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THINPLACES

Undoubtedly some places have a special significance, a unique atmosphere, a spine-shiver of something beyond worlds. There is a name for spaces such as this: in Celtic spirituality they are called "thin places", places where the division between heaven and earth is said to be so thin that you can almost see through the barrier and sense another kind of reality.

In "thin places" another dimension seems nearer than usual.

They might be traditionally religious spots, but they needn't be. Non-religious people seek non-religious explanations for what's going on in these places, and psychologists have tried to help. Perhaps it's related to "*emotional residue*" which describes the way we can't help thinking of rooms previously occupied by sad people as having a sad vibe. We're in the territory, here, of stuff we can't express because it's beyond the power of language to do so.

Our experience of a thin place feels special *because* words fail, leaving stunned silence. Anybody who goes through life with open mind and open heart will encounter these moments of revelation – a church where generations have prayed, music as a portal to something beyond us, a sky so full of stars that seem close enough to touch, rain and thunder, Iona, Glastonbury, Caldy Island, add your own "thin place" to the list...

Church Services in Longney and Elmore

July and August 2016

Sunday July 3rd – St Thomas the Apostle

“Citizens of God’s Household”

Parish Eucharist at Elmore Church 9.30am

Holy Baptism at Elmore 11.30am

Sunday July 10th – Trinity 7

“The Good Neighbour”

Parish Eucharist at Longney Church 9.30am

Sung Evensong at Elmore Church 6.30pm

Sunday July 17th – Trinity 8

“Service before Self”

Parish Eucharist at Elmore Church 9.30am

Sunday July 24th - Trinity 9

“Belonging in Christ”

“Storyteller” Eucharist at Longney Church 9.30am

Evensong with Hymns at Elmore Church 6.30pm

Sunday July 31st - Trinity 10

“Possessions”

“Café Church” at Hardwicke British Legion Club starts 10.45am

Sunday August 7th – Trinity 11

“Faith is a Treasure”

Parish Eucharist at Elmore Church 9.30am

Sunday August 14th – Trinity 12

“Signs of Faith”

Parish Eucharist at Longney Church 9.30am

Holy Baptism at Longney Church 11.15am

Sung Evensong at Elmore Church 6.30pm

Sunday August 21st – Trinity 3

“Worship in Faith”

Parish Eucharist at Elmore Church 9.30am

Holy Baptism at Elmore Church 11.30am

Holy Baptism at Longney Church 12.45pm

Sunday August 28th – Trinity 4

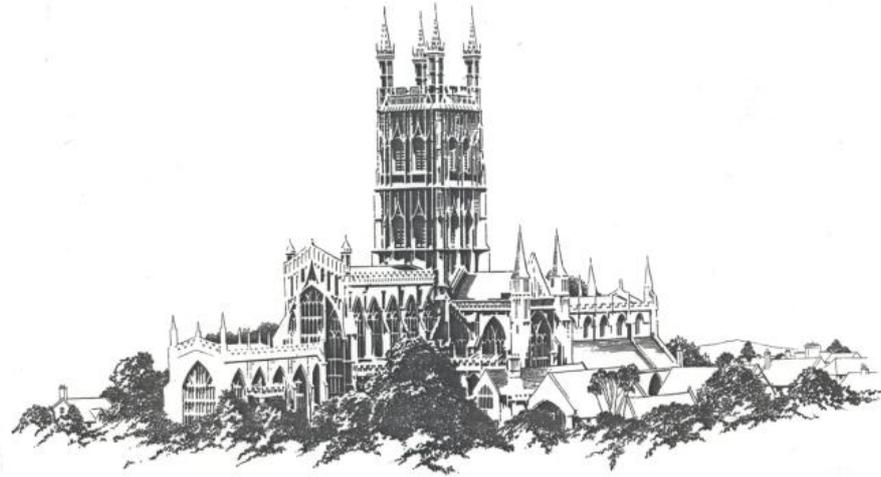
“Humble Faith”

“Storyteller” Eucharist at Longney Church 9.30am

Holy Baptism at Elmore Church 2.00pm

Evensong with Hymns at Elmore Church 6.30pm

School Leavers at Gloucester Cathedral



“Thanksgiving and Celebration”

Each June Gloucester Cathedral opens its doors to two and a half thousand children from the C of E Primary Schools right across the Diocese - they are from Year Six, the top class of Primary Schools.

It's definitely my favourite week of the year but most importantly the children say that it's one of the highlights of their entire time in primary education.

The services are first and foremost a celebration. They offer a unique opportunity for children to thank God for the teachers and friends who have supported them throughout the last seven years and to pray for God's blessing on the future as it opens up before them with all its opportunities and challenges.

At each service, different schools dance, sing and share their prayers on the particular theme for the year. This time the theme is “Making a Difference”.

We celebrated the Queen's 90th birthday and reflected on her amazing example of service to our nation. We also considered how we will use the gift of our own lives to change the world wherever we are.

Over the last decade the Cathedral Leavers' Services have become more and more popular and have grown in number from two to six. We are hugely grateful to the Dean and Chapter as well as the staff in the Cathedral who cheerfully accommodate all our sound equipment and screens along with technicians and Christian actors, dancers and storytellers (this year Bob Hartman joined us) not to mention the hundreds and hundreds of children each day.

Hosting these acts of worship is a massive feat of organisation and I have a very dedicated support team who will pretty much begin organising next year's services as this year's services conclude.

Shahne Vickery, Assistant Diocesan Director of Education

Local News

"Walking for Health in Severnside - Frampton PPG

The next walk in the Walking for Health scheme in the area will take place on Wednesday 13th July from Whitminster Village Hall in School Lane at 9.45am for a 10am walk start. Prepare for field paths and stiles, 2 miles max, (approx 1 hour in time). All are welcome. If you like more information please contact Nick on 01452 740265 or email nandanailsworth@yahoo.co.uk

Nick Peters - Walk Leader

Whist Drives at Elmore Village Hall – on Saturdays at 2.00pm

July 23rd, September 24th, November 12th

Brenda Lovell

800th anniversary events for the Coronation of Henry III

Henry III (1 October 1207 – 16 November 1272), also known as Henry of Winchester, was King of England, Lord of Ireland and Duke of Aquitaine from 1216 until his death. He was buried in Westminster Abbey.

Henry III was the only English monarch since 1066 crowned outside Westminster Abbey - and it took place in Gloucester Cathedral 800 years ago. A variety of events have been planned in the Cathedral for September and October this year, in and around the cathedral, and you can now book for these. For more information ring 08456 521823 or take a look at www.gloucestercathedral.org.uk/whats-on/henry-iii-events

From the Elmore Church Registers

May 1st – Baptism of Harry Price
May 6th – Marriage of Josh and Selina Tooth
June 19th – Marriage of Andrew and Rebecca Houghton

From the Longney Church Registers

May 9th – Funeral of Judy Howard

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