

**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, Jessica, Chrystal and Pete, Mike.

**.....for the family and friends of** Pam, Colin, Desmond, Lucy

.....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**

**Pray earnestly for our new Government, its leaders and the opposition.**

Please support Gloucester Foodbank with your donations at supermarkets.

**DATES 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](http://www.hardwicke-elmore-longney.church/tickets)
- Elmore Chamber Music Festival 7-10 August. Details of concerts, and tickets, at [Elmore Chamber Music Festival 2024 | Home](#). Or see the leaflets in Church. Also there's a Choral Evensong 4pm on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **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**

[www.hardwicke-elmore-longney.church](http://www.hardwicke-elmore-longney.church)

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**Licensed 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 14 July, Trinity 7**

9.30am Longney: Holy Communion

11.00 Hardwicke: Holy Communion

1pm Hardwicke: Baptism

4pm Elmore: Evensong

Readings Amos 7: 7-15, Mark 6: 14-29

### **Week beginning 14 July**

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> **NO 9.30am** Hardwicke, Holy Communion

Instead, 10.30am at St Nicholas' Court

6pm St Mary de Crypt, Deanery Synod social

followed at 7.15pm by business meeting

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> Hardwicke 1030-1230 Coffee morning

Elmore 1pm Baptism

### **Next Sunday 21 July, Trinity 8**

9.30am Elmore: Holy Communion

11.00 Hardwicke school: "Meeting God in Hardwicke"

Readings: Jeremiah 23: 1-6, Mark 6: 30-34, 53-end

2.30pm Elmore Confirmation group follow up – all welcome!

## Collect for Trinity 7

Lord of all power and might,  
the author and giver of all good things:  
graft in our hearts the love of your name,  
increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness,  
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;  
through 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 Trinity 7

### Amos 7: 7-15

This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing by a wall that had been built true to plumb,<sup>[a]</sup> with a plumb-line<sup>[b]</sup> in his hand. <sup>8</sup> And the Lord asked me, 'What do you see, Amos?' 'A plumb-line,' I replied.

Then the Lord said, 'Look, I am setting a plumb-line among my people Israel; I will spare them no longer.

<sup>9</sup> 'The high places of Isaac will be destroyed  
and the sanctuaries of Israel will be ruined;  
with my sword I will rise against the house of Jeroboam.'

<sup>10</sup> Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent a message to Jeroboam king of Israel: 'Amos is raising a conspiracy against you in the very heart of Israel. The land cannot bear all his words. <sup>11</sup> For this is what Amos is saying: "Jeroboam will die by the sword, and Israel will surely go into exile, away from their native land."

<sup>12</sup> Then Amaziah said to Amos, 'Get out, you seer! Go back to the land of Judah. Earn your bread there and do your prophesying there. <sup>13</sup> Don't prophesy any more at Bethel, because this is the king's sanctuary and the temple of the kingdom.'

<sup>14</sup> Amos answered Amaziah, 'I was neither a prophet nor the son of a prophet, but I was a shepherd, and I also took care of sycamore-fig trees. <sup>15</sup> But the Lord took me from tending the flock and said to me, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

### Mark 6: 14-29

King Herod heard about this, for Jesus' name had become well known. Some were saying,<sup>[a]</sup> 'John the Baptist has been raised from the dead, and that is why miraculous powers are at work in him.' <sup>15</sup> Others said, 'He is Elijah.' And still others claimed, 'He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of long ago.' <sup>16</sup> But when Herod heard this, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised from the dead!'

<sup>17</sup> For Herod himself had given orders to have John arrested, and he had him bound and put in prison. He did this because of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, whom he had married. <sup>18</sup> For John had been saying to Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' <sup>19</sup>

So Herodias nursed a grudge against John and wanted to kill him. But she was not able to, <sup>20</sup> because Herod feared John and protected him, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man. When Herod heard John, he was greatly puzzled<sup>[b]</sup>; yet he liked to listen to him.

<sup>21</sup> Finally the opportune time came. On his birthday Herod gave a banquet for his high officials and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. <sup>22</sup> When the daughter of <sup>f[c]</sup> Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his dinner guests.

The king said to the girl, 'Ask me for anything you want, and I'll give it to you.' <sup>23</sup> And he promised her with an oath, 'Whatever you ask I will give you, up to half my kingdom.'

<sup>24</sup> She went out and said to her mother, 'What shall I ask for?' 'The head of John the Baptist,' she answered.

<sup>25</sup> At once the girl hurried in to the king with the request: 'I want you to give me right now the head of John the Baptist on a dish.'

<sup>26</sup> The king was greatly distressed, but because of his oaths and his dinner guests, he did not want to refuse her. <sup>27</sup> So he immediately sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. The man went, beheaded John in the prison, <sup>28</sup> and brought back his head on a dish. He presented it to the girl, and she gave it to her mother. <sup>29</sup> On hearing of this, John's disciples came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.