

Benefice of Hardwicke with Elmore and Longney

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

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Licenced 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 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

This week

Wed 20th, 9.30am, Hardwicke: Holy Communion

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

7.30pm Deanery Synod

Thurs 21st, 5.30pm, Elmore: Interment of Ashes

Sat 23rd, 11am, Longney: Baptism

Sunday 24 October (Last after Trinity, Bible Sunday)

9.30 Longney: Holy Communion

11.00 Hardwicke: Simply Worship Holy Communion

4pm Elmore: Evensong

Readings: Jeremiah 31:7-9, Hebrews 7:23-end, Mark 10:46-end

- 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. ***If you would like the name of a loved one to be read out, please PRINT their name on the list at the back of Church.***

Dates for your diaries

26-28 November Hardwicke Advent Festival (*please bring a bottle for the tombola, also please offer a Nativity set with its history or a Bible verse*)

27 November 10-12noon Longney Christmas Fair

Please pray for the sick and struggling: Jenny, Karen, Kate, John, Michelle, Lucy, Josie, Dan, Chris, Beryl, Eric, Peter, John, Lesley, Wendy's parents, Dee **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 \(wordpress.com\)](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

God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church:
by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us
eager to do your will,
that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life;
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

Isaiah 53:4-end

Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering,
yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted.

⁵But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him,
and by his wounds we are healed.

⁶We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

⁷He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth;
he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

⁸By oppression^[a] and judgment he was taken away.

Yet who of his generation protested?

For he was cut off from the land of the living;

for the transgression of my people he was punished.^[b]

⁹He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death,
though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes^[c] his life an offering for sin, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand.

¹¹After he has suffered, he will see the light of life^[d] and be satisfied;^[e]

by his knowledge^[f] my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities. ¹²Therefore I will give him a portion among the great,^[g]

and he will divide the spoils with the strong,^[h] because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors.

For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Hebrews 5:1-10

Every high priest is selected from among the people and is appointed to represent the people in matters related to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He is able to deal gently with those who are ignorant and are going astray, since he himself is subject to weakness. ³This is why he has to offer sacrifices for his own sins, as well as for the sins of the people. ⁴And no one takes this honour on himself, but he receives it when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵In the same way, Christ did not take on himself the glory of becoming a high priest. But God said to him, 'You are my Son; today I have become your Father.'^[a] ⁶And he says in another place, 'You are a priest for ever, in the order of Melchizedek.'^[b]

⁷During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered ⁹and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him ¹⁰and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

Mark 10: 35-45

Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. 'Teacher,' they said, 'we want you to do for us whatever we ask.'

³⁶'What do you want me to do for you?' he asked. ³⁷They replied, 'Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory.' ³⁸'You don't know what you are asking,' Jesus said. 'Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptised with the baptism I am baptised with?' ³⁹'We can,' they answered.

Jesus said to them, 'You will drink the cup I drink and be baptised with the baptism I am baptised with, ⁴⁰but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared.'

⁴¹When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. ⁴²Jesus called them together and said, 'You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. ⁴³Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'