

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 for our newly baptised and confirmed members: Angela, Chris, Emily, Emma, Issy, Jamie, Janear, Mark, Tony and Will.

Please support Gloucester Foodbank with your donations at supermarkets.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

- 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 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

Week beginning 23 June

Wednesday 26th 9.30am Hardwicke, Holy Communion

3.30pm Interfaith walk around Barton St. Meet at Kingfisher Church, Moor St. Ending at 6pm.

Fri 28th 6pm Longney: Wedding blessing rehearsal

Sat 29th 1pm Longney: Wedding blessing

7.30pm choir concert marking the 10th anniversary of the death of Sue Catcheside

Next Sunday 30 June, Trinity 5

11.00 Hardwicke, "A celebration of wholeness and healing" – Benefice service.

A chance to pray for healing for yourself, others, this and other nations, and the planet we share.

1pm Hardwicke: Baptism

GLOUCESTER DIOCESAN SYNOD – nominations for election. There are 5 lay vacancies for our Deanery. If you'd like to stand, please see Doff, Justine or Richard **TODAY** – nominations must be in by 27 June.

Collect for Trinity 4

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;
that with you as our ruler and guide
we may so pass through things temporal
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;
grant this, heavenly Father,
for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Readings for Trinity 4

2 Corinthians 6: 1-13

As God's fellow workers we urge you not to receive God's grace
in vain. ² For he says,

'In the time of my favour I heard you,
and in the day of salvation I helped you.'^[a]

I tell you, now is the time of God's favour, now is the day of
salvation

³ We put no stumbling-block in anyone's path, so that our
ministry will not be discredited. ⁴ Rather, as servants of God we
commend ourselves in every way: in great endurance; in
troubles, hardships and distresses; ⁵ in beatings, imprisonments
and riots; in hard work, sleepless nights and hunger; ⁶ in purity,
understanding, patience and kindness; in the Holy Spirit and in
sincere love; ⁷ in truthful speech and in the power of God; with

weapons of righteousness in the right hand and in the
left; ⁸ through glory and dishonour, bad report and good report;
genuine, yet regarded as impostors; ⁹ known, yet regarded as
unknown; dying, and yet we live on; beaten, and yet not
killed; ¹⁰ sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many
rich; having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

¹¹ We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians, and opened wide
our hearts to you. ¹² We are not withholding our affection from
you, but you are withholding yours from us. ¹³ As a fair
exchange – I speak as to my children – open wide your hearts
also.

Mark 4: 35-end

That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, 'Let us go
over to the other side.'³⁶ Leaving the crowd behind, they took
him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other
boats with him. ³⁷ A furious squall came up, and the waves
broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. ³⁸ Jesus was
in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and
said to him, 'Teacher, don't you care if we drown?'

³⁹ He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, 'Quiet! Be
still!' Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

⁴⁰ He said to his disciples, 'Why are you so afraid? Do you still
have no faith?'

⁴¹ They were terrified and asked each other, 'Who is this? Even
the wind and the waves obey him!'