

Next Sunday 4th December (Advent 2)

9.30am Elmore: Holy Communion

11.00am Hardwicke, Holy Communion

Readings: Romans 15: 4-13, Matthew 3: 1-12

PRAYERS PLEASE... for PEACE in Ukraine, South Sudan, West Bank, Haiti, Brazil, Burkino-Faso, AND for those struggling to make ends meet.

...Thank God for grain shipments resuming from Ukraine, and a peace agreement between Eritrea and Ethiopia.

...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, Jamie Guise, Royston Woods, Brenda Lovell
.....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
<https://janeinmozambique.wordpress.com/2022/11/13/tis-the-season/>
.....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, next on 11th December

Warm spaces in winter. Both st James Quedgeley and Bristol Rd Methodist Church are opening one day a week to provide warm meeting space. If you can volunteer to help staff these, please see Richard.

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 and Elmore **with Longney**

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Today Sunday 27 November (Advent Sunday)

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

This week

Mon 28th, 1pm Hardwicke, funeral of Royston Woods

Tues 29th 12noon, Elmore, Funeral of Sir Jamie Guise

Wed 30th 9.30am Hardwicke Holy Communion

Thurs 1st Dec 12 noon Elmore: funeral of Brenda Lovell

2pm Advent Study Group, Purton Cottage, Bristol Road

Fri 2nd 7.30pm FUSION group, Church House

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.

ALSO we are collecting duvets and sleeping bags to give to cold people.

Collect

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Readings for Advent Sunday

Romans 13: 10-end

Love does no harm to a neighbour. Therefore love is the fulfilment of the law.

¹¹ And do this, understanding the present time: the hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armour of light. ¹³ Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. ¹⁴ Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.^[c]

Matthew 24: 36-44

About that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son,^[a] but only the Father. ³⁷ As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; ³⁹ and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.

⁴² 'Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. ⁴³ But understand this: if the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.