

Next Sunday 5 March (Lent 2)

9.30am Elmore: Holy Communion

11.00 Hardwicke: Simply Worship Holy Communion

Readings: Genesis 12: 1-4a, John 3: 1-17

PRAYERS PLEASE... for PEACE in Ukraine, South Sudan, West Bank, Haiti, , Burkino-Faso, Yemen AND in our Industries and public services

...Thank God for grain shipments resuming from Ukraine, and a peace agreement between Eritrea and Ethiopia.

...for the sick and struggling: Lesley, Chris and Pam, Sean, Michelle K, Hilarie, Louie, Karen and Keith, Sharon, Sue, Nick, Ian, Vicky, Roger, Sheryl, Derek, Peter, Julie.

.....for the family and friends of Alison Evans, Pam Bodle, Valerie Williams, Tim Longney, Jane Attwooll

.....for Longney and Hardwicke PCCs' re-ordering plans, Elmore's organ and Hardwicke's bells.

.....for Jane Edwards in Mozambique. Her latest prayer letter is at [O-oh, Star of Wonder – 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



JOIN OUR TEAM

HUNTS GROVE AND HARDWICKE VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Fluff it. Duff it. Score it. Smash it. Whatever you do, just give it a go. That's our motto to sport and to life. We're for jumping right in and going on new adventures together, as a team.

We're a Christian faith based charity passionate about building a network of fun-loving sport and faith groups where everyone is invited to try different sports, make new friends and explore what life is all about.

Join us as a volunteer coach or team member in Hunts Grove and Hardwicke.

WILL YOU JOIN TEAM SPORTILY?

As a valued member of the team you'll get involved in helping to run fantastically fun, high quality sports sessions for children, young people and families. You don't need to be a qualified coach or sports professional, you just need to be willing to get stuck in helping everyone to give it a go.

Will you give it a go?

FIND OUT MORE

Contact Tim Fletcher
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All volunteering appointments are made under a Safer Recruitment process and are subject to an Enhanced level DBS check.



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PLAY SPORTS. MAKE LIFE



Benefice of Hardwicke and Elmore with Longney

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Licensed Readers Pat Buckland, Judy Cheshire and Mike Williams

Authorised Leaders of Worship: Neil Hollis and Doff Stone.

TODAY **Sunday 26 February (Lent 1)**

9.30am Longney: Holy Communion

11.00 Hardwicke: Simply Worship Holy Communion

4pm Elmore: Evensong BCP

Readings: Genesis 2: 15-17, 3: 1-7, Matthew 4: 1-11

Week beginning 26 February

Mon 27th, 11am, at Purton Cottage Bristol Road: Lent group

Tues 28th, 7.15, St Catherine's – Deanery Synod

Wed 1 March, Hardwicke 9.30am Holy Communion

10.30: Toddlers Play and praise

Fri 3rd, 7.30pm Hunts Grove school: Family Sports Quiz

Lent groups

One will meet at Purton Cottage, Bristol Road on Mondays 11am, sometimes followed by a light lunch, beginning on 27 February. All welcome!

HARDWICKE – New monthly 11am service pattern from March 2023

1st Sunday: simply worship Holy Communion

2nd Sunday: Holy Communion with sung settings

3rd Sunday: Storyteller all-age worship **in Hardwicke school**

4th Sunday: Holy Communion with said settings

5th Sunday (if any) Joint Benefice service, venues vary

Dates of APCMs

Elmore: Sunday 16 April, 1030, Longney Sunday 23 April 1030

Hardwicke Sunday 7 May, 12noon

The Collect for 26 February

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
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.

Readings for 26 February

Genesis 2: 15-17, 3: 1-7.

The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. ¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; ¹⁷ but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die."

Now the snake was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God really say, "You must not eat from any tree in the garden"?'

² The woman said to the snake, 'We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, ³ but God did say, "You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die."'

⁴ 'You will not certainly die,' the snake said to the woman. ⁵ 'For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.'

⁶ When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. ⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realised that they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

Matthew 4: 1-11

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted^[a] by the devil. ² After fasting for forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³ The tempter came to him and said, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.'

⁴ Jesus answered, 'It is written: "Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God."^[a]'

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the highest point of the temple. ⁶ 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down. For it is written: "'He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone."^[a]'

⁷ Jesus answered him, 'It is also written: "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."^[a]'

⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. ⁹ 'All this I will give you,' he said, 'if you will bow down and worship me.'

¹⁰ Jesus said to him, 'Away from me, Satan! For it is written: "Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only."^[a]'

¹¹ Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.