**The Benefice of Great Hanwood**

Longden & Annscroft with Pulverbatch

Sunday 13 October 2024
 Harvest

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 your Son

our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,

now and for ever. **Amen**

**Deuteronomy 26: 1-11**

Moses said to all Israel: When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, 2you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. 3You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, ‘Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.’ 4When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, 5you shall make this response before the Lord your God:

‘A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. 6When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, 7we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression.

 8The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders;

9and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey.

10So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.’ You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. 11Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

**Psalm 100**

O be joyful in the Lord, all the earth;
   serve the Lord with gladness
   and come before his presence with a song.
2  Know that the Lord is God;
  it is he that has made us and we are his;
   we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
3  Enter his gates with thanksgiving
    and his courts with praise;
   give thanks to him and bless his name.
4  For the Lord is gracious; his steadfast love is

 everlasting, and his faithfulness endures from

 generation to generation.

**John 6: 25-35**

When the crowd found Jesus on the other side of the lake, they said to him, ‘Rabbi, when did you come here?’ 26Jesus answered them, ‘Very truly,

I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. 27Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.’

28Then they said to him, ‘What must we do to perform the works of God?’ 29Jesus answered them, ‘This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.’ 30So they said to him, ‘What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? 31Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, “He gave them bread from heaven to eat.” ’ 32Then Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. 33For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.’ 34They said to him, ‘Sir, give us this bread always.’

35 Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.’

**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:**

Hefyn Edwards, Margaret Hill, Rhoda Pearce, Sheila Dawson-Campbell, Peter Oakley,

Maisie, Liam, Mark, Louise, Andrew.

**RIP** Stan Costley, Janet Smith, Sylvia Bendall

**This week**

Mon 14th 3.30pm Messy Church- Pulverbatch

 Village Hall

Tues 15th 7.30pm The Gathering – Marton

 Village Hall

Thur 17th 1.30pm Clean Longden Church

 2pm (time tbc) Meet at Hanwood Church for demo of heated pew cushions

Fri 18th 11.30am **Funeral of Stan Costley** at Crem

**Sunday 20 October – Trinity 21**

9.30am Matins – Pulverbatch

11am Holy Communion - Annscroft

4.30pm Songs of Praise – Vine Close, Hanwood

**Mon 21st** 12.30pm **Funeral of Janet Smith** in Annscroft Church and 2pm at Crem

**Tue 22nd** 1.15pm **Funeral of Sylvia Bendall** at Crem

**We pray for our Benefice:**

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

Sun. Shrewsbury Foodbank Plus

Mon. Local Councillors

Tues. Our MP & Shropshire Council

Wed. Our neighbours

Thur. Local farmers

Fri. Hillside Nursery, Hook-a-gate

Sat. The New Inn, Hook-a-gate

**We pray for**

* Episcopal Church in the Philippines.
* Leominster Deanery.
* England: Truro; Norway: Tönsberg;
* Sweden: Strängnäs.
* Give thanks for the International Cross of Nails fellowship, and pray for schools becoming Cross of Nails Schools or considering this.
* In the week of World Food Day, pray for all who go hungry or lack food security, and that we may share more equally, give special help to the neediest, and cut down on food waste.
* The Day for the Eradication of Poverty also falls this week. Pray for programmes to bring lasting relief from poverty, and to provide for those living in poverty the power and means to rebuild their lives.
* Conflict Resolution Day this week prompts prayer for the work of mediation and arbitration services to help resolve conflict situations in peaceful ways.
* St Luke’s Day on Friday prompts prayers of thanksgiving for Luke as a Gospel voice, a historian of the Church and a witness to Paul.
* Pray too for the healing ministry, and for hospital and hospice chaplains.
* Friday is also Anti-Slavery Day. Pray for the release of all who are trapped in situations of modern slavery, for awareness and for decisive action by governments and agencies.
* Pray for all who live with epilepsy: for improvements in treatment and support, and in access to work and benefits.
* Pray for village and community halls, for those who run them and those who use their facilities.