

## **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 Advent Sunday 28 November**

9.30am Longney, Holy Communion

1100 Hardwicke, Holy Communion

4pm Elmore Evening Worship

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

### **This week**

Wed 1 Dec, 9.30am, Hardwicke: Holy Communion

11am Hardwicke; Funeral of Peter Morgan

Thurs 2 Dec, 1230, Elmore, funeral of Shirley Smith

Sat 4 Dec 12 noon, Elmore: wedding

### **Advent 2, 5th December**

9.30am Elmore, Holy Communion

1100 Hardwicke, Holy Communion

Readings: Malachi 3: 1-4, Philipians 1:3-11, Luke 3:1-6

- 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, Chris, Beryl, Eric, John, Lesley, Dee, Alison, Carol  
**Also the family and friends of** Keith Harding, Ollie Mills, Keith Robinson,

Pamela Gibbs, Peter Morgan, Dan, Wendy's Dad, Shirley Smith.

Please pray for Longney and Hardwicke PCCs' re-ordering plans.

*Please also pray for Jane Edwards in Mozambique* [1021-Edwards.pdf](#)  
[bmsworldmission.org](http://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 Advent Sunday**

Almighty God,

give us grace to cast away the works of darkness

and to put on the armour of light,

now in the time of this mortal life,

in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;

that on the last day,

when he shall come again in his glorious majesty

to judge the living and the dead,

we may rise to the life immortal;

through him who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### **Christmas services**

Thurs 16<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm Hardwicke: Readings and carols

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>, 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

### Jeremiah 33:14-16

“The days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will fulfil the good promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah.

<sup>15</sup> “In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David’s line; he will do what is just and right in the land.

<sup>16</sup> In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. This is the name by which it<sup>a</sup> will be called: The LORD Our Righteous Saviour.”

### 1 Thessalonians 3:9-end

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you? <sup>10</sup> Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith.

<sup>11</sup> Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you. <sup>12</sup> May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. <sup>13</sup> May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

### Luke 21: 25-36

‘There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. <sup>26</sup> People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. <sup>27</sup> At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup> When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.’

<sup>29</sup> He told them this parable: ‘Look at the fig-tree and all the trees. <sup>30</sup> When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. <sup>31</sup> Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near.

<sup>32</sup> ‘Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. <sup>33</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

<sup>34</sup> ‘Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. <sup>35</sup> For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup> Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.’