The Benefice of Great Hanwood

Longden & Annscroft with Pulverbatch

Sunday 12 September 2021

Resilience to Climate Change

Collect

Lord God,  
defend your Church from all false teaching  
and give to your people knowledge of your truth,  
that we may enjoy eternal life

in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Ecclesiastes 4: 9-10**

Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. **10**For if they fall, one will lift up the other; but woe to one who is alone and falls and does not have another to help.

**Psalm 104 God the Creator and Provider**

**1**Bless the Lord, O my soul.  
    O Lord my God, you are very great.  
You are clothed with honour and majesty,  
**2**    wrapped in light as with a garment.  
You stretch out the heavens like a tent,  
**3**    you set the beams of your chambers on the waters, you make the clouds your chariot,  
    you ride on the wings of the wind,  
**4**you make the winds your messengers,  
    fire and flame your ministers.

**10**You make springs gush forth in the valleys;  
    they flow between the hills,  
**11**giving drink to every wild animal;  
    the wild asses quench their thirst.  
**12**By the streams the birds of the air have their habitation;  
    they sing among the branches.  
**13**From your lofty abode you water the mountains; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.

**14**You cause the grass to grow for the cattle,  
    and plants for people to use,  
to bring forth food from the earth,  
**15**    and wine to gladden the human heart,  
oil to make the face shine,  
    and bread to strengthen the human heart.  
**16**The trees of the Lord are watered abundantly,  
    the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.  
**17**In them the birds build their nests;  
    the stork has its home in the fir trees.  
**18**The high mountains are for the wild goats;  
    the rocks are a refuge for the coneys.  
**19**You have made the moon to mark the seasons;  
    the sun knows its time for setting.

**24**O Lord, how manifold are your works!  
    In wisdom you have made them all;  
    the earth is full of your creatures.

**Matthew 22: 34-40**

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, **35**and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. **36**“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” **37**He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’

**38**This is the greatest and first commandment.

**39**And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’ **40**On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

**Post Communion Prayer**

Keep, O Lord, your Church,

with your perpetual mercy;  
and, because without you

our human frailty cannot but fall,  
keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,  
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**We pray for the following**

Alan Fullwood, Sue, Nicki & Hannah, Jenny Dakin,

Ralph & Rita Prince, Jim Ibbott, Rhoda Pearce, Liba Taconis, Margaret Hill, Russell Smith.

Marguerite Atterbury, Ruby – great niece to Tracy Jones.

**This Week**

Thur 16th **NO** 10am Holy Communion – Longden

**Sunday 19 September Mend it Sunday – bring examples of items you have repaired**

9.30am Matins - Pulverbatch

11.00am Holy Communion – Annscroft

4.30pm Pet Service outside FOLLOWED BY CAKE – Hanwood, BRING DOGS ON LEADS, SMALL ANIMALS IN CAGES, CHAIR TO SIT ON.

**We pray for our Benefice**

For those living in Longden, Longden Manor and Longden Common Lane

Sun. Longden Parish Council

Mon. Longden Primary School

Tues. Doctors, dentists, nurses

Wed. St Ruthen’s Church & the PCC

Thur. Longden Village Hall,

Fri. The Red Lion

Sat. The widowed and bereaved.

**Tearfund reboot campaign** www.tearfund.org/campaigns/reboot-campaign

**Pray for**:

- The Anglican Church of Tanzania

- Pray for all who visit our churches, and for the

welcome we extend, both at times of worship,

and to those who look in at other times.

Pray we may enable people to visit safely, and

that we may interpret our buildings in attractive

ways to tell their story and share our faith.

-Ireland: Tuam, Killala and Achonry

- England: Bath and Wells –

Bishop Peter Hancock, Bishop Ruth Worsley.

- Bishops Ark and Elizabeth began to exercise

their ministry as joint bishops of Nuremberg in

2006. Give thanks for the years of their joint

ministry, and pray for Bishop Ark in retirement

and Bishop Elizabeth as she continues in office.

- Orchid Male Cancer Awareness Week this week

highlights the risk of testicular, prostate and

penile cancers, which are often completely

curable if caught early enough. Pray for

effective identification and treatment.

- Other health awareness weeks which share this

week focus attention on those who live with

mitochondrial disease, with eczema, and with

balance problems. Pray for the work of

specialists and researchers in all these areas,

and give thanks for the breadth of medical care

available to us.

- World Sepsis Day is always held on 13th

September. Pray for a new campaign by the

Sepsis Trust, “Schools against Sepsis”, which

aims to educate Key Stage 2 students and their

families about the disease.

-Tuesday is Holy Cross Day. The sacrifice of

Christ on the cross of Calvary proves the love of

God for his people, and turns an instrument of

death into the throne of our King, and our

symbol of redemption and grace.

-Hildegard of Bingen, commemorated on Friday,

was remarkable in her learning, her piety, her

visionary sense of God’s presence, and as a

musician. She also had a strong awareness of

the need to live in balance with creation, and

perhaps her day can prompt prayer for our

churches in their engagement with

environmental issues.

-This is National Coding Week, and we may be

reminded that today’s children and young people

have grown up with computers as part of their

daily lives. This week helps children in school to

be creative in their use of technology, but also to

support adults in learning coding skills, i.e. how

to programme a computer. Pray for all who work

in IT, or who teach it in our schools and colleges.

**A prayer for the climate crisis**

God of justice,

We lift up people around the world who are suffering the effects of the climate crisis. We think of those in Bangladesh, the Philippines, Mozambique and Central America who have recently faced deadly cyclones and floods.

We think of those in Burkina Faso, Brazil, Ethiopia and Zimbabwe who are facing prolonged droughts.

Lord, it is not fair that those who have done the least to cause this crisis are suffering.

Lord, please provide for them, protect them and give them hope for the future.

Lord, we ask that you bless churches and charities who are responding to this crisis; equip them and give them wisdom.

Lord, you ask us to work with you to protect our neighbours; please shake us out of ourselves, so that as the church we can stand up for those in need, raise awareness and call for change.

And Lord, when the issue feels too big or overwhelming, keep our eyes fixed on you who can do more than we can ask or imagine.

In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.