The Benefice of Great Hanwood

Longden & Annscroft with Pulverbatch

Sunday 5 May 2024  
 Easter 6

Collect

Risen Christ, by the lakeside,

you renewed your call to your disciples:  
help your Church to obey your command  
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,  
to the glory of God the Father. **Amen**

**Acts 10: 44-48**

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word.

45The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles,

46for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 47‘Can anyone withhold the water for baptising these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?’ 48So he ordered them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

**John 15: 1-17**

‘I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. 2He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. 3You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. 4Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. 5I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. 6Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. 7If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love.

11I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. 12 This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. 14You are my friends if you do what I command you. 15I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.

16You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. 17I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.’

**Post Communion Prayer**

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ

gives the water of eternal life:

may we thirst for you,  
the spring of life and source of goodness,  
through him who is alive and reigns,

now and for ever. **Amen**.

**We pray for the following:**

Hefyn Edwards, Margaret Hill, Liba Taconis, Rhoda Pearce, Sheila Dawson-Campbell, Louise, Andrew, Maisie, Liam, Mark, Robyn, Carol, Yvette, Peter Oakley, John Morris.

**R.I.P**. Margaret Bowring, Samantha McKelvie.

**The Week Ahead**

Wed 8th 2pm Funeral of Samantha McKelvie

at Hanwood

Thurs 9th Ascension Day 10am Holy Communion - Longden, start of Thy Kingdom Come Prayer

Thurs 9th 12noon Funeral of Margaret Bowring

at Hanwood

**Wed 8th 5-5.30pm TKC Prayer on zoom  
Sat 11th 5-5.30pm TKC Prayer on zoom**

### **Thy Kingdom Come** is a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost that God’s Spirit might work in the lives of 5 people who have not responded with their ‘Yes’ to God’s call.

*“In praying 'Thy Kingdom Come' we all commit to playing our part in the renewal of the nations and the transformation of communities."* Archbishop Justin Welby.

[2024 Novena - Multiple Languages | Thy Kingdom Come](https://www.thykingdomcome.global/resources/2024-novena-multiple-languages)

[2024 Prayer Journals | Thy Kingdom Come](https://www.thykingdomcome.global/resources/2024-prayer-journals)

**Sunday 12 May– Easter 7**

Christian Aid Week begins

9.30am Matins - Pulverbatch

11am Holy Communion - Longen

11am Morning Worship – Hanwood

4.30pm Sunday Praise - Zoom

**We pray for our Benefice:**

For those living on Lyth Bank & Hill, Annscroft

Sun. Rural Dean – Rev Greg Smith

Mon Deanery Clergy and Readers

Tues. Deanery Synod members

Weds. Christ Church & the PCC

Thurs. Shops & Post Offices

Fri. Postal staff, bus drivers

Sat The vulnerable people in our society –

pensioners, sick, disabled, unemployed

**We pray for**

* Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil.
* Give thanks for the ecumenical, interfaith and international links that help define and locate us as a diocese; pray their development.
* England: Southwark; Norway: Björgvin.
* Climate change is having a negative impact on all forms of farming in Tanzania There is an increased frequency of extreme events, such as drought and flooding, and a decline in soil fertility. Pray for small farmers struggling to cope with change, and for families divided as men migrate to urban areas in search of employment.
* On Dawn Chorus Day, give thanks for the beauty of birdsong, and pray for the protection of songbirds and their habitats.
* At Rogationtide, pray we may serve our Creator in our careful use of what he has placed into our hands.
* As we approach the “Thy Kingdom Come” days of prayer starting on Ascension Day, may we draw closer ourselves to God as we consider those we shall pray may come to know him better.
* Tuesday is World Asthma Day. Pray for all who live with asthma, for their care and treatment & for cleaner and healthier air.
* Pray for the work of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent, in places of need and trouble around the world.
* On Ascension Day, may we honour Christ as our King, and wait in hope and prayer for the gifting of his Holy Spirit.