

Next Sunday 12 March (Lent 3)

9.30am Longney: Holy Communion
11.00 Hardwicke: Holy Communion
4pm Elmore: BCP Evensong (Psalm95)
Readings: Exodus 17: 1-7, John 4: 5-42

**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, Sheryl, Derek, Peter, Julie, Gail.

.....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 processes and are subject to an Enhanced level DBS check.



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Benefice of Hardwicke and Elmore with Longney

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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 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

Week beginning 5 March

Mon 6th, 11am, at Church House, Cornfield Drive: Lent group

7.30pm Church House: Ministry Team

Tues 7th: 7.30pm Elmore PCC

Wed 8th, Hardwicke 9.30am Holy Communion

Thurs 9th, 2pm service at the Lawns

Sat 10th 2pm Elmore: Wedding

Lent group

Purton Cottage, Bristol Road on Mondays 11am, sometimes followed by a light lunch. 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 5 March, Lent 2

Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,
that they may return to the way of righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted
 into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things
 that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings for 5 March

Genesis 12: 1-4a

The LORD had said to Abram, 'Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you.

² 'I will make you into a great nation,
and I will bless you;

I will make your name great,
and you will be a blessing.^[a]

³ I will bless those who bless you,
and whoever curses you I will curse;
and all peoples on earth
will be blessed through you.^[b]

⁴ So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran.

John 3: 1-17

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. ² He came to Jesus at night and said, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.'

³ Jesus replied, 'Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.^[a]'

⁴ 'How can someone be born when they are old?' Nicodemus asked. 'Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!'

⁵ Jesus answered, 'Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. ⁶ Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit^[b] gives birth to spirit. ⁷ You should not be surprised at my saying, "You^[c] must be born again." ⁸ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.'^[d]

⁹ 'How can this be?' Nicodemus asked.

¹⁰ 'You are Israel's teacher,' said Jesus, 'and do you not understand these things? ¹¹ Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. ¹² I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven – the Son of Man.^[e] ¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up,^[f] ¹⁵ that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.'^[g]

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.