

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, Claire, Eve, Jessica, Chrystal and Pete.

.....for the family and friends of Desmond, Lucy, Graham, Mike.

.....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

Benefice shared lunch to mark Rev George's 70th birthday: Sunday 8th September, 1-2pm, Hardwicke. All invited, bring something if you can.

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.
- Benefice housegroup, fortnightly, begins Tuesday 10 September, 7.30-8.45, Church house. All welcome. We will be studying the Bible, praying and worshipping informally together.

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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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

A special welcome to anyone joining us as part of their holiday.

Today 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

Week beginning 28 July

Sellars Bridge shut till 30 August

Wednesday 31st 9.30am Hardwicke, Holy Communion

Thursday 1 August, 1.30pm Elmore, wedding

Saturday 3rd, 1.30pm Elmore, wedding

Next Sunday 4 August, Trinity 10

9.30am Elmore: Holy Communion

11.00 Hardwicke: Simply worship Holy Communion

Readings: Exodus 16: 2-4, 9-15, John 6: 24-35

2.30pm Elmore: Confirmation follow-up group – all welcome

Collect for Trinity 9

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
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 9

2 Kings 4: 42-end

A man came from Baal Shalishah, bringing the man of God twenty loaves of barley bread baked from the first ripe corn, along with some ears of new corn.

‘Give it to the people to eat,’ Elisha said.

⁴³ ‘How can I set this before a hundred men?’ his servant asked. But Elisha answered, ‘Give it to the people to eat. For this is what the Lord says: “They will eat and have some left over.”’ ⁴⁴ Then he set it before them, and they ate and had some left over, according to the word of the Lord.

John 6: 1-21

Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias), ² and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the signs he had performed by healing those who were ill. ³ Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. ⁴ The Jewish Passover Festival was near.

⁵ When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming towards him, he said to Philip, ‘Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?’ ⁶ He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do.

⁷ Philip answered him, ‘It would take more than half a year’s wages^[a] to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!’

⁸ Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, spoke up, ⁹ ‘Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?’

¹⁰ Jesus said, ‘Make the people sit down.’ There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there). ¹¹ Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.

¹² When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, ‘Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted.’ ¹³ So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.

¹⁴ After the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say, ‘Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world.’ ¹⁵ Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself.

¹⁶ When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, ¹⁷ where they got into a boat and set off across the lake for Capernaum. By now it was dark, and Jesus had not yet joined them. ¹⁸ A strong wind was blowing and the waters grew rough. ¹⁹ When they had rowed about three or four miles,^[b] they saw Jesus approaching the boat, walking on the water; and they were frightened. ²⁰ But he said to them, ‘It is I; don’t be afraid.’ ²¹ Then they were willing to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the shore where they were heading.