

Benefice of Hardwicke with Elmore and Longney

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Covid measures. These are now non-compulsory but please take care!
Mask wearing is recommended. Communion: the priest will intinct the bread for you. During the Peace offer your hand or elbow to your neighbours. ***A socially-distanced seating area is available***

Today Sunday 1 May – EASTER 3

9.30am Elmore Holy Communion, followed by APCM

11am Hardwicke Holy Communion

1245 Hardwicke: Baptism

Readings: Acts 9: 1-20, John 21: 1-19

Collect

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
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 4th, 9.30am Hardwicke, Holy Communion

7.30pm Elmore PCC

Next Sunday 8 May – EASTER 4

9.30am Longney Holy Communion

11am Hardwicke Storyteller Holy Communion

4pm Elmore: Evensong

Readings: Psalm 23, Acts 9:36-end, John 10: 22-30

(at Hardwicke, Luke 24: 13-34, dramatized)

PRAYERS PLEASE.... for PEACE in Ukraine, South Sudan.

...Thank God for peace deals in Yemen, Ethiopia/Eritrea, Western Sahara

.....for the sick and struggling: Eric and Margaret, Lesley, John, Sally, Chris, Carol, Peter, Sean, Judy, Tim, Michelle K, Mary S, Jamie, Hilarie.

.....for the family and friends of Eileen, Diane Jewell, Mary Sims.

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

.....for Jane Edwards in Mozambique. Her latest prayer letter is at [0222-Edwards.pdf \(bmsworldmission.org\)](https://www.bmsworldmission.org/0222-Edwards.pdf)

.....for Tim Fletcher Pioneer "Sportily" Minister, working on Hunts Grove.

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

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

The Gloucester Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church of the Good Shepherd is collecting donations to be transported to Ukraine. at Unit 3, Chancel Close, Eastern Avenue, Gloucester GL4 3SN. Men's warm socks (new), Men's underwear (new), Men's thermals, Women and children's underwear (new, Bandage, Plasters and dressings, Paracetamol/ Ibuprofen/ cold remedies, Toiletries (men/women), Dried foodstuffs, Tinned food (preferably with a ring pull), Torches, Batteries.

Living in Love and Faith: Issues of identity, relationships, sex and marriage. We ran this course last summer and it was very helpful. The Deanery are now offering it as follows: Wednesday 11th May at 7pm at St Georges for 5 consecutive weeks, Tuesday 7th June at 10.30am at St Catharine's for 5 weeks. Please let Richard know if you'd like to attend.

Annual Parish and Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Hardwicke: Sunday 15 May, 12noon (followed by bring and share lunch for Christian Aid)

Readings for Easter 3

Acts 9: 1-6

Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. ³As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' ⁵'Who are you, Lord?' Saul asked.

'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,' he replied. ⁶'Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.'

John 21: 1-19

Afterwards Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee.^[a] It happened this way: ²Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus^[b]), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. ³'I'm going out to fish,' Simon Peter told them, and they said, 'We'll go with you.' So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus.⁵ He called out to them, 'Friends, haven't you any fish?' 'No,' they answered. ⁶He said, 'Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.' When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

⁷Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, 'It is the Lord,' he wrapped his outer

garment round him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. ⁸The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred metres. ⁹When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.

¹⁰Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' ¹¹So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples dared ask him, 'Who are you?' They knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' 'Yes, Lord,' he said, 'you know that I love you.' Jesus said, 'Feed my lambs.'

¹⁶Again Jesus said, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He answered, 'Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.' Jesus said, 'Take care of my sheep.'

¹⁷The third time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, 'Do you love me?' He said, 'Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.'

Jesus said, 'Feed my sheep. ¹⁸Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.' ¹⁹Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, 'Follow me!'