

Next Sunday 20 November Christ the King (next before Advent)

9.30am Elmore: Holy Communion

10.30am Hardwicke, Holy Communion

Lectionary Readings: Colossians 1: 11-20, Luke 23: 33-43

PRAYERS PLEASE... for PEACE in Ukraine, South Sudan, West Bank, Haiti, Brazil, Burkino-Faso, Eritrea

...Thank God for grain shipments resuming from Ukraine

...for the sick and struggling: Lesley, Chris, Sean, Tim, Michelle K, Hilarie, Louie, Karen and Keith, Les, Sharon, Mair, Sue, Nick, Ian, Vicky, Roger, Sheryl, Llawella

....for the family and friends of Nan Campbell, Brian Strange, Robin Colson, Ann Vick, Mary Alder

.....for Longney and Hardwicke PCCs' re-ordering plans, Elmore's organ and Hardwicke's bells.

.....for Jane Edwards in Mozambique. Her latest prayer letter is at [1022-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

The 11am Hardwicke service will take place at Hardwicke Parochial Primary Academy, Poplar Way, on the 2nd Sunday each month BUT NOT IN NOVEMBER!

Government heating grant. 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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Licensed Readers Pat Buckland, Judy Cheshire and Mike Williams

Authorised Leaders of Worship: Neil Hollis and Doff Stone.

Today Sunday 13 November Remembrance Sunday

9.30am Longney: Holy Communion

10.45am Hardwicke: All age worship

1pm Hardwicke: Baptism

3.30pm Elmore War Memorial ceremony

4pm Elmore Evensong

Lectionary Readings: 2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13, Luke 21: 5-19

This week

Wed 16th 9.30am Hardwicke Holy Communion

Thurs 17th 1.30pm Elmore: Wedding

7.30pm Church House: Hardwicke PCC

Fri 18th 7.30pm Mens' group

Sat 19th, 10am-12noon Hardwicke Advent Fair

Christmas is coming!

The ministry team would like to encourage Church members not to give each other Christmas cards this year. Instead, we hope you would consider buying one card and putting it in Church for everyone to see, and making a donation to Christian Aid. One way to do this is to buy a charity gift from them and bring that card to Church – details at charity-gifts.christianaid.org.uk.

Collect

Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of all:
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings for the Second Sunday before Advent

2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, we command you, brothers and sisters, to keep away from every believer who is idle and disruptive and does not live according to the teaching^[a] you received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. We were not idle when we were with you, ⁸nor did we eat anyone's food without paying for it. On the contrary, we worked night and day, labouring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you. ⁹We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to offer ourselves as a model for you to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: 'The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat.'

¹¹We hear that some among you are idle and disruptive. They are not busy; they are busybodies. ¹²Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and earn the food they eat. ¹³And as for you, brothers and sisters, never tire of doing what is good.

Luke 21: 5-19

Some of his disciples were remarking about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God. But Jesus said, ⁶'As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down.'

⁷'Teacher,' they asked, 'when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are about to take place?' ⁸He replied: 'Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in my name, claiming, "I am he," and, "The time is near." Do not follow them. ⁹When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away.'

¹⁰Then he said to them: 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven. ¹²'But before all this, they will seize you and persecute you. They will hand you over to synagogues and put you in prison, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of my name. ¹³And so you will bear testimony to me. ¹⁴But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. ¹⁵For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers and sisters, relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷Everyone will hate you because of me. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹Stand firm, and you will win life.