

**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**

Please support Gloucester Foodbank with your donations at supermarkets.

#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- Benefice shared lunch to mark Rev George's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday and the start of his 6 month Sabbatical: Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September, 1-2pm, Hardwicke. All invited, bring something if you can.
- 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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**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***

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

#### **Today 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

Week beginning 4 August

#### ***Sellars Bridge shut till 30 August***

Monday 5<sup>th</sup>, 7.30 Church House, Ministry Team

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Hardwicke, Holy Communion **CANCELLED**

Elmore Chamber Music Festival begins. Details of concerts, and tickets, at [Elmore](#)

[Chamber Music Festival 2024 | Home](#). Or see the leaflets in Church.

Friday 9<sup>th</sup>, Longney, 1030-1400, Third Order Franciscan meeting

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>, 1pm Hardwicke: Baptism

#### **Next Sunday 11 August, Trinity 11**

9.30am Longney: Holy Communion

11.00 Hardwicke: Holy Communion

Readings: 1 Kings 19: 4-8, John 6: 35, 41-51

1pm Hardwicke: Baptism

4pm Elmore: Choral Evensong

### **Collect for Trinity 10**

Lord of heaven and earth,  
as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer,  
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,  
but always to bring our prayers before you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Readings for Trinity 10**

#### **Exodus 16: 2-4, 9-15**

In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. <sup>3</sup>The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the Lord's hand in Egypt! There we sat round pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death.'

<sup>4</sup>Then the Lord said to Moses, 'I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions. Then Moses told Aaron, 'Say to the entire Israelite community, "Come before the Lord, for he has heard your grumbling."'

<sup>10</sup>While Aaron was speaking to the whole Israelite community, they looked towards the desert, and there was the glory of the Lord appearing in the cloud.

<sup>11</sup>The Lord said to Moses, <sup>12</sup>'I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, "At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am the Lord your God."'

<sup>13</sup>That evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. <sup>14</sup>When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor. <sup>15</sup>When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, 'It is the bread the Lord has given you to eat.

### **John 6: 24-35**

Once the crowd realised that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in search of Jesus.

<sup>25</sup>When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, 'Rabbi, when did you get here?'

<sup>26</sup>Jesus answered, 'Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. <sup>27</sup>Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.'

<sup>28</sup>Then they asked him, 'What must we do to do the works God requires?'

<sup>29</sup>Jesus answered, 'The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.'

<sup>30</sup>So they asked him, 'What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? <sup>31</sup>Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: "He gave them bread from heaven to eat."<sup>[a]</sup>'

<sup>32</sup>Jesus said to them, 'Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup>For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.'

<sup>34</sup>'Sir,' they said, 'always give us this bread.'

<sup>35</sup>Then Jesus declared, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.