

Weekly Prayers and Prayer Themes

3rd – 8th July *For all victims of terrorism*

God our Saviour,
look on this wounded world
in pity and in power;
hold us fast to your promises of peace
won for us by your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

10th – 15th July *For all misled by preachers of hate*

Gracious Father,
by the obedience of Jesus
you brought salvation to our wayward world:
draw us into harmony with your will,
that we may find all things restored in him,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

17th – 22nd July *For all victims of modern slavery*

Almighty God,
send down upon your Church
the riches of your Spirit,
and kindle in all who minister the gospel
your countless gifts of grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

24th – 29th July *For all who unknowingly make use of slaves*

Creator God,
you made us all in your image:
may we discern you in all that we see,
and serve you in all that we do;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

31st July – 5th August *For all victims of domestic abuse*

Generous God,
you give us gifts and make them grow:
though our faith is small as mustard seed,
make it grow to your glory
and the flourishing of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Beacon Benefice

Prayer

July 2017

July makes us think of holidays. Whether we've just been on one, are about to go or are planning for when we do go, the thought of them tantalises us. The idea of spending a week or two doing what we want to do rather than have to do is very appealing.

This is what we often call recreation and it is actually good for us – but why? Well, the clue's in the name – we are re-creating ourselves. Taking a break enables us to clear out the stuff that we tend to accumulate and start afresh.

But remember that you are created in the image of God and our re-creation gives us a chance to freshen up that link with him too. So, however informal, do include time for prayer in your recreation.

Rev Mike

Beacon Prayer

Please help us pray our way around all our Churches.

7 th July	Cranham
14 th July	Sheepscombe
21 st July	Painswick
28 th July	Pitchcombe

4 th August	Edge
11 th August	Harescombe
18 th August	Cranham
25 th August	Sheepscombe

Sometimes there is no Beacon Prayer because of other events happening.

Sometimes Rev Mike cannot come along to lead Beacon Prayer because he is involved elsewhere. But that need not stop Beacon Prayer going ahead. Each Church now has a file containing what is needed apart from a bible and the current Beacon Light and Prayer Diary.

Date	Reading	Church	Community	People who live in ...
1	Romans 11.13–24	St James, Cranham	Sheepscombe Village	Stamages Lane PA
3	Romans 11.25–end	St John the Baptist, Edge	Sheepscombe Village Hall	Stepping Stone Lane PA
4	Romans 12.1–8	Pulse Games for our Schools	The emergency services	Stockend ED
5	Romans 12.9–end	St John the Baptist, Harescombe	The retired	Stockley Way PA
6	Romans 13.1–7	St John the Baptist, Pitchcombe	The unemployed	Stroud Road BR
7	Romans 13.8–end	St John, Sheepscombe	Those away at university or college	Stroud Road ED
8	Romans 14.1–12	Sheepscombe Dedication tomorrow	Those who look after children	Stroud Road PA
10	Romans 14.13–end	Psalms Leadership Academy Service	Those who travel to work	Styles Lane HA
11	Romans 15.1–13	St Mary's, Painswick	Those who work from home	The Croft PA
12	Romans 15.14–21	St Mary's, Kabanga, Tanzania	Those who work in service industries	The Highlands PA
13	Romans 15.22–end	Stroud Foodbank and Furniturebank	Utility companies	The Knowle CR
14	Romans 16.1–16	Sue Hartley	Visitors to the benefice	The Park PA
15	Romans 16.17–end	The work of PSALMS	Young people	Tibbiwell Lane PA/SH
17	2 Corinthians 1.1–14	Wedding and baptism co-ordinators	Ashwell House	Tibbiwell PA
18	2 Corinthians 1.15–2.4	Andrew Leach	Brookthorpe Hall Care Centre	Upper Washwell PA
19	2 Corinthians 2.5–end	Archdeacon Jackie Searle	Brookthorpe Village	Upton Lane BR
20	2 Corinthians 3	Area Dean Mike Smith	Carers	Vicarage Street PA
21	2 Corinthians 4	Bell ringers	Children	Wades Lane PI
22	Luke 8. 1-3	Cranham Patronal Festival tomorrow	County Councillors	Whiteshill Road ED
24	2 Corinthians 6.1–7.1	Bishop Rachel	Start of the School holiday	Wick Street PI/PA
25	Luke 9. 46-56	Bishop Robert	Cranham Primary School	Woodborough Close PA
26	2 Corinthians 8.1–15	Choir members	Cranham Village	Wordings Mount SH
27	2 Corinthians 8.16–9.5	Church cleaners	Cranham Village Hall	Wragg Castle Lane PI
28	2 Corinthians 9.6–end	Church refreshment servers/providers	Croft Primary School	Wynstones Drive BR
29	2 Corinthians 10	Churchwardens	David Drew MP	Yokehouse Lane PA
31	2 Corinthians 11.1-15	Churchyard maintainers/mowers	District Councillors	Andrews Close BR