

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 optional. Communion: the priest will intinct the bread for you. During the Peace wave, or offer your hand or elbow to your neighbours. ***A socially-distanced seating area is available***

Today 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

Collect

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy;
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 25th, **kept as Ascension Day** 9.30am Hardwicke, Holy Communion

Thurs 26th (Ascension Day) 8.45pm Elmore; Compline

Sat 28, 1pm, Elmore: Wedding

Next Sunday 29 May – Sunday after Ascension

11am Hardwicke special Benefice service (non-Eucharistic)

to mark the Platinum Jubilee. **PLEASE COME!**

PRAYERS PLEASE... for PEACE in Ukraine, South Sudan, Northern Ireland
...Thank God for peace deals in Yemen, Ethiopia/Eritrea, Western Sahara

.....for the sick and struggling: Eric and Margaret, Lesley, Chris, Carol, Sean, Judy, Tim, Michelle K, Jamie, Hilarie, Louie, Pat, Karen and Keith, Tish.....**for the family and friends of** Eileen Moore, Dorothy Silvey, Pat Gledstone, Mary Sims, Beryl Organ.

.....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 Wednesdays, 2-3pm at Pirton Cottage, Bristol Road, starting on 1 June, the other on Tuesdays 7.30-9pm at Church House, starting on 31 May. They will meet in 4 week blocks, with a break in between. Our first topic will be the NT book of Philemon. This is a great way to deepen your faith and get to know people better. Please consider joining us! All welcome!

Readings for Easter 6

Acts 16: 9-15

During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' ¹⁰ After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

¹¹ From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day we went on to Neapolis. ¹² From there we travelled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district^a of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days.

¹³ On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴ One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshipper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message. ¹⁵ When she and the members of her household were baptised, she invited us to her home. 'If you consider me a believer in the Lord,' she said, 'come and stay at my house.' And she persuaded us.

John 14: 23-29

Jesus replied, 'Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

²⁵ 'All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

²⁸ 'You heard me say, "I am going away and I am coming back to you." If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe.