

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 2, 5th December

9.30am Elmore, Holy Communion

1100 Hardwicke, Holy Communion

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

This week

Wed 8 Dec, 9.30am, Hardwicke: Holy Communion

From 9.30am IsingPop at Longney all day

Thurs 9th, 2pm Christmas Carols at the Lawns

Friday 10th, 7pm Christmas Carols at St Nicholas Court **CANCELLED**

Advent 3, 12th December

9.30am Longney, Holy Communion

1100 Hardwicke, Holy Communion

1pm Hardwicke: Wedding

4pm Elmore, Evensong

Readings: Zephaniah 3:14-end, Philippians 4:4-7, Luke 3: 7-18

- 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](#)
[\(bmsworldmission.org\)](#)
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 2

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness
we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy
Spirit,
be honour and glory, 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

Malachi 3: 1-4

'I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come,' says the LORD Almighty.

² But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap. ³ He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the LORD will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness, ⁴ and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the LORD, as in days gone by, as in former years.

Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you. ⁴ In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, ⁶ being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

⁷ It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. ⁸ God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

⁹ And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, ¹⁰ so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ – to the glory and praise of God.

Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar – when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene – ² during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³ He went into all the country around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

⁴ As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet:

'A voice of one calling in the wilderness,

"Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.

⁵ Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain and hill made low.

The crooked roads shall become straight,
the rough ways smooth.

⁶ And all people will see God's salvation."^[a]