**The Benefice of Great Hanwood**

Longden & Annscroft with Pulverbatch

Sunday 5 October 2025

Trinity 16

Dedication of St Thomas

Collect

Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate

the dedication of this house of prayer:
we praise you for the many blessings
you have given to those who worship you here:
and we pray that all who seek you in this place may find you and, being filled with the Holy Spirit,
may become a living temple acceptable to you;
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**

**Ephesians 2: 19-22**

You are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, 20built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.21In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; 22in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

**John 20: 24-29**

But Thomas (who was called the Twinone of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.

**25**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.’

**26**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.’ **27**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.’ **28**Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my God!’

**29**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**

Father in heaven, whose Church on earth

is a sign of your heavenly peace,
an image of the new and eternal Jerusalem:
grant to us in the days of our pilgrimage
that, fed with the living bread of heaven,
and united in the body of your Son,
we may be the temple of your presence,
the place of your glory on earth,
and a sign of your peace in the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**We pray for the following:**

Anne Hobson, Hefyn Edwards, Margaret Hill,

Rhoda Pearce, Sheila Dawson-Campbell,

Jonathan Fraser, Maisie, Mark, Louise, Andrew.

**The Week Ahead**

Sat 11th 6.30pm Benefice Harvest Supper in The Tankerville Arms, Longden

**Sunday 12 October – Trinity 17**

 9.30am Harvest Sunday Praise - Pulverbatch

 11am Harvest Holy Communion - Longden

 11am Harvest Sunday Praise – Hanwood

 4.30pm Harvest Sunday Praise – Zoom

 7pm Meditation - Longden

**We pray for our Benefice:**

For those living in Cothercott, Wilderley,

Church and Castle Pulverbatch, Wrentnall, Oaks.

Sun. St Edith’s & the PCC Church

Mon. Pulverbatch Village Hall

Tues. Pulverbatch Parish Council

Weds. Paramedics & physiotherapists

Thurs. Parents and carers

Fri. Children's Homes

Sat. The White Horse