

### Sunday 8 October (Trinity 18)

9.30 Longney: Holy Communion

11.00 Hardwicke Holy Communion

4pm Elmore BCP Evensong, Psalm 80:9-17

Readings Isaiah 5: 1-7, Matthew 21: 33-end

**PRAYERS PLEASE... for PEACE in Ukraine, Sudan, Haiti, Burkino-Faso, Niger, Mali, AND in our Industries and public services  
..... for all refugees and asylum seekers, especially Rohingya Muslims in Bangladesh**

**...Thank God for diplomats and peace-keepers.**

**...for the sick and struggling:** Chris and Pam, Sean, Gail, Lesley, Jane, Beryl, Mair, Marion, Philippa

**.....for the family and friends of** Shaun Dowdeswell, Pamela Rayner  
.....for Longney and Hardwicke PCCs' re-ordering plans, Elmore's organ replacement and Hardwicke's bells repairs.

..... For new Headteachers, Heather Francis and Sharon Cale, from September respectively at Longney and Hardwicke schools

.....for Jane Edwards in Mozambique. Her latest prayer letter is here:- [0823-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***

Difference course. Responding to Archbishop Justin's vision for the church to be a reconciling presence in the midst of conflict, this course explores what it means to follow Jesus in our lives and seeing transformation through everyday encounters.

If you are interested please let Richard know and he'll book you on.

Course 1	Course 2
<b><i>All Tuesdays 7pm - 9pm</i></b>	<b><i>All Wednesdays 1:30pm - 3:30pm</i></b>
26 September 2023	10 January 2024
3 October 2023	17 January 2024
10 October 2023	24 January 2024
17 October 2023	31 January 2024
24 October 2023	7 February 2024

**Venue:** Cooke Room, St Mary De Crypt, Southgate Street, Gloucester.

## Benefice of Hardwicke and Elmore with Longney

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

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

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

**THIS SHEET COVERS 2 WEEKS**

### Sunday 24 September (Trinity 16)

9.30 Longney: Storyteller Harvest Festival and Holy Communion

11.00 Hardwicke Holy Communion

4pm Elmore Evening worship

Readings at Hardwicke and Elmore Jonah 3: 10-4 end, Matthew 20: 1-16

Diary for Week beginning 24 September

Wed 27th 9.30am Hardwicke: Holy Communion

### Sunday 1 October, Trinity 17

9.30am Elmore Harvest Festival Holy Communion

11.00 Hardwicke: Simply Worship Holy Communion

Readings at Hardwicke, Ezekiel 18: 1-4, 25-end, Matthew 21: 23-32

Diary for Week beginning 1 October

Tues 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5pm Elmore – interment of ashes

Wed 4<sup>th</sup>, 9.30am Hardwicke, Holy communion

Thurs 5<sup>th</sup>, 2pm service at the Lawns

Sat 7<sup>th</sup>, 7pm Elmore Village Hall, Harvest Supper

FROM CHRISTIAN AID: Please join us in prayer for South Sudan

Lord Jesus, you bless the peacemakers and comfort those who mourn.

We pray to you for all people affected by the conflict in Sudan.

May there be hope for healing in the region.

Console with your presence all who are fearful, exhausted, and grieving.

**The Collect and readings for Harvest Festivals are on a separate sheet**

**The Collect for 24 September (Trinity 16), used at Hardwicke and Elmore**

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us:

open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence  
and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Readings for 24 September, used at Hardwicke and Elmore**

Jonah 3: 10-4 end – please look this up in your Bible

**Matthew 20: 1-16**

<sup>1</sup>For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>He agreed to pay them a denarius<sup>a</sup> for the day and sent them into his vineyard.

<sup>3</sup>'About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the market-place doing nothing. <sup>4</sup>He told them, "You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." <sup>5</sup>So they went. 'He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. <sup>6</sup>About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, "Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?"<sup>7</sup> "Because no one has hired us," they answered. 'He said to them, "You also go and work in my vineyard."

<sup>8</sup>'When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first." <sup>9</sup>'The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. <sup>10</sup>So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. <sup>11</sup>When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. <sup>12</sup>"These who were hired last worked only one hour," they said, "and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day."

<sup>13</sup>'But he answered one of them, "I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius? <sup>14</sup>Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. <sup>15</sup>Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?"

<sup>16</sup>'So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

**The Collect for 1 October (Trinity 17), used at Hardwicke**

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself,

and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:

pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,

and so bring us at last to your heavenly city

where we shall see you face to face;

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 1 October used at Hardwicke**

Ezekiel 18: 1-4, 25-end please look this up in your Bible

**Matthew 21: 23-32**

Jesus entered the temple courts, and, while he was teaching, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him. 'By what authority are you doing these things?' they asked. 'And who gave you this authority?'

<sup>24</sup> Jesus replied, 'I will also ask you one question. If you answer me, I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things. <sup>25</sup> John's baptism – where did it come from? Was it from heaven, or of human origin?'

They discussed it among themselves and said, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will ask, "Then why didn't you believe him?" <sup>26</sup> But if we say, "Of human origin" – we are afraid of the people, for they all hold that John was a prophet.'<sup>27</sup> So they answered Jesus, 'We don't know.' Then he said, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

<sup>28</sup> 'What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, "Son, go and work today in the vineyard." <sup>29</sup> "I will not," he answered, but later he changed his mind and went.<sup>30</sup> 'Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, "I will, sir," but he did not go.

<sup>31</sup> 'Which of the two did what his father wanted? 'The first,' they answered. Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. <sup>32</sup> For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.