

Benefice of Hardwicke with Elmore and Longney

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

WE WELCOME REV JAMES TURK AS ASSISTANT PRIEST!

This week

Mon 8 Nov 7.30pm Elmore PCC

Wed 9th, 9.30am, Hardwicke: Holy Communion

Remembrance Sunday 14 November

9.30am Longney, Holy Communion

1045 Hardwicke, All-age worship

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

Readings: Daniel 12: 1-3, Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25, Mark 13:1-8

- Doff Stone leads Evening Prayer each day at 6pm on her Facebook page ([1\) Dorothy Annabel Stone | Facebook](#))
- Daily Hope, a free national telephone line, offers music, prayers and reflections. Available 24 hours a day **0800 804 8044**

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

Almighty Father,

whose will is to restore all things

in your beloved Son, the King of all:

govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,

and bring the families of the nations,

divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,

to be subject to his just and gentle rule;

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

Readings

Jonah 3: 1-5, 10

Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: ² 'Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.'

³ Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. ⁴ Jonah began by going a day's journey into the city, proclaiming, 'Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown.' ⁵ The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

Hebrews 9:24-end

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made with human hands that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence. ²⁵ Nor did he enter heaven to offer himself again and again, the way the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own. ²⁶ Otherwise Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But he has appeared once for all at the culmination of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷ Just as people are

destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, ²⁸ so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

Mark 1:14-20

After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵ 'The time has come,' he said. 'The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!'

¹⁶ As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ 'Come, follow me,' Jesus said, 'and I will send you out to fish for people.' ¹⁸ At once they left their nets and followed him.

¹⁹ When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. ²⁰ Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.