

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* Desmond, Lucy, Graham

.....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:

- 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 11th.

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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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 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!

Week beginning 21 July

Monday 22nd Sellars Bridge shuts for 6 weeks

Wednesday 24th 9.30am Hardwicke, Holy Communion

Sportily residential begins at TRAC till Sunday 28th

Saturday 27th 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

Next Sunday 28 July, Trinity 9

9.30am Longney: Storyteller Holy Communion

11.00 Hardwicke: Holy Communion

4pm Elmore: Evening worship

Readings: 2 Kings 4: 42-end, John 6: 1-21

Collect for Trinity 8

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings for Trinity 8

Jeremiah 23: 1-6

‘Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!’ declares the Lord. ²Therefore this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend my people: ‘Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done,’ declares the Lord. ³‘I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. ⁴I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing,’ declares the Lord.

⁵‘The days are coming,’ declares the Lord,
‘when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch,
a King who will reign wisely
and do what is just and right in the land.

⁶In his days Judah will be saved
and Israel will live in safety.

This is the name by which he will be called:
The Lord Our Righteous Saviour.

Mark 6: 30-34, 53-end

The apostles gathered round Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. ³¹Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, ‘Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.’

³²So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. ³³But many who saw them leaving recognised them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. ³⁴When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret and anchored there. ⁵⁴As soon as they got out of the boat, people recognised Jesus. ⁵⁵They ran throughout that whole region and carried those who were ill on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he went – into villages, towns or countryside – they placed those who were ill in the market-places. They begged him to let them touch even the edge of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed.