

Next Sunday 10 September (Trinity 14)

9.30 Longney: Holy Communion

11.00 Hardwicke: Holy Communion

4pm Elmore: Evensong

Readings: Ezekiel 33: 7-11, Matthew 18: 15-20

**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, Jane, Beryl, Mair, Tina, Marion
.....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 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

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 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

Week beginning 3 September

Mon 4th, 7.30pm Church House: Ministry Team

Tues 5th, 7.30pm Elmore PCC (Venue tba)

Wed 6th 9.30am Hardwicke: Holy Communion

10.30am Hardwicke: Toddlers play and praise

Sat 9th, Ride and Stride: Hardwicke Church open 10-4pm.

Please sponsor one of our cyclists or walkers. The Gloucester Historic Churches Trust has awarded grants to each of our Churches in the past and deserves our support. 50% of your sponsorship goes to them, the other 50% to your Church. Thank you!

The Collect for 3 September (Trinity 13)

Almighty God,
who called your Church to bear witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross,
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Readings for 3 September

Jeremiah 15: 15-21

LORD, you understand; remember me and care for me.

Avenge me on my persecutors.

You are long-suffering – do not take me away;
think of how I suffer reproach for your sake.

¹⁶ When your words came, I ate them;
they were my joy and my heart's delight,
for I bear your name, LORD God Almighty.

¹⁷ I never sat in the company of revellers,
never made merry with them;
I sat alone because your hand was on me
and you had filled me with indignation.

¹⁸ Why is my pain unending
and my wound grievous and incurable?
You are to me like a deceptive brook, like a spring that fails.

¹⁹ Therefore this is what the LORD says:

'If you repent, I will restore you that you may serve me;
if you utter worthy, not worthless, words, you will be my spokesman.
Let this people turn to you, but you must not turn to them.

²⁰ I will make you a wall to this people, a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you but will not overcome you,
for I am with you to rescue and save you,' declares the LORD.

²¹ 'I will save you from the hands of the wicked
and deliver you from the grasp of the cruel.'

Matthew 16: 21-end

From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

²² Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. 'Never, Lord!' he said. 'This shall never happen to you!' ²³ Jesus turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.'

²⁴ Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever wants to save their life[Ⓜ] will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. ²⁶ What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ²⁷ For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done.

²⁸ 'Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'