

Benefice of Hardwicke with Elmore and Longney

St Nicholas Hardwicke, St John the Baptist Elmore, St Laurence, Longney

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Covid measures wef 19 July. Please sanitise on entering the church. Mask wearing and social distancing are optional. Communion: the priest will intinct the bread for you. Singing by choir and congregation is allowed. During the Peace offer your hand or elbow to your neighbours if you want to. For the time being we are not livestreaming our services.

TODAY Sunday 26 September (Trinity 16)

9.30 Longney: Harvest Festival with Bishop Rachel (special readings)

11.00 Hardwicke: Simply Worship Holy Communion

4pm Elmore: Evening worship

Readings: Numbers 11: 4-6, 10-16, 24-29, James 5:13-end, Mark 9:38-end

This week

Wed 29 September, 9.30am, Hardwicke: Holy Communion

10-1130 "Little Mice" for Carers/ pre-school children

Sunday 3 October (Trinity 18)

9.30 Elmore: Holy Communion (Harvest Festival)

11.00 Hardwicke: Holy Communion (Harvest Festival) + Sunday School

1245 Hardwicke: Baptism

Readings: Genesis 2:18-24, Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12, Mark 10:2-16

- Doff Stone leads Evening Prayer each day at 6pm on her Facebook page [\(1\) Dorothy Annabel Stone | Facebook](#)
- DailyHope, a free national telephone line, offers music, prayers and reflections. Available 24 hours a day **0800 804 8044**

THANK YOU! to those who sponsored Judy, Anita or Richard for the Ride and Stride on 11 September. Please now pay your pledges in cash or by cheques to Gloucester Historic Churches Trust".

ADVANCE NOTICES

Sun 31 October, 4pm, Hardwicke: service for those who are bereaved

HARVEST DONATIONS

If you wish to make a gift in thanks for God's goodness, please bring tins, packets and toiletries to the services at Longney (26 Sept), Elmore or Hardwicke (3 Oct). These will then be donated to Gloucester Foodbank.

ITEMS THEY ARE IN NEED OF TINNED FRUIT (URGENT, TINNED CUSTARD, TINNED SPAGHETTI, TINNED VEGETABLES, TINNED TOMATOES, TINNED POTATOES, JARS OF PASTA SAUCE, TINNED RICE PUDDING, TOOTHBRUSHES (SINGLE) & TOOTHPASTE, DEODORANT (URGENT), SHAMPOO (URGENT), TOILET ROLLS, BARS OF SOAP

Please pray for the sick and struggling: Michelle + family, Chris, Susanna, Lesley, Dan, Claire + family, Jade, Karen and Keith, Peter, John, Kate.

Also the family and friends of Joyce, Royston Bray, Alan Alder, Olive Haddock, Brian Ashton, Keith Harding.

Please pray for Longney and Hardwicke PCCs' re-ordering plans.

Please also pray for [Jane in Mozambique \(wordpress.com\)](http://Jane in Mozambique (wordpress.com))

Also for Tim Fletcher Pioneer "Sportily" Minister, working on Hunts Grove

Please use the Benefice Prayer diary. It is on our website.

Collect Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
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 at LONGNEY

Joel 2:21-27 Do not be afraid, land of Judah; be glad and rejoice. Surely the LORD has done great things! Do not be afraid, you wild animals, for the pastures in the wilderness are becoming green. The trees are bearing their fruit; the fig-tree and the vine yield their riches.

²³ Be glad, people of Zion, rejoice in the LORD your God, for he has given you the autumn rains because he is faithful. He sends you abundant showers, both autumn and spring rains, as before. The threshing-floors will be filled with grain; the vats will overflow with new wine and oil.

²⁵ 'I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten – the great locust and the young locust, the other locusts and the locust swarm^[a] – my great army that I sent among you. ²⁶ You will have plenty to eat, until you are full, and you will praise the name of the LORD your God, who has worked wonders for you; never again will my people be shamed. ²⁷ Then you will know that I am in Israel, that I am the LORD your God, and that there is no other; never again will my people be shamed.

Matthew 6: 25-33 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷ Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life^[a]? ²⁸ 'And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labour or spin. ²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. ³⁰ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you – you of little faith? ³¹ So do not worry, saying, "What shall we eat?" or "What shall we drink?" or "What shall we wear?" ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Readings at HARDWICKE AND ELMORE

Numbers 11: 4-6, 10-16, 24-29 The rabble with them began to crave other food, and again the Israelites started wailing and said, 'If only we had meat to eat! ⁵ We remember the fish we ate in Egypt at no cost – also the cucumbers, melons, leeks,

onions and garlic. ⁶ But now we have lost our appetite; we never see anything but this manna!' The LORD became exceedingly angry, and Moses was troubled. ¹¹ He asked the LORD, ¹³ Where can I get meat for all these people? ¹⁶ The LORD said to Moses: 'Bring me seventy of Israel's elders who are known to you as leaders and officials among the people. Make them come to the tent of meeting, that they may stand there with you. _ So Moses went out and told the people what the LORD had said. He brought together seventy of their elders and made them stand round the tent. ²⁵ Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke with him, and he took some of the power of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied – but did not do so again.

²⁶ However, two men, whose names were Eldad and Medad, had remained in the camp. They were listed among the elders, but did not go out to the tent. Yet the Spirit also rested on them, and they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷ A young man ran and told Moses, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' ²⁸ Joshua son of Nun, who had been Moses' assistant since youth, spoke up and said, 'Moses, my lord, stop them!' ²⁹ But Moses replied, 'Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the LORD's people were prophets and that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!'

Mark 9:38-end 'Teacher,' said John, 'we saw someone driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us.' ³⁹ 'Do not stop him,' Jesus said. 'For no one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, ⁴⁰ for whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹ Truly I tell you, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to the Messiah will certainly not lose their reward. ⁴² 'If anyone causes one of these little ones – those who believe in me – to stumble, it would be better for them if a large millstone were hung round their neck and they were thrown into the sea. ⁴³ If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out. ^[a] ⁴⁵ And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. ^[a] ⁴⁷ And if your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸ where "the worms that eat them do not die, and the fire is not quenched."^[d] ⁴⁹ Everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰ 'Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt among yourselves, and be at peace with each other.'