

Beacon



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Sunday 2nd September

**A warm welcome to the Beacon Family of Churches
on the 14th Sunday after Trinity**

What's on in the coming week

Sunday 2nd September – 14th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Edge	3 Parish Communion
9.30am	Painswick	Parish Communion
11.00am	Cranham	Family Service
11.00am	Sheepscombe	Morning Worship
3.00pm	Brookthorpe	Holy Baptism

Monday 3rd September - Gregory

9.30am	Edge	Prayer in Edge
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Wednesday 5th September

11.00am	Richmond	Holy Communion
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Thursday 6th September Allen Gardiner

9.30am	Sheepscombe	Morning Prayer
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Sunday 9th September 15th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am	Painswick	Holy Communion <i>-Sharing in one Bread</i>
9.30am	Pitchcombe	3 Parish Communion
11.00am	Cranham	PSALMS Prayer & Praise
11.00am	Sheepscombe	Parish Communion
6.30pm	Cranham	Evensong.

Notices



Despite the inclement weather what a wonderful weekend – Where to begin with thanks!! Liz Burge writes: An enormous thank you to everyone who helped with the Wedding dress exhibition in Painswick. It was a real community effort involving the team from the House of Fraser who provided the mannequins, and people from the village taking part in the loaning, arranging, displaying, printing the description of the dresses, advertising, stewarding and catering and not least in dismantling it afterwards! Team work was the watchword with everyone joining in and doing their bit. **THANK YOU !**

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**St Mary's Choir** has resumed rehearsals after its summer break and would love to **welcome new members of all ages and voices.** We meet in Church on Fridays from 5.30 – 6.30 pm. Do come and try it out!

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Update on Samara's Aid- Many thanks to everyone who has already donated to the charity- for cash as well as in kind donations. The bags will be taken to a collection point in Somerset at the end of September and shipped out to Syria early in October. If anyone has any queries ring 812071. Thanks again! -Frances Watson

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### Ride and Stride for Churches

**Saturday 8 September, 10am to 6pm-** Get out the walking boots, pump up the bike tyres or get together with friends to plan a driving tour around our wonderful local churches. **Get sponsorship**—half the money raised goes to your chosen church and the other half goes to Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust, who make grants every year to maintain churches throughout Gloucestershire, South Gloucestershire and North Bristol. **Ride + Stride** welcomes cyclists of all abilities, walkers, horse-riders and drivers. Just as important are those who welcome others to their church – **Get sponsored** to play music, clean the church or mow the churchyard. If your church doesn't have a local organiser, perhaps you could co-ordinate the activity? Contact Glenn if you'd like to know more [rideandstride@ghct.org.uk](mailto:rideandstride@ghct.org.uk) or call 01452 538271. [www.ghct.org.uk/ride-and-stride](http://www.ghct.org.uk/ride-and-stride). **PS While you're in Edge...there's a sale at the Village Hall: see below!**

## Beacon People

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 remember before God all who have died recently, or whose anniversaries of death fall at this time.

**UP-CYCLED CLOTHES SALE** September 8 2018, Edge Village Hall, 10-12:00 noon benefit St John's Church funds Refresh your wardrobe at a sale of upmarket, up-cycled clothes to suit all shapes and all pockets. In aid of church repair funds.

**Have you ever visited Edge Church? Join us for coffee, cake and friendship 10:30-12 on Wed 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018. All welcome!**

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Date for your diaries: Painswick Feast Sunday falls on **September 16th** this year and the **Clypping Service** will be held at **3pm** in the churchyard. The preacher will be the Very Revd. Stephen Lake, Dean of Gloucester. There will be the opportunity for children to make the traditional flowered headdresses before the service and cream teas will be served afterwards. Please come along to join in this ancient tradition of encircling our church building to give thanks for the life and work of the church in our community.

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**Stroud Methodist Church** is looking for an enthusiastic and experienced Ecumenical Community Outreach Worker to work in an area of existing high-density housing and new estate development within the town of Stroud. The successful candidate will have gifts, skills and experience in community outreach, working with volunteers and external agencies and pastoral care. As the post will include some evening and weekend work an ability and willingness to work flexibly is essential. There is a genuine Occupational Requirement for the post holder to be a practising Christian. Appropriate induction and training will be given. Salary: £9,688 pa for **20 hours per week**. Further information: from Gloucestershire Methodist Circuit Office at [office@glosccircuit.co.uk](mailto:office@glosccircuit.co.uk) or by calling 01452 415769. Closing date: Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September-Interview date: 20<sup>st</sup> September 2018

## **Collect**

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.

## **Post Communion**

Lord God, the source of truth and love,  
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,  
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,  
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Readings:** *Deuteronomy 4.1-2,6-9 or James 1.17-end,  
Mark 7.1-8,14-15,21-23*

## **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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