**The Benefice of Great Hanwood**

**Longden & Annscroft with Pulverbatch**

**Sunday 11 October 2020 - Trinity 18 Harvest Festival**

**Collect**

Eternal God,

you crown the year with your goodness

and you give us the fruits of the earth

in their season:

grant that we may use them to your glory,

for the relief of those in need

and for our own well-being;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Joel 2: 21-27**

 Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice,
 for the Lord has done great things!
22 Do not fear, you animals of the field,
   for the pastures of the wilderness are green;
 the tree bears its fruit,
   the fig tree and vine give their full yield.
23 O children of Zion, be glad
   and rejoice in the Lord your God;
 for he has given the early rain for your

 vindication,
   he has poured down for you abundant rain,
   the early and the later rain, as before.
24 The threshing-floors shall be full of grain,
   the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.
25 I will repay you for the years
   that the swarming locust has eaten,
 the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
   my great army, which I sent against you.
26 You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
   and praise the name of the Lord your God,
   who has dealt wondrously with you. And

 my people shall never again be put

 to shame.
27 You shall know that I am in the midst of

 Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God

 and there is no other.
 And my people shall never again be put to

 shame.

**We pray for our Benefice**

For those living in Hook-a-Gate, Welbatch, Whitley, Exfords Green, Lower Common.

Sun. Our MP & Shropshire Council

Mon. Local Councillors

Tues. Shrewsbury Foodbank Plus

Wed. Our neighbours

Thur. Local farmers

Fri. Hillside Nursery, Hook-a-gate

Sat. The New Inn, Hook-a-gate

**Matthew 6: 25-33**

Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink,or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?

26Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? 27And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? 28And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, 29yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these.

30But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? 31Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” 32For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. 33But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

**Post Communion Prayer**

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**We pray for the following:**

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

Manju, Eldho, Freddie and Alfie.

**This Week**

Thur 15 Oct Private Prayer at Longden

**Sunday 18 September**

9.30am Join David Moss on Zoom

10.00am Holy Communion at Annscroft

**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, and finally Hereford.
* Ireland: Tuam, Killala & Achonry; England: Bath & Wells.