

Benefice of Hardwicke with Elmore and Longney

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Covid measures wef 24 October. Please sanitise on entering the church.

Mask wearing and social distancing are recommended. 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 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

This week

Mon 1st Nov 7.30pm Ministry team, Church house

Tues 2nd 7.30pm Hardwicke PCC, Church House

Wed 3rd, 9.30am, Hardwicke: Holy Communion

11.30am Hardwicke: Funeral

Sunday 7 November (third before Advent)

9.30am Elmore: Holy communion

11.00 Hardwicke: Holy Communion with Sunday school

Readings: Jonah 3: 1-5, 10, Hebrews 9:24-end, Mark 1:14-20

Remembrance Sunday 14 November

9.30am Longney, 1045 Hardwicke

3.30pm ceremony at Elmore War Memorial, 4pm Evensong in Church

- 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 Edwards in Mozambique [1021-Edwards.pdf](#)

[\(bmsworldmission.org\)](#)

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 from The Message Bible

First Reading John 11:32-37

Jesus had not yet entered the town but was still at the place where Martha had met him. When her sympathizing Jewish friends saw Mary run off, they followed her, thinking she was on her way to the tomb to weep there. Mary came to where Jesus was waiting and fell at his feet, saying, “Master, if only you had been here, my brother would not have died.”

³³⁻³⁴ When Jesus saw her sobbing and the Jews with her sobbing, a deep anger welled up within him. He said, “Where did you put him?”

³⁴⁻³⁵ “Master, come and see,” they said. Now Jesus wept.

³⁶ The Jews said, “Look how deeply he loved him.”

³⁷ Others among them said, “Well, if he loved him so much, why didn’t he do something to keep him from dying? After all, he opened the eyes of a blind man.”

Second Reading Revelation 21:1-6

I saw Heaven and earth new-created. Gone the first Heaven, gone the first earth, gone the sea.

² I saw Holy Jerusalem, new-created, descending resplendent out of Heaven, as ready for God as a bride for her husband.

³⁻⁵ I heard a voice thunder from the Throne: “Look! Look! God has moved into the neighbourhood, making his home with men and women! They’re his people, he’s their God. He’ll wipe every tear from their eyes. Death is gone for good—tears gone, crying gone, pain gone—all the first order of things gone.” The Enthroned continued, “Look! I’m making everything new. Write it all down—each word dependable and accurate.”

⁶⁻⁸ Then he said, “It’s happened. I’m A to Z. I’m the Beginning, I’m the Conclusion. From Water-of-Life Well I give freely to the thirsty.

Third Reading Isaiah 25: 6-9

But here on this mountain, GOD-of-the-Angel-Armies
will throw a feast for all the people of the world,
A feast of the finest foods, a feast with vintage wines,
a feast of seven courses, a feast lavish with gourmet desserts.
And here on this mountain, GOD will banish
the pall of doom hanging over all peoples,
The shadow of doom darkening all nations.
Yes, he’ll banish death forever.
And GOD will wipe the tears from every face.
He’ll remove every sign of disgrace
From his people, wherever they are.
Yes! GOD says so!

⁹⁻¹⁰ Also at that time, people will say,
“Look at what’s happened! This is our God!
We waited for him and he showed up and saved us!
This GOD, the one we waited for!