

Weekly Prayers and Prayer Themes

30th Oct. – 4th Nov. *For the work of the International Red Cross*

Merciful God,
teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty,
that trusting in your word and obeying your will
we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.

6th – 11th November *For the people and nations of N. America*

God of holiness,
your glory is proclaimed in every age:
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,
inspire us to follow their example
with boldness and joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

13th – 18th November *For the people and nations of S. America*

God, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars shall cease
and poverty and pain shall end,
that earth may know the peace of heaven
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

20th – 25th November *For the island nations and their people*

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

27th Nov. – 2nd Dec. *For all people that they may learn to be one*

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory.

The Beacon Benefice

Prayer Diary

November 2017

I know, because many of you have told me, that our Prayer Diary has proved to be a helpful resource for people in their own prayer lives. It doesn't cover everything, of course, but it does help people to be praying regularly for our villages, our Churches and the people who live and work here.

Pretty obviously, I can only produce one more of these before I retire. After that, it's down to you! If you would find it helpful for the Prayer Diary to continue into 2018, perhaps you might consider finding out the fairly simple process of producing it each month. I'll be very happy to show you how it's done and we could then work together on the next one so you can find your feet or perhaps that should be typing fingers! Please get in touch.

Rev Mike

Beacon Prayer

Please help us pray our way around all our Churches.

3 rd Nov.	Edge
10 th Nov.	Harescombe
17 th Nov.	Cranham
24 th Nov.	Sheepscombe
1 st Dec.	Painswick
8 th Dec.	Pitchcombe
15 th Dec.	Edge
22 nd Dec.	Harescombe
29 th Dec.	No Beacon Prayer

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	Luke 9.18-27	The clergy of the Diocese	Painswick Town Hall	Stepping Stone Lane PA
2	John 16.1–15	Painswick Society of Friends	Painswick Village	Stockend ED
3	John 16.16–22	Pastoral visitors/Links	Painswick Youth & Community Pavilion	Stockley Way PA
4	John 16.23–end	PCC members	Parish Councils	Stroud Road BR
6	Matthew 1.18–end	Psalms staff	Pitchcombe Village	Stroud Road ED
7	Matthew 2.1–15	Psalms volunteers	Pitchcombe Village Hall	Stroud Road PA
8	Matthew 2.16–end	Retired clergy	Resthaven Nursing Home	Styles Lane HA
9	Matthew 3	Churches Together Around Painswick	Richmond Care Village	The Croft PA
10	Matthew 4.1–11	Retired Readers	Sheepscombe Primary School	The Highlands PA
11	Matthew 4.12–22	Sacristans/Vergers	The fallen in two world wars	The Knowle CR
13	Matthew 4.23–5.12	Sheepscombe Methodist Church	Sheepscombe Village	The Park PA
14	Matthew 5.13–20	Sidespeople	Sheepscombe Village Hall	Tibbiwell Lane PA/SH
15	Matthew 5.21–37	St James, Cranham	The emergency services	Tibbiwell PA
16	Matthew 5.38–end	St John the Baptist, Edge	The retired	Upper Washwell PA
17	Matthew 6.1–18	St John the Baptist, Harescombe	The unemployed	Upton Lane BR
18	Matthew 6.19–end	St John the Baptist, Pitchcombe	Those away at university or college	Vicarage Street PA
20	Matthew 7.1–12	St John, Sheepscombe	Those who look after children	Wades Lane PI
21	Matthew 7.13–end	St Mary's, Painswick	Those who travel to work	Whiteshill Road ED
22	Matthew 8.1–13	St Mary's, Kabanga, Tanzania	Those who work from home	Wick Street PI/PA
23	Matthew 8.14–22	Stroud Foodbank and Furniturebank	Those who work in service industries	Woodborough Close PA
24	Matthew 8.23–end	Sue Hartley	Utility companies	Wordings Mount SH
25	Matthew 9.1–17	The work of PSALMS	Visitors to the benefice	Wragg Castle Lane PI
27	Matthew 9.18–34	Wedding and baptism co-ordinators	Young people	Wynstones Drive BR
28	Matthew 9.35–10.15	Andrew Leach	Ashwell House	Yokehouse Lane PA
29	Matthew 10.16–33	Archdeacon Jackie Searle	Brookthorpe Hall Care Centre	Andrews Close BR
30	John 12.20-32	Area Dean Mike Smith	Brookthorpe Village	Ashwell PA