**The Benefice of Great Hanwood**

Longden & Annscroft with Pulverbatch

Sunday 14 September 2025

Trinity 13/Climate Sunday

Collect

Lord of justice and compassion, you created the world in goodness and love and made us to care with compassion for your earth and each other:
Forgive our neglect of creation and our indifference to suffering, stir-up in us a hope that acts, a faith that speaks, and a love that crosses every boundary. Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who came to bring good news to the poor
and to restore all things in you. **Amen**

**1 Timothy 2.1-7**

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, [2](https://www.biblestudytools.com/nrs/1-timothy/2-2.html) for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity.

[3](https://www.biblestudytools.com/nrs/1-timothy/2-3.html) This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, [4](https://www.biblestudytools.com/nrs/1-timothy/2-4.html) who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

[5](https://www.biblestudytools.com/nrs/1-timothy/2-5.html) For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, [6](https://www.biblestudytools.com/nrs/1-timothy/2-6.html) who gave himself a ransom for all —this was attested at the right time.

[7](https://www.biblestudytools.com/nrs/1-timothy/2-7.html) For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

**Luke 16.1-13**

Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. [2](https://www.biblestudytools.com/nrs/luke/16-2.html) So he summoned him and said to him, "What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' [3](https://www.biblestudytools.com/nrs/luke/16-3.html) Then the manager said to himself, "What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. [4](https://www.biblestudytools.com/nrs/luke/16-4.html) I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' [5](https://www.biblestudytools.com/nrs/luke/16-5.html) So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, "How much do you owe my master?' [6](https://www.biblestudytools.com/nrs/luke/16-6.html) He answered, "A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, "Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' [7](https://www.biblestudytools.com/nrs/luke/16-7.html) Then he asked another, "And how much do you owe?' He replied, "A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, "Take your bill and make it eighty.' [8](https://www.biblestudytools.com/nrs/luke/16-8.html) And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light.

[9](https://www.biblestudytools.com/nrs/luke/16-9.html) And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

[10](https://www.biblestudytools.com/nrs/luke/16-10.html) "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. [11](https://www.biblestudytools.com/nrs/luke/16-11.html) If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? [12](https://www.biblestudytools.com/nrs/luke/16-12.html) And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? [13](https://www.biblestudytools.com/nrs/luke/16-13.html) No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

**Post Communion Prayer**

God our creator, you feed your children

with the true manna,

the living bread from heaven: let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage
until we come to that place
where hunger and thirst are no more;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**We pray for the following:**

Anne Hobson, Hefyn Edwards, Margaret Hill,

Jonathan Fraser, Maisie, Mark, Louise, Andrew.

**The Week Ahead**

Mon 15th Messy Church – Pulverbatch Village Hall

Wed 17th 2pm Pulverbatch PCC Meeting

Thurs 18th 10am Holy Communion - Longden

 2pm Funeral of Roy Sargent – Longden

 7pm Deanery Synod – Westbury Church

Sat 20th 7pm Quiz to raise Funds for “Train a Priest in Tanzania” – Westbury Church

**Sunday 21 September – Trinity 14**

 9.30am Morning Worship - Pulverbatch

 11am Holy Communion - Annscroft

 4.30pm Animal Blessing Service – Hanwood

**We pray for our Benefice:**

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

Sun. St Ruthen’s Church & the PCC

Mon. Longden Primary School

Tues. Longden Parish Council

Wed. Doctors, dentists, nurses

Thur. The widowed and bereaved

Fri. The Red Lion

Sat. Longden Village Hall.