

Next Sunday 27 November (Advent)

9.30am Longney: Holy Communion

11.00am Hardwicke, Simply worship Holy Communion

4pm Elmore Evening worship

Readings: *(Year A begins)* Romans 13: 11-end, Matthew 24: 36-44

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

The 11am Hardwicke service will take place at Hardwicke Parochial Primary Academy, Poplar Way, on the 2nd Sunday each month

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!

CONFIRMATION The Bishop is conducting a Confirmation at St James' Quedgeley on 19 February 2023. If you sense this is the time God is calling you to take this important step, please speak to Richard and we will arrange your preparation, starting straight after Christmas.

Benefice of Hardwicke with Elmore and Longney

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Authorised Leaders of Worship: Neil Hollis and Doff Stone.

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

9.30am Elmore: Holy Communion

11.00am Hardwicke, Holy Communion

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

This week

Wed 23th 9.30am Hardwicke Holy Communion

1030 Open the Book planning

1630 Elmore, wedding rehearsal

Thurs 24th 1.00pm Elmore: Wedding

Fri 25th 1pm Elmore: Wedding

Sat 26th, 10am-12noon Longney Advent Coffee Morning

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

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory.

Readings for the Sunday before Advent (Christ the King)

Colossians 1: 11-20

May you be strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, ¹² giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you ^[a] to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. ¹³ For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵ The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. ¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Luke 23: 33-43

When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals – one on his right, the other on his left. ³⁴ Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.'^[a] And they divided up his clothes by casting lots. ³⁵ The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is God's Messiah, the Chosen One.'³⁶ The

soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar ³⁷ and said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.'³⁸ There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

³⁹ One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: 'Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!'⁴⁰ But the other criminal rebuked him. 'Don't you fear God,' he said, 'since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹ We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.'⁴² Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.'^[b]⁴³ Jesus answered him, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.'

Hymn

1 Come and see the shining hope that Christ's apostle saw;
on the earth, confusion but in heaven an open door,
where the living creatures praise the Lamb for evermore:
Love has the victory for ever!

Chorus Amen, he comes! to bring his own reward!
Amen, praise God! for justice now restored;
kingdoms of the world become the kingdom of the Lord:
Love has the victory for ever!

2 All the gifts you send us, Lord, are faithful, good and true;
holiness and righteousness are shown in all you do:
who can see your greatest Gift and fail to worship you?
Love has the victory for ever! **Chorus**

3 Power and salvation all belong to God on high!
So the mighty multitudes of heaven make their cry,
singing Hallelujah! where the echoes never die:
Love has the victory for ever **Chorus**