

Next Sunday 31 July – Trinity 7

11am Hardwicke: Benefice all-age Worship (not Holy Communion)

Speaker Susanne Carlsson, from Sweden

Readings: Hosea 11:1-11, Luke 12: 13-21

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 Trevor Hawkins, Lynne, Amanda Mills, Paul Littledike, Jack Widdowson, Peter Pockett.

Jacks funeral is at Hardwicke 2.30pm Friday 5 August.

.....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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Licenced 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 24 July – Trinity 6

9.30am Longney: Holy Communion

11am Hardwicke: Simply Worship Holy Communion:

speaker Mike Tookey, from Gloucester Street Pastors

1245 Hardwicke: baptisms

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

Collect

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire;
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 27th 9.30am Hardwicke, Holy Communion

1130 Hardwicke: funeral of Amanda Mills

Thurs 28th 10am Hardwicke, interment of ashes of Pat Gledstone

Readings for Trinity 6

Genesis 18: 20-32

Then the LORD said, 'The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sin so grievous ²¹that I will go down and see if what they have done is as bad as the outcry that has reached me. If not, I will know.'

²²The men turned away and went towards Sodom, but Abraham remained standing before the LORD.^[a] ²³Then Abraham approached him and said: 'Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep it away and not spare^[b] the place for the sake of the fifty righteous people in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing – to kill the righteous with the wicked, treating the righteous and the wicked alike. Far be it from you! Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?'

²⁶The LORD said, 'If I find fifty righteous people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake.'²⁷ Then Abraham spoke up again: 'Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, though I am nothing but dust and ashes, ²⁸what if the number of the righteous is five less than fifty? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five people? 'If I find forty-five there,' he said, 'I will not destroy it.'

²⁹Once again he spoke to him, 'What if only forty are found there?' He said, 'For the sake of forty, I will not do it.'³⁰ Then he said, 'May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak. What if only thirty can be found there?' He answered, 'I will not do it if I find thirty there.'³¹ Abraham said, 'Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, what if only twenty can be found there?' He said, 'For the sake of twenty, I will not destroy it.'

³²Then he said, 'May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak just once more. What if only ten can be found there?' He answered, 'For the sake of ten, I will not destroy it.'

Luke 11: 1-13

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.'

²He said to them, 'When you pray, say:

“‘Father,^[a] hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come.^[b]

³Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.^[c]
And lead us not into temptation.”^[d]

⁵Then Jesus said to them, 'Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him."⁷ And suppose the one inside answers, "Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up and give you anything."⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity^[e] he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.

⁹'So I say to you: ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

¹¹'Which of you fathers, if your son asks for^[f] a fish, will give him a snake instead? ¹²Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'