

## **Benefice of Hardwicke with Elmore and Longney**

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

### **This week**

Tues 26<sup>th</sup>, 10.30am, Hunts Grove Community walk  
(meet at Haresfield school)

7.30pm Longney PCC

Wed 27<sup>th</sup>, 9.30am, Hardwicke: Holy Communion

Sat 30<sup>th</sup>, 12 noon, Elmore: Baptism, 2pm Hardwicke, Baptism

**Sunday 31 October** (Fourth before Advent, kept as All Saints)

**11.00 Hardwicke: BENEFICE ALL-AGE SERVICE**

Readings: Isaiah 25: 6-9, Revelation 21: 1-6a, John 11: 32-44

4pm Hardwicke: Service of Remembrance and thanksgiving

- 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**
- 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. To invite someone, please take and personalise a letter.***

### **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** Alan Alder, Olive Haddock, Brian Ashton, Keith Harding, Ollie Mills, Keith Robinson, Pamela Gibbs. 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**

Blessed Lord,

who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:  
help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them  
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,  
we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life,  
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## Readings

### Jeremiah 31:7-9

This is what the LORD says:

'Sing with joy for Jacob;  
shout for the foremost of the nations.  
Make your praises heard, and say,  
"LORD, save your people, the remnant of Israel."

<sup>8</sup> See, I will bring them from the land of the north  
and gather them from the ends of the earth.

Among them will be the blind and the lame,  
expectant mothers and women in labour;  
a great throng will return.

<sup>9</sup> They will come with weeping; they will pray as I bring them back. I  
will lead them beside streams of water  
on a level path where they will not stumble,  
because I am Israel's father,  
and Ephraim is my firstborn son.

### Hebrews 7:23-end

Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office; <sup>24</sup> but because Jesus lives for ever, he has a permanent priesthood. <sup>25</sup> Therefore he is able to save completely<sup>[c]</sup> those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.

<sup>26</sup> Such a high priest truly meets our need – one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens. <sup>27</sup> Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of

the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself. <sup>28</sup> For the law appoints as high priests men in all their weakness; but the oath, which came after the law, appointed the Son, who has been made perfect for ever.

### Mark 10:46-end

Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (which means 'son of Timaeus'), was sitting by the roadside begging. <sup>47</sup> When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!'

<sup>48</sup> Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!'

<sup>49</sup> Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him.' So they called to the blind man, 'Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you.' <sup>50</sup> Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus.

<sup>51</sup> 'What do you want me to do for you?' Jesus asked him.

The blind man said, 'Rabbi, I want to see.'

<sup>52</sup> 'Go,' said Jesus, 'your faith has healed you.' Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.