

Weekly Prayers and Prayer Themes

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.

4th – 9th September *For all affected by terrorism*

God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

11th – 16th September *For all who are lonely*

Almighty God, you search us and know us:
may we rely on you in strength
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

18th – 23rd September *For all in abusive relationships*

Merciful God, your Son came to save us
and bore our sins on the cross:
may we trust in your mercy
and know your love,
rejoicing in the righteousness
that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.

25th – 30th September *For all who live in poverty*

Lord God,
defend your Church from all false teaching
and give to your people knowledge of your truth,
that we may enjoy eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Beacon Benefice

Prayer Diary

September 2017

It was a year ago that I pointed out that for many people this was the real start of a new year because it's when the kids go back to school again. And last month I mentioned how difficult it can be to keep up our prayer pattern over August.

Put those two ideas together and we realise that September is a great month for taking stock of our prayer life. Maybe you only prayed occasionally last month – now's the time to set aside that regular time to be with God. Perhaps your prayer time has got a bit tired, even boring – now's the time to take a fresh look and try one or two new ideas to encourage you and make your God time more engaging.

But whatever it is that we do, remember that God is always there for us. *Rev Mike*

Beacon Prayer

Please help us pray our way around all our Churches.

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

6 th Oct.	Cranham
13 th Oct.	Sheepscombe
20 th Oct.	Painswick
27 th Oct.	Pitchcombe

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	Mark 6.14–29	Retired Readers	Pitchcombe Village	Folly Lane PI
2	Mark 6.30–44	Sacristans/Vergers	Pitchcombe Village Hall	Friday Street PA
4	Mark 6.45–end	Sheepscombe Methodist Church	The start of a new school year	George Court PA
5	Mark 7.1–13	Sidespeople	Resthaven Nursing Home	Gilberts Lane BR
6	Mark 7.14–23	St James, Cranham	Richmond Care Village	Gloucester Road PA
7	Mark 7.24–30	St John the Baptist, Edge	Sheepscombe Primary School	Gloucester Street PA
8	Mark 7.31–end	St John the Baptist, Harescombe	Sheepscombe Village	Golf Course Road PA
9	Mark 8.1–10	St John the Baptist, Pitchcombe	Sheepscombe Village Hall	Greenhouse Lane SH/PA
11	Mark 8.11–21	St John, Sheepscombe	The emergency services	Grunters Lane ED/HA
12	Mark 8.22–26	St Mary's, Painswick	The retired	Gyde Road PA
13	Mark 8.27–9.1	St Mary's, Kabanga, Tanzania	The unemployed	Hale Lane PA
14	John 12.27-36a	Stroud Foodbank and Furniturebank	Those away at university or college	Halfway Pitch PI
15	Mark 9.14–29	Sue Hartley	Those who look after children	Hambutts Drive PA
16	Mark 9.30–37	The work of PSALMS	Those who travel to work	Hambutts Mead PA
18	Mark 9.38–end	Wedding and baptism co-ordinators	Those who work from home	Harescombe Village
19	Mark 10.1–16	Andrew Leach	Those who work in service industries	Haresfield Lane HA
20	Mark 10.17–31	Archdeacon Jackie Searle	Utility companies	Hill Mead BR
21	2 Tim. 3.14-end	Area Dean Mike Smith	Visitors to the benefice	Holcombe Road ED/PA
22	Mark 10.35–45	Bishop Rachel	Young people	Hollyhock Lane PA
23	Mark 10.46–end	Preparations for Painswick Feast	Ashwell House	Horsepools Hill ED
25	Mark 11.1–11	Bell ringers	Brookthorpe Hall Care Centre	Hyett Close PA
26	Mark 11.12–26	Bishop Robert	Brookthorpe Village	Hyett Orchard PA
27	Mark 11.27–end	Choir members	Carers	Jacks Green SH
28	Mark 12.1–12	Church cleaners	Children	Jenkins Lane ED
29	Acts 12.1-11	Church refreshment servers/providers	County Councillors	Kemps Lane PA
30	Mark 12.18–27	The Mission Shaped Intro course	Cranham Primary School	Kings Mill Lane PA