

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 15 May – EASTER 5

9.30am Elmore Holy Communion

11am Hardwicke Holy Communion, followed by APCM and bring and share lunch for Christian Aid

Readings: Acts 11: 1-18, John 13: 31-35

3pm St James Quedgeley – licensing of Rev Mark Siddall

Collect

Almighty God,
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:
grant that, as by your grace going before us
you put into our minds good desires,
so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect;
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

This week

Wed 18th, 9.30am Hardwicke, Holy Communion

Sat 21st, 1pm, Longney: Wedding

Next Sunday 22 May – EASTER 6

9.30am Longney Holy Communion

11am Hardwicke Simply Worship Holy Communion

4pm Elmore: Evening worship **Readings:** Acts 16: 9-15, John 14: 23-29

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, Jamie, Hilarie.

.....for the family and friends of Eileen Moore, Dorothy Silvey, Pat Gledstone, Mary Sims.

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

.....for Jane Edwards in Mozambique. Her latest prayer letter is at 0422-Edwards.pdf (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](#)*

Donations to be transported to Ukraine.

Collected 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.

NEW! HOUSEGROUPS

Following the success of our Lent groups, we are going to start regular housegroups, in June. One on Mondays, 2-3.30pm at Pirton Cottage, Bristol Road, the other on Tuesdays 7.30-9pm at Church House. They will meet in 4 week blocks, with a break in between. Topics to be decided by the group. This is a great way to deepen your faith and get to know people better. Please consider joining us! All welcome!

Readings for Easter 5

Acts 11: 1-18

The apostles and the believers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. ² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticised him ³ and said, 'You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them.'

⁴ Starting from the beginning, Peter told them the whole story: ⁵ 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. I saw something like a large sheet being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to where I was. ⁶ I looked into it and saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles and birds. ⁷ Then I heard a voice telling me, "Get up, Peter. Kill and eat."

⁸ 'I replied, "Surely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth."

⁹ 'The voice spoke from heaven a second time, "Do not call anything impure that God has made clean." ¹⁰ This happened three times, and then it was all pulled up to heaven again.

¹¹ 'Right then three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea stopped at the house where I was staying. ¹² The Spirit told me to have no hesitation about going with them. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³ He told us how he had seen an angel appear

in his house and say, "Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. ¹⁴ He will bring you a message through which you and all your household will be saved."

¹⁵ 'As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. ¹⁶ Then I remembered what the Lord had said: "John baptised with[Ⓜ] water, but you will be baptised with[Ⓜ] the Holy Spirit." ¹⁷ So if God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God's way?'

¹⁸ When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, 'So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life.'

John 13: 31-35

When Judas was gone, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. ³² If God is glorified in him,[Ⓜ] God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

³³ 'My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: where I am going, you cannot come.

³⁴ 'A new command I give you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.'