

# Beacon

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November  
CHRIST THE KING



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# Light

## Welcome

Welcome to our services on this last Sunday of the Church's year, the Feast of Christ the King. Today we finish our tour through the gospel of Matthew, not with the last words of the gospel, but with the most well-known of Jesus' stories of the end times. After the bridesmaids and their lamps two weeks ago, and the slaves and the talents last week, we come to the sheep and the goats today. Jesus explains the sorts of things we are to use our talents for, how it is we can become part of his kingdom.

*Revd. Mike*

*Readings: Ezekiel 34. 11-16,20-24 or Ephesians 1.15-23  
Matthew 25. 31-46*

## News from Community Lunches

This week's **Community Lunch** will be held tomorrow **Monday 27th** - at the Ashwell Centre in Painswick from 12noon to 1.15pm and the hosts are **Wednesday Ashwell Group**. Come and sample their various vegetable soups. This is an ideal way to meet with friends (new & old). £3 and the money raised goes to local charities.

We are open for suggestions for 2 Charities to support. (Mary Sparks 01452 814169)

Looking ahead, our Hosts for future lunches will be:

4<sup>th</sup> December      Christian Aid

11<sup>th</sup> December    Monday Walkers

8<sup>th</sup> January 2018      Painswick Centre Trustees.

## Beacon People

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

Remember also families and friends of all the departed. We pray for **Sally Bateman** and family on the death of her husband **Peter** of Sheepscombe (Bateman's Sport Shop Stroud). The funeral service will take place at St. Mary's Painswick – on 29<sup>th</sup> Nov. at 12 noon.

We pray also for **Vivian Chapman** of Edge, who has died recently, remembering also his wife **Sheila**, daughters **Alexandra** and **Victoria** and their families. Vivian's funeral will be at St. John the Baptist, Edge on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 1.30pm.

Our thoughts and prayers also go to the family and friends of **Andrew Bingham** of Sheepscombe, whose funeral is at St. Mary's, Painswick on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 1pm.

## MABEL (Mike's Adventures in BibleLand)

### The Hymn Book

The book of Psalms is a collection of poetry or songs put together maybe three or four hundred years before the time of Jesus – but many of the individual psalms are much older. They're clearly intended to be used in worship and they cover just about every human emotion going. There are songs of lament, songs of joy, songs of praise, songs of expectation, songs of love – you name it and it'll be here in the psalms! But the main reason we still use them is that you'll also find God here, God in every situation, every mood and God always supporting and loving.

Now before you say it, I know they don't look like poetry but remember that they were written in Hebrew, not English and also that Hebrew poetry didn't rhyme words as we often do in poetry. They rhyme ideas, so an idea in one line is repeated or contrasted or amplified in the next. The psalms were composed; they are polished pieces, not quick jottings. We don't know who wrote them, though many have a name attached to them but that might be a dedication rather than the author. Having said that, King David was an accomplished musician, so some of them may have been written by him. And finally, no, we don't know what *selah* means!

*Next week – Wiser still and wiser*

## Notices

**This evening: Wycliffe Choral Society and Orchestra** conducted by St Mary's organist, Chris Swain, is performing **Mendelssohn's *Elijah*** one of the most dramatic and best loved of all choral works, at 7.30pm in Wycliffe College Chapel, Stonehouse, GL10 2AF. The role of Elijah will be sung by the bass James Geidt, a former choral scholar at New College, Oxford who now studies at the Royal Academy of Music and the other soloists are Hannah Swain (soprano), Juliet Curnow (mezzo soprano), Andrew Henley (tenor), and Alex Taylor (treble). Tickets priced £12.50 (U18's £2.00) may be obtained at St Mary's from Pam or Chris Swain, from Stroud Tourist Information, Tel 01453 760960, online at [www.wycliffechoralsociety.org.uk](http://www.wycliffechoralsociety.org.uk) or at the door.

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**Samara's Aid** - Thank you all so much for your very generous donation of £125 towards humanitarian aid for Syrian refugees! I have now filled a box for a needy family with your money. We are also hoping to fill another box if anyone still wants to contribute. Frances Watson.

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**'Pointless, The Chase, The Weakest Link.** All of these shows TV shows have one thing in common, they test your bottle in a good old fashioned quiz. Why not test out your knowledge by coming along to the Club Pulse Quiz Night on the 4<sup>th</sup> December. Nibbles & Refreshments will be provided, and all teams will be sorted out on the night, so get started inviting your friends and revising! **Who?** All ages. **Price?** £1 entry **Where?** Painswick Youth & Community Centre **When?** 4<sup>th</sup> December 7:15-8:45pm - Nathan Youlton [Nathan.youlton@psalms.uk.net](mailto:Nathan.youlton@psalms.uk.net)

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**Carols and Tea (and Cake!)** Come and sing with us on Thurs 14 December 2:30-4:30 at The Church Rooms Painswick. Phone Clare Irving if you need a lift (01452-814242)

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**Jennie Marsh Christmas Cards** remain on sale over the next few weeks. You can contact Frankie Marsh on 812829 who has a stock of them. The website is [jenniemarshtrust.org](http://jenniemarshtrust.org) to view this year's designs.

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**After Church Coffee at Painswick** - Jean Newell has agreed to take over the rota for coffee. If you enjoy your coffee and fellowship after the morning service, **we need more helpers** on the rota. Please contact Jean on 01452 812083.

## What's on in the coming week

### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Christ the King

6.30pm Cranham Evening Worship

### Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November *Andrew*

9.30am Sheepscombe Morning Prayer

### Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December *Charles de Foucauld*

11.00am Painswick Beacon Prayer

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

9.30am Edge 3 Parish Communion

9.30am Painswick Parish Communion

11.00am Sheepscombe Morning Worship

11.00am Cranham Advent Carol Service

### December 5<sup>th</sup>: A Quiet Day for Advent

The Spirituality of Mary, led by Canon Paul Williams,

10am 3pm Tewkesbury Abbey Parish Room.

£10 , contact Penny Lidstone, 01452 741410 or [penny@lidstone.net](mailto:penny@lidstone.net)

### Benefice Carol Services in December:

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup>:** Resthaven, Pitchcombe 11.30am

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>:** Brookthorpe Hall Care Centre 2.00pm

Painswick Church Rooms, Carols & Tea, 2.30pm

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>:** St. John the Baptist, Pitchcombe, 5.00pm

St. John the Baptist , Edge, 6.00pm

St. John the Apostle, Sheepscombe, 6.30pm

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>:** St. Swithun's , Brookthorpe 7.00pm

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>:** St. John the Baptist, Harescombe , 7.00pm

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>:** St. Mary's, Painswick 4.00pm

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup>:** St. James's, Cranham 6.30pm

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