**The Benefice of Great Hanwood**

Longden & Annscroft with Pulverbatch

Sunday 30 March 2025  
Mothering Sunday

Collect

God of love, passionate and strong,  
tender and careful: watch over us

and hold us all the days of our life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Exodus 2: 1-10**

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. 2The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. 3When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. 4His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.5The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. 6When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. ‘This must be one of the Hebrews’ children,’ she said. 7Then his sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter, ‘Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?’ 8Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, ‘Yes.’ So the girl went and called the child’s mother.

9Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, ‘Take this child and nurse it for me, & I will give you your wages.’

So the woman took the child and nursed it.

10When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, ‘because’, she said,

‘I drew him out of the water.’

**Luke 2: 33-35**

And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. 34Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, ‘This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed 35so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.’

**Post Communion Prayer**

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children

at the breast, you feed us in this sacrament

with the food and drink of eternal life:  
help us who have tasted your goodness  
to grow in grace within the household of faith;  
through 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.

**RIP** Violet Webb

The Funeral of Violet Webb will be at 10am on Tues 15th April at Emstrey Crematorium

**The Week Ahead**

Tue 1st April 9am-12.30pm Easter Experience in Hanwood Church – two classes from Hanwood school will take part in this

Wed 2nd 3pm Lent Group on zoom, ask Graham Phillips for a link

Thurs 3rd 10am Holy Communion - Longden

Thurs 3rd 2pm Churchyard working party at Pulverbatch Church

Sat 5th April 2p Baptism pf Charlie Howie in Annscroft Church

Sun 6th 1pm Lent Lunch in Hanwood Extension – sign up with Graham Phillips 861003

**Sunday 6 April – Fifth Sunday of Lent**

11am Sunday Praise - Annscroft

11am Holy Communion - Hanwood

**We pray for our Benefice:**

For those living in Hanwood, Cruckton and 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