 1-21, Luke 14: 25-33

### **Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than

we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve:

pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,

forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid

and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask

but through the merits and mediation of 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 5<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm Ministry Team

Tues 6<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm Elmore PCC

Wed 7<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Hardwicke, Holy Communion

7.30pm Longney PCC

Fri 9<sup>th</sup>, 2pm Hardwicke: thanksgiving for the life of Margaret Jones

Sat 10<sup>th</sup>: Ride and Stride. Hardwicke working party 10am -4pm

## Readings for Trinity 12

### Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and fellow worker – <sup>2</sup> also to Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier – and to the church that meets in your home: <sup>3</sup> Grace and peace to you<sup>[a]</sup> from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup> I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, <sup>5</sup> because I hear about your love for all his holy people and your faith in the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup> I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ. <sup>7</sup> Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord's people.

<sup>8</sup> Therefore, although in Christ I could be bold and order you to do what you ought to do, <sup>9</sup> yet I prefer to appeal to you on the basis of love. It is as none other than Paul – an old man and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus – <sup>10</sup> that I appeal to you for my son Onesimus,<sup>[b]</sup> who became my son while I was in chains. <sup>11</sup> Formerly he was useless to you, but now he has become useful both to you and to me.

<sup>12</sup> I am sending him – who is my very heart – back to you. <sup>13</sup> I would have liked to keep him with me so that he could take your place in helping me while I am in chains for the gospel. <sup>14</sup> But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that any favour you do would not seem forced but would be voluntary. <sup>15</sup> Perhaps the reason he was separated from you for a little while was that you might have him back for ever – <sup>16</sup> no longer as a slave, but better

than a slave, as a dear brother. He is very dear to me but even dearer to you, both as a fellow man and as a brother in the Lord.<sup>17</sup> So if you consider me a partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. <sup>18</sup> If he has done you any wrong or owes you anything, charge it to me. <sup>19</sup> I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand. I will pay it back – not to mention that you owe me your very self. <sup>20</sup> I do wish, brother, that I may have some benefit from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in Christ. <sup>21</sup> Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

### Luke 14: 25-33

Large crowds were travelling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: <sup>26</sup> 'If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters – yes, even their own life – such a person cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup> And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

<sup>28</sup> 'Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? <sup>29</sup> For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, <sup>30</sup> saying, "This person began to build and wasn't able to finish."

<sup>31</sup> 'Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won't he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup> If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. <sup>33</sup> In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.