

Next Sunday 5 November (4th before Advent)

9.30am Elmore: Holy Communion

11.00 Hardwicke: Simply worship Holy Communion

Readings Micah 3: 5-end. Matthew 24: 1-14

4pm Elmore: Service of thanksgiving and remembrance

YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE... for PEACE in Palestine and Israel, Ukraine, Sudan, Haiti, Burkino-Faso, Niger, Mali.

..... for all refugees and asylum seekers, especially Rohingya Muslims in Bangladesh, and those who have been kidnapped or taken hostage.

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

...for the sick and struggling: Chris and Pam, Sean, Gail, Lesley, Tina, Beryl, Mair, Marion, Philippa, Pauline, Eric

.....for the family and friends of Emily, Clare, James, Stephanie, Debbie, Patricia.

.....for Longney's re-ordering now in progress, Hardwicke's plans, Elmore's organ replacement.

..... For Headteachers staff and pupils at Longney, Hardwicke and Hunts Grove schools

.....for Jane Edwards in Mozambique. Her latest blog is

here <https://janeinmozambique.wordpress.com/2023/09/20/time-in-maputo/>

Jane will be speaking at the 11am service at Hardwicke on December 3rd.

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

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

Remembrance-tide

Service of thanks giving and remembrance

Sunday 5 November, 4pm Elmore

Remembrance ceremonies and services

Thursday 9 November, 1045am, the Acorn, Hunts Grove

Sunday 12 November: 9.30am Longney Church

10.45am Hardwicke Church

3pm Elmore War memorial

Benefice of Hardwicke and Elmore with Longney

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Licenced Readers Pat Buckland, Judy Cheshire and Mike Williams

Authorised Leaders of Worship: Neil Hollis and Doff Stone.

Today Sunday 29 October (last after Trinity)

11.00 Hardwicke: service of thanksgiving and remembrance

(United Benefice service) Reading John 14: 1-6, 27

1pm Hardwicke: Baptisms

Diary for Week beginning 29 October

Mon 30 and Tues 31, Hardwicke Village hall, Sportily Holiday Club

Wed 1 November (All Saints' Day)

9.30am Hardwicke: Holy Communion

Thursday 2 November, 7.30pm St Barnabas' Church: Deanery synod

Saturday 11 November, 8.30am-11.30am, Hunts Grove school;

Community outreach breakfast and coffee morning.

Could you spare an hour to help? If so please speak to Richard!

Gloucester Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride

Thank you to all who sponsored Justine and Richard for this! Justine raised £200 and Richard £250. Half goes to the Trust, the rest to our Churches.

A Prayer from EMBRACE THE MIDDLE EAST:

God of light and salvation, our refuge and our strength,

We pray for the people of Israel and Palestine amid the escalating violence.

We pray for those killed and injured by rockets from Gaza in southern Israel. May your rod and staff comfort them. We pray for those who are grieving. May they know your ever-present help.

We pray for the protection of those who have been taken hostage by Hamas. As they walk through this dark valley, may they fear no evil.

We pray for the civilians of Gaza. May they know that their help comes from the Maker of heaven and earth. We especially remember all of those who have been killed and wounded in Gaza today - may you comfort and heal those who are in pain and those who have lost loved ones.

And we pray for those in leadership in Gaza and Israel. May you guide them along the right paths. We ask all this in union with Christ and trusting in the power of your Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Collect for the Last Sunday after Trinity (Bible Sunday)

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Reading for Benefice service 29 October: John 14: 1-6, 27

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God^{1a}; believe also in me. ² My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴ You know the way to the place where I am going.'

⁵ Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?'

⁶ Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.