

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 3 October (Trinity 18)

9.30 Elmore: Holy Communion (Harvest Festival)

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

12.45 Hardwicke: Baptism

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

This week

Monday, 7.30pm, Lord's Meade: Ministry Team

Tuesday, 7.30pm church House: Parish share meeting

Wed 6 October, 9.30am, Hardwicke: Holy Communion

10-11.30 "Little Mice" for Carers/ pre-school children

Thurs 7th, 7.30pm Archdeacon's Visitation, St Oswald's

Sunday 10 October (Trinity 19)

9.30 Longney: Holy Communion

11.00 Hardwicke: Holy Communion (Storyteller)

13.00 Elmore: Baptism

16.00 Elmore: Evensong

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

- 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

HARVEST DONATIONS If you wish to make a gift in thanks for God's goodness, please bring tins, packets and toiletries. These will then be donated to Gloucester Foodbank.

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

Genesis 2:18-24

The LORD God said, 'It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.'

¹⁹ Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. ²⁰ So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals.

But for Adam^[a] no suitable helper was found. ²¹ So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs^[a] and then closed up the place with flesh. ²² Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib^[a] he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

²³ The man said, 'This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called "woman", for she was taken out of man.' ²⁴ That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. ³ The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. ⁴ So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.

It is not to angels that he has subjected the world to come, about which we are speaking. ⁶ But there is a place where someone has testified: 'What is mankind that you are mindful of them, a son of man that you care for him?' ⁷ You made them a little^[a] lower than the angels; you crowned them with glory and honour and put everything under their feet.'^{[b][c]}

In putting everything under them,^[d] God left nothing that is not subject to them.^[e] Yet at present we do not see everything subject to them.^[f] ⁹ But we do see Jesus, who was made lower than the angels for a little while, now crowned with glory and honour because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰ In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered. ¹¹ Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters.^[g] ¹² He says, 'I will declare your name to my brothers and sisters; in the assembly I will sing your praises.'^[h]

Mark 10:2-16 Some Pharisees came and tested him by asking, 'Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?' ³ 'What did Moses command you?' he replied. ⁴ They said, 'Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away.'

⁵ 'It was because your hearts were hard that Moses wrote you this law,' Jesus replied. ⁶ 'But at the beginning of creation God "made them male and female".^[i] ⁷ "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife,^[j] ⁸ and the two will become one flesh."^[k] So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹ Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.'

¹⁰ When they were in the house again, the disciples asked Jesus about this. ¹¹ He answered, 'Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her. ¹² And if she divorces her husband and marries another man, she commits adultery.'

¹³ People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴ When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. ¹⁵ Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' ¹⁶ And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.