The Benefice of Great Hanwood

Longden & Annscroft with Pulverbatch

Sunday 7 March 2021

Third Sunday of Lent

Collect

Eternal God, give us insight  
to discern your will for us,  
to give up what harms us,  
and to seek the perfection we are promised  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Exodus 20: 1-17

Then God spoke all these words:

2 I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; 3you shall have no other gods before me.

4 You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. 5You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, 6but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

7 You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

8 Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. 9For six days you shall labour and do all your work. 10But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. 11For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

12 Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

13 You shall not murder.

14 You shall not commit adultery.

15 You shall not steal.

16 You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

17 You shall not covet your neighbour’s house; you shall not covet your neighbour’s wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

John 2: 13-22

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 14In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. 15Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. 16He told those who were selling the doves, ‘Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father’s house a market-place!’ 17His disciples remembered that it was written, ‘Zeal for your house will consume me.’

18The Jews then said to him, ‘What sign can you show us for doing this?’ 19Jesus answered them, ‘Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.’ 20The Jews then said, ‘This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?’ 21But he was speaking of the temple of his body.

22After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken**.**

Post Communion Prayer

Merciful Lord,  
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil,  
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you,

the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

We pray for the following:

Margaret Hill, Ray Sheffield, Marjorie Agg,

Alan Fullwood, Sue, Nicki & Hannah, Anne,

Margaret & Colin Hurford, Margaret Croft.

**This Week**

Mon 8th 3.30pm Holy Habits course – Zoom

Wed 10th 3.30pm Creation Justice - Zoom

Thurs 12th **NO** Holy Communion - Longden

Sunday 14 March

10.30am Sunday Praise - Zoom

4.30pm Evening Prayer - 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

Pray for:

* The Anglican Church of the Congo
* The Hereford Deanery:
* Rural Dean – Ruth Hulse;
* Lay Co-Chair – Jackie Mumford;
* Sub-Warden of Readers – Malcolm Robertson;
* Treasurer - Rosemary Lording.
* Chelmsford (vacant) Bishop John Perumbalath, Bishop Roger Morris, Bishop Peter Hill;
* Sweden: Karlstad, Bishop Sören Dalevi.
* Pray for the people and nations of the Horn of Africa.
* Pray for peace in the situation in Northern Ethiopia, with fighting between Tigray regional forces and the Ethiopian army. Pray for peace there and elsewhere in the region, including Somalia and South Sudan.
* No More Week, beginning this Sunday and sponsored by the charity UK Says No More, raises awareness of domestic abuse. Pray for individuals and families directly affected by such abuse, so often hidden and unreported, and for all who offer help and refuge.
* International Women’s Day on Monday celebrates the achievements of women in cultural, social scientific and political spheres - and is also a focus on campaigning issues, this year equality in education.
* This week is also National Butchers Week: pray for the many local butcher’s shops that serve our communities, often ensuring a local market for locally produced and sourced meats - better economically and environmentally.
* Wednesday this week is National No Smoking Day. Pray for all who are trying to give up smoking, and also for those who are struggling with smoking-related health problems.
* As we move towards Easter, pray for all who work within the area of local tourism and visitor attractions within our Diocese, many of whom will have struggled greatly over the past year, and will be hoping for a year of rebuilding. Pray too for those who visit our churches, and that we may find creative ways of interpreting our buildings so as to share not only their history and the beauty of the building and its contents, but also our faith.
* Pray for our church schools, for heads and teaching and non-teaching staff, and for children and parents. Pray for school governors and especially for foundation governors, and for the work of our Diocesan Board of Education.

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