

Benefice of Hardwicke with Elmore and Longney

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Authorised Leaders of Worship: Neil Hollis and Doff Stone.

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 24 April – EASTER 2

9.30am Longney Holy Communion, followed by APCM

11am Hardwicke: Simply Worship Holy Communion

4pm Elmore: Evening worship

Readings: Psalm 150, Acts 5: 27-32, John 20: 19-end

Collect

Risen Christ,

for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father.

This week

Mon 25th, 7.30pm Hardwicke PCC, Church House

Wed 27th, 9.30am Hardwicke, Holy Communion

7.15pm Deanery Synod

Fri 29th, 7.30pm, Mens' group (meet at the Pilot)

Sat 30th 9am-3pm, Hardwicke church Working Party

Next Sunday 1 May – EASTER 3

9.30am Elmore Holy Communion, followed by APCM

11am Hardwicke Holy Communion

1245 Hardwicke: Baptism

Readings: Psalm 150, Acts 9: 1-6, John 21: 1-19

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 Bob Burgess, Joan Price, Diane Jewell.

.....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)

.....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.

The church is managing to get donations into Ukraine and is receiving frequent updates on which items can helpfully be donated. The church will be collecting items at Unit 3, Chancel Close, Eastern Avenue, Gloucester GL4 3SN.

The **current updated list** that the church is collecting (as of 5 April 2022) is: 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. Please give generously.

Annual Parish and Annual Parochial Church Meetings

Longney: TODAY Sunday 24 April, 1030am,

Elmore: Sunday 1 May, 1030am

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

Readings for Easter 2

Psalm 150

Praise the LORD.^[a]

Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens.

² Praise him for his acts of power;

praise him for his surpassing greatness.

³ Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,

praise him with the harp and lyre,

⁴ praise him with timbrel and dancing,

praise him with the strings and pipe,

⁵ praise him with the clash of cymbals,

praise him with resounding cymbals.

⁶ Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD.

Acts 5: 27-32

The apostles were brought in and made to appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest. ²⁸ “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name,” he said. “Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man’s blood.”

²⁹ Peter and the other apostles replied: “We must obey God rather than human beings! ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging him on a cross. ³¹ God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Saviour that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins. ³² We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

John 20: 19-end

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you!’ ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Again Jesus said, ‘Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.’ ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.’

²⁴ Now Thomas (also known as Didymus^[a]), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, ‘We have seen the Lord!’ But he said to them, ‘Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.’

²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you!’ ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.’ ²⁸ Thomas said to him, ‘My Lord and my God!’

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, ‘Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.’

³⁰ Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe^[b] that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.