

Benefice of Hardwicke with Elmore and Longney

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Covid measures. Please sanitise on entering the church. ***Mask wearing is compulsory unless you are exempt.*** Communion: the priest will intinct the bread for you. **Singing by choir and congregation is allowed but in busy services you will need to keep your mask on.** During the Peace offer your hand or elbow to your neighbours. ***A socially-distanced seating area is available in each Church (but you still have to wear a mask there).***

HAPPY CHRISTMAS! GOD BLESS YOU AND YOURS IN 2022!

Christmas Eve 4pm Hardwicke Masked Crib service – ***ticket only!***

11.15pm Midnight Mass at Hardwicke and Longney

Collect: Eternal God, who made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of your one true light: bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on earth, to see the radiance of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Christmas Day 9.30am Holy Communion at Elmore

11.00 Holy Communion at Hardwicke

Collect Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Prayer at the lighting of the Advent Wreath Christmas Eve/Day

Lord Jesus, light of light, you have come among us. Help us who live by your light to shine as lights in your world. Glory to God in the Highest.

Christmas 1 (St Stephen), Sunday 26th December

1100 Hardwicke, Holy Communion

Readings: Acts 7:51-end, Luke 2:41-end

Collect Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

This week

Wed 29th 9.30 Hardwicke Holy Communion ***CANCELLED***

Fri 31st 12.30 Hardwicke, Wedding, 2.30pm Elmore, Wedding

Sunday 2 January – kept as Epiphany

9.30am Elmore Holy Communion, 11am Hardwicke Holy Communion

Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6. Ephesians 3:1-12, Mathew 2:1-12.

- Doff Stone leads Evening Prayer each day at 6pm on her Facebook page ([1\) Dorothy Annabel Stone | Facebook](#))

Please pray for the sick and struggling: Eric and Margaret, Michelle, Judy, Alison, Marion, Lesley, John, Sally, Dee and family, Karen and Keith, Chris, Carol **Also the family and friends of** Peter Morgan, Dan, Wendy's Dad, Shirley Smith, Stella Farrington, Ros.

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

Please also pray for Jane Edwards in Mozambique [1221-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.

Readings for Christmas night/morning

Isaiah 52: 7-10

How beautiful on the mountains

are the feet of those who bring good news,
who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings,
who proclaim salvation,
who say to Zion, 'Your God reigns!'

⁸ Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices;
together they shout for joy.

When the LORD returns to Zion,
they will see it with their own eyes.

⁹ Burst into songs of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem,
for the LORD has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.

¹⁰ The LORD will lay bare his holy arm
in the sight of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth will see
the salvation of our God.

Hebrews 1: 1-4

In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe. ³ The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. ⁴ So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.

John 1: 1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome^[a] it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. ⁸ He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

⁹ The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognise him. ¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God – ¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.