

Next Sunday 17 July – Trinity 5

9.30am Elmore: Holy Communion

11am Hardwicke: Holy Communion

Readings: Genesis 18: 1-10a, Luke 10: 38-end

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, Tim, Michelle K, Hilarie, Louie, Karen and Keith, Tish.

.....for the family and friends of Judy Smith, Bobbi Thomas, Trevor Hawkins, Lynne.

.....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](#)*

Advance Notices

1) Elmore Chamber Music Festival August 4-7th.

The programme has been announced and the application process for tickets is now live at [Elmore Chamber Music Festival | Home](#)

- 2) Benefice service Sunday 31 July 11am at Hardwicke
- 3) As from 11 September the 11am Hardwicke service will take place at Hardwicke Parochial Primary Academy, Poplar Way, on the 2nd Sunday each month

Government heating grant. Every household will receive £400 in the autumn towards energy costs. Excellent! But Churches get nothing! Please would you consider tithing your £400? If everyone could give £40 to their Church that would make a huge difference. Thank you!

Benefice of Hardwicke with Elmore and Longney

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Assistant Priest Revd George Parfitt

Licensed Readers Pat Buckland, Judy Cheshire and Mike Williams

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 10 July – Trinity 4

9.30am Longney: Holy Communion

11am Hardwicke: Storyteller Holy Communion

4pm Elmore: BCP evensong

Readings: Deuteronomy 30:9-14, Luke 10: 25-37

Collect

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;
that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things
temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal;
grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

This week

Tues 12th, 7.30pm Hardwicke PCC, Church House

Wed 13th 9.30am Hardwicke, Holy Communion

Sat 16th 1.30pm Elmore: wedding blessing

Readings for Trinity 4

Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Then the LORD your God will make you most prosperous in all the work of your hands and in the fruit of your womb, the young of your livestock and the crops of your land.

The LORD will again delight in you and make you prosperous, just as he delighted in your ancestors, ¹⁰ if you obey the LORD your God and keep his commands and decrees that are written in this Book of the Law and turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

¹¹ Now what I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you or beyond your reach. ¹² It is not up in heaven, so that you have to ask, 'Who will ascend into heaven to get it and proclaim it to us so that we may obey it?' ¹³ Nor is it beyond the sea, so that you have to ask, 'Who will cross the sea to get it and proclaim it to us so that we may obey it?' ¹⁴ No, the word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so that you may obey it.

Luke 10: 25-37

On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he asked, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?'

²⁶ 'What is written in the Law?' he replied. 'How do you read it?' ²⁷ He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your

heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind"; and, "Love your neighbour as yourself."

²⁸ 'You have answered correctly,' Jesus replied. 'Do this and you will live.' ²⁹ But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?'

³⁰ In reply Jesus said: 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half-dead. ³¹ A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. ³² So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he travelled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said, "and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have."

³⁶ 'Which of these three do you think was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?'

³⁷ The expert in the law replied, 'The one who had mercy on him.' Jesus told him, 'Go and do likewise.'