

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 Christ the King Sunday (next before Advent) 21 November

9.30am Elmore, Holy Communion

1045 Hardwicke, Holy Communion with Sunday school

Readings: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14, Revelation 1:4b-8, John 18:33-37

This week

Wed 24th, 9.30am, Hardwicke: Holy Communion

Thurs 25th, 1.15pm, Longney school lesson in Church

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 Advent Coffee Morning

Advent Sunday 28 November

9.30am Longney, Holy Communion

1045 Hardwicke, Holy Communion

4pm Elmore Evening Worship

Readings: Jeremiah 33:14-16, 1 Thessalonians 3:9-end, Luke 21: 25-36

- 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**

Please pray for the sick and struggling: Jenny, Karen, Kate, John, Michelle, Lucy, Josie, Dan, Chris, Beryl, Eric, John, Lesley, Wendy's parents, Dee, Alison **Also the family and friends of** Keith Harding, Ollie Mills, Keith Robinson, Pamela Gibbs, Peter Morgan.

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 for Christ the King Sunday

Eternal Father,

whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven

that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:

keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit

and in the bond of peace,

and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;

who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

Christmas services

Thurs 16th, 7.30pm Hardwicke: Readings and carols

Sunday 19th, 6.30pm Elmore: nine Lessons and carols

Christmas Eve 4pm Hardwicke Crib service

11.15pm Midnight Mass at Hardwicke and Longney

Christmas Day 9.30am Holy Communion at Elmore

11.00 Holy Communion at Hardwicke

Boxing Day (Sunday 26 December) 11am, Said Communion at Hardwicke

Readings

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

'As I looked, 'thrones were set in place,
and the Ancient of Days took his seat.

His clothing was as white as snow;
the hair of his head was white like wool.

His throne was flaming with fire,
and its wheels were all ablaze.

¹⁰ A river of fire was flowing,
coming out from before him.

Thousands upon thousands attended him;
ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him.

The court was seated,
and the books were opened.

'In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man,^[a] coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. ¹⁴ He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshipped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.

Revelation 1:4b-8

To the seven churches in the province of Asia:

Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits^[a] before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father – to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

⁷ 'Look, he is coming with the clouds,' and 'every eye will see him, even those who pierced him';

and all peoples on earth 'will mourn because of him.'^[c]

So shall it be! Amen.

⁸ 'I am the Alpha and the Omega,' says the Lord God, 'who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.'

John 18:33-37

Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?'

³⁴ 'Is that your own idea,' Jesus asked, 'or did others talk to you about me?'

³⁵ 'Am I a Jew?' Pilate replied. 'Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?'

³⁶ Jesus said, 'My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place.'

³⁷ 'You are a king, then!' said Pilate.

Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.'