

Benefice of Hardwicke with Elmore and Longney

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Licensed Readers Pat Buckland, Judy Cheshire and Mike Williams

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 10 October (Trinity 19)

9.30 Longney: Holy Communion with prayer for healing

11.00 Hardwicke: Holy Communion (Storyteller)

1300 Elmore: Baptism

1600 Elmore: Evensong

Readings: Amos 5:6-7. 10-15, Hebrews 4:12-end, Mark 10:17-31

This week

Monday 11th, 1.15 school assembly in Church

Wed 13th, 9.30am, Hardwicke: Holy Communion

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

Fri 15th 7.30pm FUSION at Hardwicke Methodist Church

Sunday 17 October (Trinity 20)

9.30 Elmore: Holy Communion

11.00 Hardwicke: Holy Communion (with Sunday school and prayer for healing)

Readings: Isaiah 53:4-end, Hebrews 5:1-10, Mark 10:35-45

- 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 pay your pledges in cash or by cheques to Gloucester Historic Churches Trust".
- Sun 31 October, 4pm, Hardwicke: service for those who are bereaved

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, Ollie Mills.

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

Please also pray for [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

O God, forasmuch as without you

we are not able to please you;

mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit

may in all things direct and rule our hearts;

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 PTO

Amos 5:6-7. 10-15

Seek the LORD and live, or he will sweep through the tribes of Joseph like a fire; it will devour them and Bethel will have no one to quench it.⁷ There are those who turn justice into bitterness and cast righteousness to the ground. There are those who hate the one who upholds justice in court and detest the one who tells the truth.

¹¹ You levy a straw tax on the poor and impose a tax on their grain. Therefore, though you have built stone mansions, you will not live in them; though you have planted lush vineyards, you will not drink their wine. ¹² For I know how many are your offences and how great your sins. There are those who oppress the innocent and take bribes and deprive the poor of justice in the courts. ¹³ Therefore the prudent keep quiet in such times, for the times are evil. ¹⁴ Seek good, not evil, that you may live.

Then the LORD God Almighty will be with you, just as you say he is. ¹⁵ Hate evil, love good; maintain justice in the courts. Perhaps the LORD God Almighty will have mercy on the remnant of Joseph.

Hebrews 4:12-end

The word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. ¹³ Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

¹⁴ Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven,¹⁴ Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to feel sympathy for our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are – yet he did not sin. ¹⁶ Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Mark 10:17-31

As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. 'Good teacher,' he asked, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' 'Why do you call me good?' Jesus answered. 'No one is good – except God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: "You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honour your father and mother."¹⁹ 'Teacher,' he declared, 'all these I have kept since I was a boy.'

²¹ Jesus looked at him and loved him. 'One thing you lack,' he said. 'Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.'²² At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth. ²³ Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!'

²⁴ The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, 'Children, how hard it is²⁴ to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.'²⁶ The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, 'Who then can be saved?' ²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, 'With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.'

Then Peter spoke up, 'We have left everything to follow you!' 'Truly I tell you,' Jesus replied, 'no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel ³⁰ will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields – along with persecutions – and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last first.'