

Next Sunday 24 July – Trinity 6

9.30am Longney: Holy Communion

11am Hardwicke: Simply Worship Holy Communion

1245 Hardwicke: baptisms

4pm Elmore: Evensong Readings: Genesis 18: 20-32, Luke 11: 1-13

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, Amanda Mills, Paul Littledike.

.....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](#)*

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 17 July – Trinity 5

9.30am Elmore: Holy Communion

11am Hardwicke: Holy Communion

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

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,

by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified:

hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,

that in their vocation and ministry

each may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name;

through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

This week

Wed 20th 9.30am Hardwicke, Holy Communion

Fri 22nd 1pm Longney: wedding

Readings for Trinity 5

Genesis 18: 1-10a

The LORD appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day. ² Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground.

³ He said, 'If I have found favour in your eyes, my lord,^[a] do not pass your servant by. ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree. ⁵ Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way – now that you have come to your servant.'

'Very well,' they answered, 'do as you say.'

⁶ So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. 'Quick,' he said, 'get three seahs^[b] of the finest flour and knead it and bake some bread.' ⁷ Then he ran to the herd and selected a choice, tender calf and gave it to a servant, who hurried to prepare it. ⁸ He then brought some curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared, and set these before them. While they ate, he stood near them under a tree.

⁹ 'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'There, in the tent,' he said. ¹⁰ Then one of them said, 'I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son.'

Luke 10: 38-end

As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. ³⁹ She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, 'Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!'

⁴¹ 'Martha, Martha,' the Lord answered, 'you are worried and upset about many things, ⁴² but few things are needed – or indeed only one.^[c] Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.'