**The Benefice of Great Hanwood**

**Longden & Annscroft with Pulverbatch**

**Sunday 13 September 2020 - Trinity 14**

**Collect**

Merciful God, your Son came to save us  
and bore our sins on the cross:  
may we trust in your mercy  
and know your love,  
rejoicing in the righteousness  
that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

**Romans 14: 1-12**

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them.

Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister?

For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God.For it is written, ‘As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.’ So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

**Post Communion Prayer**

Lord God, the source of truth and love,  
keep us faithful to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Matthew 18: 21-35**

Then Peter came and said to him, ‘Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?’

Jesus said to him, ‘Not seven times, but I tell you, seventy-seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves.

When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.” And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, “Pay what you owe.”

Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you.” But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, “You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?” And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.’

**This Week**

Thur 17 Sept Longden 10-11am Private Prayer

**Sunday 20 September**

10.00am Holy Communion at Annscroft

4.30pm Sunday Praise on Zoom

**We pray for our Benefice**

For those living in Cothercott, Wilderley,

Church and Castle Pulverbatch, Wrentnall, Oaks.

Sun. Church Pulverbatch Parish Council

Mon. St Edith’s & the PCC

Tues. Pulverbatch Village Hall

Weds. The White Horse

Thurs. Nurses and Doctors, paramedics

Fri. Children's Homes

Sat. Parents and carers

**We pray for the following:**

Alan Fullwood, Ray Sheffield, Marjorie Agg, Sue, Bill Hill, Ann Smith, Nikki and Hannah, Michael,

Marguerite Atterbury, David & Margaret Price,

**Pray for**:

* South America - Presiding Bishop:

The Most Revd Gregory Venables.

* All who visit our churches, and our welcome to them.

Pray we may interpret our buildings to both tell their story and share our faith.

* Pray for the many families worldwide who have lost loved ones as a consequence of Covid 19, especially those who have been unable to be with them in their final days and hours. May they find God’s peace surrounding them at this difficult and lonely time.
* Monday is Holy Cross Day: reflect on the Cross as the place of our salvation, and the sign of a sacrificial and inclusive ministry.
* This week commemorates Hildegarde, 12C Abbess of Bingen, who described herself as being “a feather on the breath of God”. Her many attributes included a deep appreciation of nature: pray for all who share her sense that to honour God we must choose to live in harmony with all he has made.
* In National Eczema Week pray for all who suffer from skin irritations, and for research and treatment; and in National Hygiene Week, give thanks for greater awareness of the need for hand washing and other hygiene measures, and pray we may not relax our guard as winter approaches.
* Tuesday is the International Day of Democracy: pray for those nations where democratic institutions are absent, misused or manipulated.
* Pray for all our schools in the extra stress of this new school year, and especially for the vital support given by Teaching Assistants.
* Bishop Richard’s Prayer Pilgrimage –

On the final Saturday pray for all who will meet and pray with Bishop Richard in the Deaneries of Ledbury, Ross & Archenfield & Hereford

* Ireland: Tuam, Killala & Achonry;
* England: Bath & Wells