

Beacon

Sunday 6th August
The Transfiguration of Our
Lord.



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Light

Welcome

Welcome to our services this morning and a particular welcome if you are visiting us. Do stay for refreshments after the service if you are able; we'd love a chance to meet with you. One of the questions people often ask about their life is, "Is this all there is?" That sense that our lives are unfulfilling and there ought to be more is one we all share at times. Maybe Jesus' friends felt this as they trudged up the mountain in today's reading. But what happened there changed everything. Perhaps there are people you know who need to meet Jesus and have their lives changed. If so, you know what to do for them – pray! *Revd. Mike*
Readings: Daniel 7.9-19, 13-14 or 2 Peter 1. 16-19, Luke 9.28-36

News of autumn courses for our parishes.

Helping with Worship

5 sessions

Tuesday afternoons

and (mostly) Wednesday evenings

starting on 12th September

in Pitchcombe (afternoons) and Sheepscombe (evenings).

To include:

leading intercessions

setting up or distributing Communion

organising worship

leading worship

More info from revmike.holloway@gmail.com

Beacon People

Our prayers are asked for all who are sick, especially **Betty Barney, Rita Bishop, Helen Briggs**, (former Churchwarden at Painswick), **Annabel Grellier, Glynnis Mayes, Laurie Smith** and **Will Tarbuck**.

We also pray for all whose prayer requests are on our prayer boards.

Pray also for all the recently departed, especially **Christopher Poole** and **Jack Smith**, whose funerals take place this week. Remember also their families and friends and those whose anniversaries of death fall at this time.

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??? **Did you Know??** Hospital Chaplains have no access to Admittance Lists and depend on being advised by family, friends etc. The telephone numbers of the Chaplain's Office in Cheltenham is 0300 422 4286 and Gloucester 0300 422 6200 email address is [spiritualcare@glos.nhs.uk](mailto:spiritualcare@glos.nhs.uk) Yvonne Rawson of St. Mary's works as a Lay Chaplain each Monday morning at Gloucester. Phone Number 01452 813978. Ministers are also not advised if a member of their Church or village has been admitted – if you know some-one who is going into hospital and would appreciate a visit, or communion – please pass on this information.

## MABEL – Setting Off

You'll all have heard of Mack and Mabel; well, after MACS, Mike's Alphabet of ChurchSpeak, comes MABEL, Mike's Adventures in BibleLand!

I finished MACS the other week with x,y and z all rolled into one, and we head off this week in a new direction – into the bible. Now I have a passion for the bible; it is the most amazing and wonderful book. I find it endlessly fascinating. Even though some of it can be tedious, some of it makes me want to scream at God, some of it just confuses me – but still it is endlessly fascinating. Because, through its pages, we don't just learn about God, we meet him, are inspired by him, are amazed by him and are equipped by him to be his own people. Join me each week on my adventures.

The overall pattern will be a walk through the various parts of the bible, getting to know them a bit better. Because, don't forget, the bible isn't one book, it's a whole library of them. But as we walk, we'll head off the path quite often to explore something that will help us on our journey, help us get to know our bible better. Now I don't claim to be an expert, but I am an enthusiast. So don't expect erudite learning from me. It'll be personal, at times irreverent, I hope helpful but most importantly fun. *Next week – beginnings!*

## Notices

**Cranham Feast – Sunday 13th August.** Feast Service at 3pm. This year the Feast has a Carnival/Circus theme sitting alongside the values and traditions of the Feast which is very much about coming together to have fun and celebrating all that is good about Cranham, its people and their associations.

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Rudford Retreat Thursday 17th August, 10am to 3pm, Rudford Church, GL2 8DT. On the third Thursday of each month. Rudford Retreats provide an opportunity to give space for God in our lives; to still ourselves, listen for God, and share in quiet fellowship with others. More information from www.highnamchurch.org/rudford £12, booking required.



St Mary's Flower-burst: Aspects of Painswick (24-28 August) - part of the Painswick Arts Festival, staged by St Mary's Flower Guild, and portraying village activities through floral art. Donations will be for Longfield and St Mary's Church. We need stewards for 1 ½ hour sessions from 12-4 Thurs, and 10-4 Friday-Monday, preferably to be on duty two at a time. Sign up on the sheet in Church.



Don't forget GHCT's sponsored Ride + Stride event on **September 9-cycle or walk round local churches to raise money for Historic Churches.** Contact Glenn if you'd like to know more about taking part, to order a banner advertising the event or to update the information for your church: rideandstride@ghct.org.uk or call 01452 538271. Full details can be found at www.ghct.org.uk/ride-and-stride

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**TRAC Thank you.** I am so grateful for the generosity of so many who supported our recent TRAC residential. Practically it has made such a difference; making it possible for some of the young people to attend who couldn't afford it. It is such an encouragement. We had an amazing time with the 52 young people. We had a huge amount of fun, we developed our young leaders but most importantly talked about the big issues teenagers face today and how God provides the answers to these big questions. It was so exciting to see them responding and committing their lives to follow Jesus. I'm also grateful to my amazing team, many of them from Painswick who cooked the meals. Please continue to remember the young people in your prayers and the changes as Nathan Youlton starts as the Sports Minister for the Beacon Benefice in September.-Fiona Gill

## What's on in the coming week

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| <b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August</b>                                                 | <i>John Mason Neale</i>                      |
| 9.30am Edge                                                                         | Prayer in Edge                               |
| <b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August</b>                                                | <i>Dominic</i>                               |
| 9.00am Cranham                                                                      | Morning Prayer                               |
| <b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August</b>                                              | <i>Mary Sumner</i>                           |
| 12.00 noon Painswick                                                                | Holy Communion                               |
| <b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August</b>                                              | <i>Laurence</i>                              |
| 9.30am Sheepscombe                                                                  | Morning Prayer                               |
| <b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August</b>                                                | <i>Clare of Assisi</i>                       |
| 11.00am Harescombe                                                                  | Beacon Prayer                                |
| <b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August – 9<sup>th</sup> after Trinity – Cranham Feast</b> |                                              |
| 8.00am Painswick                                                                    | Holy Communion <i>(Traditional Language)</i> |
| 9.30am Painswick                                                                    | Holy Communion <i>Sharing in one Bread</i>   |
| 9.30am Pitchcombe                                                                   | 3 Parish Communion                           |
| 11.00am Sheepscombe                                                                 | Parish Communion                             |
| 3.00pm Cranham                                                                      | Feast Service                                |

## Further Ahead

**Painswick Feast – Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> September.** The Clypping Service, Novelty dog show, stalls, music, apple pressing! Details to follow!

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