

Next Sunday 3 September (Trinity 13)

9.30 Elmore: Holy Communion

11.00 Hardwicke: Simply worship Holy Communion

Readings: Jeremiah 15: 15-21, Matthew 16: 21-end

PRAYERS PLEASE... for PEACE in Ukraine, Sudan, Haiti, Burkino-Faso, Niger, 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, Karen and Keith, Nick, Julie, Gail, Margaret, Derek, Joy, Lesley, Colin G, Beryl, Mair, Tina

.....for the family and friends of Mik Porter, Patrick O'Neill, Pat Bell, 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 blog is at

<https://janeinmozambique.wordpress.com/2023/07/11/ive-got-the-power/>

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

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

Please pray for young people (including 15 from Hardwicke and Hunts Grove), who attended the Sportily activity holiday at TRAC

Advance notices

Saturday 9th September - Ride and Stride Day - See Justine or Richard if you wish to help raise funds for Churches like ours, we have had a lot of help this year!

What can I do to help alleviate poverty? Please read the article on our A Church Near You websites [How can I help alleviate poverty? - Hardwicke: St Nicholas - A Church Near You](#)

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 27 August (Trinity 12)

9.30 Longney: Storyteller Holy Communion

11.00 Hardwicke: Holy Communion

4pm Elmore: Evening worship

Readings: Isaiah 51: 1-6, Matthew 16: 13-20

Week beginning 27 August

Mon 28th: 10am bank holiday walk – meet at Church House

Wed 30th 9.30am Hardwicke: Holy Communion

Sat Sept 2nd, 2pm Gloucester Day service, St Mary de Crypt

Your prayers please

Tim Fletcher has built up many contacts in Hunts Grove, including the 15 young people who went on the Sportily residential holiday at TRAK in August.

However, the lack of a base for his work is greatly hampering its development – the only community building is the school which isn't always available or suitable.

So he has drawn up a proposal for a portacabin, to be funded by Sportily, to be located somewhere on the estate as a temporary community base.

This proposal has the support of HG Parish Council and now is in the hands of Crest Nicholson, the lead developer.

Please could you pray for it to be accepted? Thank you!

The Collect for 27 August (Trinity 12)

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.

Readings for 27 August

Isaiah 51: 1-6

'Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness
 and who seek the LORD:
look to the rock from which you were cut
 and to the quarry from which you were hewn;
² look to Abraham, your father,
 and to Sarah, who gave you birth.
When I called him he was only one man,
 and I blessed him and made him many.
³ The LORD will surely comfort Zion
 and will look with compassion on all her ruins;
he will make her deserts like Eden,
 her wastelands like the garden of the LORD.
Joy and gladness will be found in her,
 thanksgiving and the sound of singing.

⁴ 'Listen to me, my people; hear me, my nation:
instruction will go out from me;
 my justice will become a light to the nations.
⁵ My righteousness draws near speedily, my salvation is on the way,
 and my arm will bring justice to the nations.
The islands will look to me and wait in hope for my arm.
⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens, look at the earth beneath;
the heavens will vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment and its inhabitants die like flies.
But my salvation will last for ever, my righteousness will never fail.

Matthew 16: 13-20

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?'

¹⁴ They replied, 'Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.'

¹⁵ 'But what about you?' he asked. 'Who do you say I am?'

¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.'

¹⁷ Jesus replied, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you that you are Peter,^[a] and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades^[b] will not overcome it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be^[c] bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be^[c] loosed in heaven.' ²⁰ Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.