

YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE... for PEACE in Palestine and Israel, Ukraine, Sudan, Haiti, Lebanon, Yemen, Ecuador, the Sahel region.

..... for all refugees and asylum seekers, those kidnapped and hostages.

...for the sick and struggling: Chris and Pam, Sean, Lesley, Tina, Mair, Marion, Pauline, Becci, Jess, Claire, Eve.

.....for the family and friends of Diana, Pam, Colin

.....for Longney's re-ordering, Hardwicke's plans, Elmore's new organ

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

.....for Jane Edwards in Mozambique. Her latest blog is here:-

<https://janeinmozambique.wordpress.com/2024/05/21/rain-rain-go-away/>

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

The Benefice Prayer diary is on our website and paper copies are available in each Church

PLEASE pray too for our candidates Angela, Chris, Emily, Emma, Issy, Jamie, Janear, Mark, Tony and Will at their baptisms and Confirmation this afternoon.

Please support Gloucester Foodbank with your donations at supermarkets.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- Saturday 29 June 7.30pm, Longney Church – choir concert marking the 10th anniversary of the death of Sue Catcheside
- Saturday 27 July, 7.30pm, Hardwicke: concert by the "Wide Valley Singers". Tickets are available on the door or from the following:
www.hardwicke-elmore-longney.church/tickets

Safeguarding Update

Until further notice please refer all safeguarding concerns and enquiries at Longney and Hardwicke to Rev Richard, by phone or email.

At Elmore please continue to contact Liz Bates or Rev Richard.

Benefice of **Hardwicke and Elmore with Longney**

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Assistant Priest Revd George Parfitt

Licenced Readers Pat Buckland, Judy Cheshire and Mike Williams

Authorised Leaders of Worship: Neil Hollis and Doff Stone.

Please take this sheet away with you

Today Sunday 16 June, Trinity 3

9.30am Elmore, Holy Communion (said)

11.00 Hardwicke School, "Meeting God in Hardwicke - a time of praise and prayer for all".

3pm Elmore: Confirmation service

Readings: 2 Corinthians 5: 6-10, 14-17, Mark 4: 26-34

Week beginning 16 June

Wednesday 19th **NO 9.30am Hardwicke, Holy Communion**

Instead, 1030 at St Nicholas' Court

Next Sunday 23 June, Trinity 4

9.30am Longney, Storyteller Holy Communion

11.00 Hardwicke, Holy Communion

4pm Elmore: Evening worship

Readings: 2 Corinthians 6: 1-13, Mark 4: 35-end

2.30pm Church House: Confirmation group

Christian Aid – Thank you!

The Collection and Coffee Morning at Hardwicke for Christian Aid last month raised £375 for Christian Aid. Many thanks who organised, supported and donated.

Collect for Trinity 3

God our saviour,
look on this wounded world
in pity and in power;
hold us fast to your promises of peace
won for us by your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Readings for Trinity 3

2 Corinthians 5: 6-10, 14-17

We are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. ⁷ For we live by faith, not by sight. ⁸ We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹ So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. ¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due to us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. ¹⁵ And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

¹⁶ So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here!

Mark 4: 26-34

Jesus said, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. ²⁷ Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. ²⁸ All by itself the soil produces corn – first the stalk, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. ²⁹ As soon as the corn is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.'

³⁰ Again he said, 'What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. ³² Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade.'

³³ With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. ³⁴ He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.