

# Beacon

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September  
13<sup>th</sup> after Trinity



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# Light

## Welcome

Welcome to our services today, whether you're a regular, an occasional attender or if this is the first time you've come. We hope you'll very quickly feel part of our family and find your time with us today both helpful and uplifting. In today's gospel, Jesus tells us something about being together as a Church – and it isn't always easy. It's good to feel we are part of a family but even families disagree at times! Our prayer needs to be that we find good ways to disagree both for ourselves and so that we can provide a model for the world around us.

*Revd. Mike*

*Readings: Ezekiel 33. 7-11 or Romans 13. 8-14, Matthew 18. 15-20*

## Beacon People

Our prayers and sympathies go to the family of **Mary Patricia Davey**, known to her many friends as Tisha, who died on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September in Cheltenham Hospital. Her family were with her. For many years Tisha was associated with the Country Market (who can forget her cake baking!). Her funeral will take place in St. Mary's on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 12 noon.

Our prayers are asked for all who are sick, especially **Betty Barney, Helen Briggs, Glynnis Mayes, Laurie Smith, Will Tarbuck and Peggy Ward**. We also pray for all whose prayer requests are on our prayer boards.

Pray also for all the recently departed, especially **Tisha Davey**. Remember also their families and friends and those whose anniversaries of death fall at this time.

## News from Revd. Mike

Dear All,

Over the last several months, you may well have noticed that I have been reminding people quite often that I'm already 67 years of age. In fact, I shall be 68 in January. I know many of you are going to tell me that I don't look it, but I have to tell you that I'm beginning to feel it!

For this reason, I shall be retiring at the end of this year. This will not affect the Christmas services as my last service will be on Sunday the 31<sup>st</sup> December. As it's a fifth Sunday and also the Sunday after Christmas, that will be a Benefice Service in Painswick as usual.

The Churchwardens have been aware of this for a couple of months now and have given thought to how services across the benefice might work without a full-time priest. There will have to be some changes to our rotas and we'll explain about those later. But one thing that is very likely is the need for more assistance from laypeople in running worship. The 'Helping with Worship' training should be very helpful here. Please come along if you are able to help.

I know I have only been with you for four years but we have come quite a long way in that time. We are a bit happier about coming together as a benefice from time to time. The Mission Team is now established and will continue to work on a number of initiatives to help us reach out to people who've not yet realised that God not only exists but that he loves them. The Painswick Feast has provided a fantastic context for our traditional Clypping service so that far more people from the community now gather for it. And, by no means least, we've found ways to encourage more and more people to pray regularly and make so much more of their relationship with God. I know God has great plans for you all – so watch out for more!

Although Margaret and I will be moving away from the benefice, we're not going far. We are staying in Gloucestershire and are in the process of buying a house in Winchcombe. From there we're in relatively easy reach of our sons, Jon and Tim. And we're also in easy reach of all of you, so perhaps we'll pop in and annoy you from time to time! Please remember that the rest of the Ministers' team and the Churchwardens will be under more pressure during the vacancy and they will need your support – please pray for them and do what you can to help.

With my love and prayers  
Rev Mike

## Notices

**South Asian Floods Appeal – Christian Aid.** In Bangladesh, India and Nepal, tens of millions of people have had their homes and livelihoods destroyed in the worst floods to hit South East Asia in decades. They are in desperate need of shelter, food and clean water. Christian Aid has launched an appeal for funds. Bucket collections will be held in our churches again this Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> or donations can be made online at <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/>

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**Autumn courses - Helping with Worship** - 5 sessions on 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. Just choose the sessions covering areas where you may feel that, with some guidance, you might become involved. **More info from** [revmike.holloway@gmail.com](mailto:revmike.holloway@gmail.com) .

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**St Mary's Choir** has resumed rehearsals and would love to welcome new members of all ages and voices. We meet in Church on Fridays from 5.30 – 6.30 pm– no experience is necessary and newcomers welcome. Try it out in September before committing yourself, or please speak to Chris Swain in church or telephone 01453 822998.

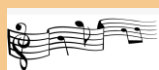
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**Painswick Feast – Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> September.** The Clypping Service will take place at 3.00pm with **Bishop Rachel**, the Bishop of Gloucester as our guest preacher. Also Stalls, music, apple pressing, novelty dog show! Details to follow!

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**The Painswick Singers- Christmas Concert** at St Marys Church on Saturday December 16<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM. We are looking for new choir members for all parts; ability to read music is not essential, ability to hold a tune and listening to your fellow singers will suffice. Please come along and try us out, there will be no subscription to pay for your first term starting at 7.30 on September 18<sup>th</sup> in the Auditorium at Richmond Painswick. Contact our Membership Secretary Jean Jones on 01452 813545

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**Concert by the Capella Singers (Conductor Philip Colls )**  
**Romantic Masters and William Shakespeare** - Saturday 14 October, 7.30pm at St Mary's Church, Painswick. A.Tickets £10.00 (in advance) or £12.50 (at the door) - free for carers and school students. Purchase online at [www.cappellasingers.co.uk](http://www.cappellasingers.co.uk) or The Lychgate Office, Painswick, or from Ceri Sheppard on 07516 821077

## What's on this week

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September – 13<sup>th</sup> after Trinity

6.00pm\* Harescombe Evening Worship & *Blessing of the Gates*

6.30pm Cranham Evening Worship

\*This evening's service at Harescombe will include a blessing of the new church gates. The Victorian porch gates at Harescombe Church had fallen into disrepair. Exact replicas have been made to replace them and at the same time new gates to the churchyard have been installed. All are welcome to come and share this celebration.

### Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September

11.30am Resthaven Holy Communion (*xt*)

### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September

9.00am Cranham Morning Prayer

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September** *John Chrysostom*

12 noon Painswick Holy Communion

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September** *Holy Cross Day*

9.30am Sheepscombe Morning Prayer

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September** *Cyprian*

11.00am Edge Beacon Prayer

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September – 14<sup>th</sup> after Trinity

9.30am Painswick Parish Communion

9.30am Harescombe 3 Parish Communion

11.00am Cranham Parish Communion

11.00am Sheepscombe Morning Worship

*Preacher: Revd. Richard Atkins*

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