

## **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 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)

### **Collect**

Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:  
raise us, who trust in him,  
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,  
that we may seek those things which are above,  
where he reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,, one God, now and for ever.

### **This week**

Mon 9<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm Ministry team

Tues 10<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm licensing of Rev James Turk, Stroud.

Wed 11<sup>th</sup>, 9.30am Hardwicke, Holy Communion

### **Next 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

### **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, Diane Jewell, Mary Sims.

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

***.....for Jane Edwards in Mozambique. Her latest prayer letter is at*** [0422-Edwards.pdf \(bmsworldmission.org\)](https://www.bmsworldmission.org/0422-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.

## **Readings for Easter 4**

### Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures,

he leads me beside quiet waters,

<sup>3</sup> he refreshes my soul.

He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the darkest valley,<sup>[a]</sup>

I will fear no evil, for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

<sup>6</sup> Surely your goodness and love will follow me  
all the days of my life,

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

### Acts 9:36-end

In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was always doing good and helping the poor. <sup>37</sup> About that time she became ill and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room. <sup>38</sup> Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, 'Please come at once!' <sup>39</sup> Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood round him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them.

<sup>40</sup> Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning towards the dead woman, he said, 'Tabitha, get up.' She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up. <sup>41</sup> He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called for the believers, especially the widows, and presented her to them alive. <sup>42</sup> This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord. <sup>43</sup> Peter stayed in Joppa for some time with a tanner named Simon.

### John 10: 22-30

Then came the Festival of Dedication<sup>[a]</sup> at Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup> and Jesus was in the temple courts walking in Solomon's Colonnade. <sup>24</sup> The Jews who were there gathered round him, saying, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.'

<sup>25</sup> Jesus answered, 'I did tell you, but you do not believe. The works I do in my Father's name testify about me, <sup>26</sup> but you do not believe because you are not my sheep. <sup>27</sup> My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup> I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup> My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all<sup>[b]</sup>; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. <sup>30</sup> I and the Father are one.'

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