

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).***

Today Sunday 9 January – Epiphany 1, Baptism of Christ

9.30am Longney Holy Communion,

11am Hardwicke Storyteller Holy Communion

1245 Hardwicke: Baptism

4pm Elmore Evensong for Plough Sunday

Readings: Isaiah 43:1-7. Acts 8: 14-17, Luke 3:15-17, 21-22.

Collect:

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;
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.

This week

Wed 12th 9.30 Hardwicke Holy Communion
7.30pm Longney PCC, Lord's Meade

Sunday 16 January – Epiphany 2

9.30am Elmore Holy Communion,

11am Hardwicke Holy Communion with Sunday school

1245 Hardwicke: Baptism

Readings: Isaiah 62: 1-5. 1 Corinthians 12:1-11, John 2: 1-11.

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

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](#)
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Also for Tim Fletcher Pioneer "Sportily" Minister, working on Hunts Grove, as Monday evening sessions commence at the school this week

Please use the Benefice Prayer diary. It is on our website.

Readings for Epiphany 1

Isaiah 43:1-7

But now, this is what the LORD says –

he who created you, Jacob,
he who formed you, Israel:

¹Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have summoned you by name; you are mine.

²When you pass through the waters,

I will be with you;

and when you pass through the rivers,

they will not sweep over you.

When you walk through the fire,

you will not be burned;

the flames will not set you ablaze.

³For I am the LORD your God,

the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour;

I give Egypt for your ransom,

Cush[Ⓜ] and Seba in your stead.

⁴Since you are precious and honoured in my sight,

and because I love you,

I will give people in exchange for you,

nations in exchange for your life.

⁵Do not be afraid, for I am with you;

I will bring your children from the east

and gather you from the west.

⁶I will say to the north, "Give them up!"

and to the south, "Do not hold them back."

Bring my sons from afar

and my daughters from the ends of the earth –

⁷everyone who is called by my name,

whom I created for my glory,

whom I formed and made.'

Acts 8: 14-17

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to Samaria. ¹⁵When they arrived, they prayed for the new believers there that they might receive the Holy Spirit, ¹⁶because the Holy Spirit had not yet come on any of them; they had simply been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. ¹⁷Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22.

The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. ¹⁶John answered them all, 'I baptise you with[Ⓜ] water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptise you with[Ⓜ] the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.'

When all the people were being baptised, Jesus was baptised too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened ²²and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: 'You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.'