

Weekly Prayers and Prayer Themes

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.

7th – 12th August *For the people and nations of Africa*

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

14th – 19th August *For the people and nations of Asia*

Gracious Father,
revive your Church in our day,
and make her holy, strong and faithful,
for your glory's sake
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

21st – 26th August *For the people and nations of Australasia*

Lord of heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer,
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,
but always to bring our prayers before you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

28th Aug. – 2nd Sep. *For the people and nations of Europe*

God of glory, the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

The Beacon Benefice

Prayer

August 2017

I don't know about you but I find August to be one of the most difficult months for regular prayer. Partly it's holidays of course. Being away, with a different pattern of living, makes it hard to maintain that regular prayer time. But that doesn't mean you have to give up on prayer – after all God's not on holiday!

Holidays are a great time to practise more informal patterns of prayer. We are doing different things, seeing different places and people. All of these can be triggers into prayer, not great long, involved ones but short arrow prayers or just recognising that God is here too. As you look out of the window at the start of each new day, remember that God is here and resolve to walk with him through the rest of the day.

Rev Mike

Beacon Prayer

Please help us pray our way around all our Churches.

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

1 st Sept.	Painswick
8 th Sept.	Pitchcombe
15 th Sept.	Edge
22 nd Sept.	Harescombe
29 th Sept.	Brookthorpe

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	2 Cor. 11.16–end	The Stroudwater Team Ministry	Edge Village	Ashwell PA
2	2 Corinthians 12	Deanery Synod reps	Edge Village Hall	Back Edge Lane ED
3	2 Corinthians 13	Diocesan Synod reps	Harescombe Village	Beacon Close PA
4	James 1.1–11	Eucharistic ministers	Harescombe Village Hall	Beacon Lane PI
5	James 1.12–end	Fiona Gill	Local bus services	Beech Lane SH
7	James 2.1–13	Flower arrangers	Local clubs and societies	Berry Close PA
8	James 2.14–end	Homegroups	Local fairs/events	Bisley Street PA
9	James 3	Hospital visitors	Local farms/smallholdings	Blakewell Mead PA
10	James 4.1–12	Intercessors	Local garages/workshops	Brookthorpe Road BR
11	James 4.13–5.6	Lesson readers	Local Hotels and B&Bs	Buckholt Road CR
12	James 5.7–end	Lydia Savage	Cranham Feast	Butt Green PA
14	Mark 1.1–13	Marah	Local offices	Canton Acre PA
15	Mark 1.14–20	Messy Church,	Local playgroups/preschools	Castle Close PA
16	Mark 1.21–28	Mike Campbell	Local pubs	Cheltenham Road PA
17	Mark 1.29–end	Mike Holloway	Local restaurants and cafes	Cheltenham Road PI
18	Mark 2.1–12	Mission team members	Local secondary schools	Church Close CR
19	Mark 2.13–22	Office volunteers	Local shops	Churchill Way PA
21	Mark 2.23–3.6	Open the Book	Local sports facilities	Cotswold Mead PA
22	Mark 3.7–19a	Organists	Painswick Centre	Court Orchard PA
23	Mark 3.19b–end	Painswick Church Rooms	Painswick Health Centre	Cranham Corner
24	Mark 4.1–20	Painswick Flower-Burst	Painswick Library	Cranham Village
25	Mark 4.21–34	Painswick Roman Catholic Church	Painswick Tourist information Centre	Cud Lane ED
26	Mark 4.35–end	Painswick Society of Friends	The Bank Holiday Weekend	Edge Lane ED
28	Mark 5.1–20	Pastoral visitors/Links	Painswick Town Hall	Edge Road PA
29	Mark 5.21–34	PCC members	Painswick Village	Edge Road PI
30	Mark 5.35–end	Psalms volunteers	Painswick Youth & Community Pavilion	Far End SH