

Next Sunday 4 September Trinity 12

9.30am Elmore Holy Communion

11am Hardwicke: Holy Communion

1pm Hardwicke: Baptisms

Readings: Philemon 1-21, Luke 14: 25-33

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: Lesley, Chris, Carol, Sean, Tim, Michelle K, Hilarie, Louie, Karen and Keith, Les, John, Jamie.

....for the family and friends of Amanda Mills, Paul Littledike, Jack Widdowson, Peter Pockett, Margaret Jones, Tish.

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

.....for Jane Edwards in Mozambique. Her latest prayer letter is at [A time to gather – Jane in Mozambique \(wordpress.com\)](#)

.....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) **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 instalments 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 28 August – Trinity 11

9.30am Longney: Holy Communion

11am Hardwicke: Simply Worship Holy Communion:

1pm Elmore: Wedding

4pm Elmore: Evening Worship

Readings: Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16 Luke 14: 1,7-14

Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 31st 9.30am Hardwicke, Holy Communion

Thurs 1 and Fri 2 Sept Sports Breakfasts at Hardwicke school

Sat 3rd 2pm Elmore, wedding, 4pm Hardwicke, wedding

Readings for Trinity 11

Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16

Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. ² Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. ³ Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are ill-treated as if you yourselves were suffering.

⁴ Marriage should be honoured by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. ⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said,

'Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.'^[a]

⁶ So we say with confidence,

'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.

What can mere mortals do to me?'^[a]

⁷ Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.

Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise – the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. ¹⁶ And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

Luke 14: 1,7-14

One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched.

When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honour at the table, he told them this parable: ⁸ 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honour, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. ⁹ If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, "Give this person your seat." Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, "Friend, move up to a better place." Then you will be honoured in the presence of all the other guests. ¹¹ For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

¹² Then Jesus said to his host, 'When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbours; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴ and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'