

# Beacon



# Light

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**A warm welcome to the Beacon Family of Churches  
on the Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord**

## What's on in the coming week

**Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> August**

**The Transfiguration of Our Lord**

9.30am	Edge	3 Parish Communion
9.30am	Painswick	Holy Communion with Baptism
11.00am	Cranham	Family Communion
11.00am	Sheepscombe	Morning Worship
1.30pm	Painswick	Marriage – <i>Oliver Clinch and Sarah Torr</i>

**Monday, 6 August** *The Transfiguration*

9:30am	Edge	Prayer in Edge
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**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> August**

12 noon	Painswick	Funeral – <i>Paul King</i>
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**Thursday, 9 August** *Dominic*

9:30am	Sheepscombe	Morning Prayer
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**Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> August – The Blessed Virgin Mary  
Cranham Feast**

9.30am	Painswick	Holy Communion – <i>Sharing in One Bread</i>
9.30am	Pitchcombe	Three Parish Communion
11:00am	Sheepscombe	Parish Communion
3:00 pm	Cranham	Feast Service

Our Archdeacon, **The Venerable Jackie Searle** has been appointed as Suffragan Bishop of Crediton in the Diocese of Exeter. There will be a **leaving service in Gloucester Cathedral on September 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm** when as a diocese we will be able to officially thank Jackie and bid her farewell. Her husband, Revd David Runcorn, will continue his ministry in the diocese until the end of the year.



**PSALMS** are running our area-wide **5 day residential** for young people again this summer at the Tom Roberts Adventure Centre in Newent. There are already 44 young people signed up including 20 from the Beacon Benefice. We have a number who are finding it difficult to pay the full amount and of course we won't turn anyone away because they can't afford it. If you would like to support a young person to attend the camp, that would be very helpful. Please contact either Nathan Youlton, Barbara Gay or Frankie Marsh. The full cost is £105 per person. We really value your prayers as we plan and prepare and particularly for Frankie and the Beacon team who are once again are in charge of the kitchen! Many thanks for all your support. Nathan Youlton [nathan.youlton@psalms.uk.net](mailto:nathan.youlton@psalms.uk.net)<<mailto:nathan.youlton@psalms.uk.net>> In the meantime, do keep yourself updated with our week by week work through our Youtube channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3XdYQcrFYQmfvUMhAgllZw>



**EXHIBITIONS OF WEDDING DRESSES** are taking place over the bank holiday weekend **August 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>** at **St. Mary's Painswick** and **St John's, Sheepscombe**.

A celebration of marriage with renewal of vows will take place at **3.00pm on the 26<sup>th</sup> August at St. Mary's Painswick** and all couples who were married in the benefice are invited to come to this service. It will be followed by **Cream Teas** either in the churchyard or in the Church Rooms. Wedding Flowers will also be displayed in the church throughout the weekend and at various times there will be organ music and readings. Please come along and help us celebrate especially if you are thinking of getting married or wish to see these wonderful displays. Some dresses date back to over 100 years ago. There is no charge for the exhibition and all are welcome.

At Painswick there is a list at the back of the church for stewards, as the exhibition will be stewarded at all times. **Please sign up if you are able to help.**

## Beacon People

Many congratulations to **Clare and Michael Irving** on the birth of a granddaughter, Rowan Mary; a daughter for Catherine and Teddy, who delivered the 6lb 13oz baby before medical help arrived!

### *August Weddings*

5<sup>th</sup> August St. Mary's Oliver Clinch and Sarah Torr

23<sup>rd</sup> August St. Mary's Christopher Wright & Niamh Connor

Our prayers are asked for all who are sick, especially **Glynnis Mayes, Will Tarbuck** and **Joan Wood**. We pray for all whose prayer requests are on our prayer boards, and especially for all those people, whether they are relatives or friends, who care for the sick and disabled in their own homes.

We also remember before God all who have died recently, especially **Vera Miller**. We pray too for all bereaved families and friends, and all whose anniversaries of death fall at this time.

## News of Samara's Aid

The people living in refugee camps in Syria have great difficulty obtaining basic toiletries which adds to the misery of their situation. In partnership with Chalford Baptist church we are hoping to send out bags which contain essential hygiene items. Because of customs regulations we can send only the items on the Samara's Aid list. They must be new, and in their original packaging. (At least one copy of the list should be available in each church).

If anyone would like to contribute I have underlined what is most needed, as the people in Chalford have already collected a stock of some items. If any church would like to fill a whole bag that would be marvellous! Alternatively a donation of money to help with shipping costs or for me to purchase particular things on your behalf would be much appreciated.

*Frances Watson*

## **Collect**

Father in heaven,  
whose Son Jesus Christ was wonderfully transfigured  
before chosen witnesses upon the holy mountain,  
and spoke of the exodus he would accomplish at Jerusalem:  
give us strength so to hear his voice and bear our cross  
that in the world to come we may see him as he is;  
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## **Post Communion**

Holy God,  
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:  
may we who are partakers at his table  
reflect his life in word and deed,  
that all the world may know his power to change and save.

This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Prayer for our Parishes**

Father God, You have called us to be your servants in this place. We ask your blessing on us all during this vacancy. We pray for all those involved in the selection process of a new Vicar for the Beacon Family of Churches. May they be guided by your Holy Spirit to recognise the one who can best inspire and lead us in our journey of faith. May the person you choose be open to your calling and our needs. 'Speak Lord for your servants are listening' All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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