The Benefice of Great Hanwood

Longden & Annscroft with Pulverbatch

Sunday 20 June 2021

Trinity 3

Collect

God our saviour,  
look on this wounded world  
in pity and in power;  
hold us fast to your promises of peace  
won for us by your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

**2 Corinthians 6: 1-13**

As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. 2For he says, ‘At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.’ See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! 3We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, 4but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, 5beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; 6by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, 7truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; 8in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute.

We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; 9as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; 10as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

11We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. 12There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours.

13In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

**Mark 4: 35-end**

 On that day, when evening had come, Jesus said to his disciples, ‘Let us go across to the other side.’ 36And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. 37A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. 38But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, ‘Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?’

39He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, ‘Peace! Be still!’ Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. 40He said to them, ‘Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?’

41And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, ‘Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?’

**Post Communion Prayer**

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining

and whose power we cannot comprehend:  
show us your glory as far as we can grasp it,  
and shield us from knowing more

than we can bear  
until we may look upon you without fear;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**.

**We pray for the following:**

Margaret Hill, Marjorie Agg, Ralph & Rita Prince,

Wendy Sheffield, Sue, Nicki & Hannah, Michael,

Marguerite Atterbury, Jim Ibbott, Alan Fullwood

Liba Taconis, Rhoda Pearce.

This Week

Thur 24th **No** Holy Communion – Longden

Sunday 27 June

10.30am Holy Communion – Pulverbatch

4.30pm Sunday Praise - 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

Eternal God,

Bless us with the spirit of unity.

May we embrace difference,

and work with each other,

to put our faith into action.

**Amen**.

Pray for:

- The Church of North India (united).

-Pray that we may develop an inclusive ministry that affirms and embodies the rights, abilities and value of all.

-England: Diocese in Europe;

-Sweden: Visby;

-Denmark: Copenhagen.

-On World Refugee Day, pray for the many refugees in our world living in poverty and danger, often in host countries that are themselves desperately poor. Pray the time may be hastened when all will dwell in safety and peace.

-The children’s hospice movement in the United Kingdom provides care and respite for some 47,000 children with long-term or terminal conditions: pray for this work and its resourcing. - - Breathe Easy Week prompts prayer for those living with lung problems of various kinds,

including those who have survived serious Covid infections.

-Thursday is Reserves Day: pray for those who serve as reservists in our armed forces, and give thanks for their contribution towards the defence of the realm.

- For the lifting of Covid restrictions in England this week. Pray that this may be done safely, and that any upsurge in cases can be managed and controlled; pray too for those working to identify and counter new variants of the virus. Pray for all whose lives have been damaged or changed by the pandemic.

- Friday is International Sand Dunes Day: these are important and vulnerable habitats - pray for their care and conservation, and for our coastline and coastal waters in general, which can face substantial disturbance through the holiday season