**The Benefice of Great Hanwood**

Longden & Annscroft with Pulverbatch

Sunday 19 January 2025
 WPCU/Epiphany 2

Collect

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end:
bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Isaiah 43: 10-13**

You are my witnesses, says the Lord,
and my servant whom I have chosen,
so that you may know and believe me
and understand that I am he.
Before me no god was formed,
nor shall there be any after me.
**11**I, I am the Lord, and besides me

there is no saviour.
**12**I declared and saved and proclaimed,
when there was no strange god among you;

and you are my witnesses, says the Lord.
**13**I am God, and also henceforth I am He;
there is no one who can deliver from my hand;
I work and who can hinder it?

**John 11: 17-27**

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days.

Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him”. Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again”. Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day”. Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.

Do you believe this?”

She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world”.

**John 20: 24-29**

Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.

So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord”. But he said to them,

 “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe”.

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them.

Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you”. Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe”.

Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

**Post Communion Prayer**

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life:

fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of

Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

**We pray for the following:**

Hefyn Edwards, Margaret Hill, Rhoda Pearce, Sheila Dawson-Campbell, Jonathan Fraser, Maisie, Liam, Mark, Louise, Andrew.

**This week**

Mon 20th 3.30pm Messy Church – Pulverbatch

 Village Hall

Tue 21st 7.30pm The Gathering in Marton Village Hall – extended worship to God

Wed 21st 10am START Course begins in Social Area in Hanwood Church

3pm Messy Church planning meeting in Rectory

Thur 23rd 2.45pm Funeral of Mary Jones at Emstrey Crematorium

**Sunday 26 January – Epiphany 3**

9.30am Holy Communion - Pulverbatch

11am Holy Communion - Longden

11am Holy Communion - Hanwood

4.30pm Farewell Service to Revd Bill Rowell at Leighton Church

**We pray for our Benefice:**

For those living in Hanwood, Cruckton & Cruckmeole

Sun. St Thomas’s Hanwood & the PCC

Mon. St Thomas & St Anne’s CE Primary School

Tues. Great Hanwood Parish Council

Wed. Tommy's Toddlers

Thur. Hanwood Youth Club,

Fri. Hanwood & Cruckton Village Halls

Sat. The Cock Inn