

Beacon



Light

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Sunday 9th September

**A warm welcome to the Beacon Family of Churches
on the 15th Sunday after Trinity**

What's on in the coming week

Sunday 9th September 2018

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
3.00pm	Cranham	Holy Baptism
6.30pm	Cranham	Evensong

Monday 10th September

11.30am	Resthaven	Holy Communion (<i>xt</i>)
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Tuesday 11th September

9.00am	Cranham	Morning Prayer
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Thursday 13th September *John Chrysostom*

9.30am	Sheepscombe	Morning Prayer
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Sunday 16th September Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary Painswick Feast – Patronal Festival

9.30am	Painswick	Parish Communion & Baptism
9.30am	Harescombe	3 Parish Communion
11.00am	Cranham	Parish Communion
11.00am	Sheepscombe	Morning Worship

**3.00pm Painswick The Clypping Service
Preacher:**

The Very Revd. Stephen Lake – Dean of Gloucester Cathedral

Notices



Next Sunday, September 16th, is Painswick Feast Sunday. The **Clypping Service** will take place as always at **3pm** in St. Mary's churchyard. We are delighted to welcome as our preacher this year the **Very Revd. Stephen Lake, Dean of Gloucester**. Clypping has always been a very special occasion for the people of Painswick as we give thanks for our church and its ministry in the community with the ancient tradition of encircling our church building and "clypping" or embracing it. There will be the opportunity for children to make the traditional flowered headdresses before the service and they will receive the usual coin and Clypping bun at the end of the service. Tea and cakes will be served afterwards. We look forward to seeing as many people as possible from all our parishes joining in this celebration.

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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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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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**Westminster Abbey:** There is a £22 charge to visit Westminster Abbey (attending services are free). St Mary's now hold a church pass which entitles up to four members of the congregation to visit free of charge. The pass may be used six times a year. The pass is kept at the Lychgate Office.

## Beacon People

At Cranham this afternoon we welcome **Austin Harwood** for baptism, together with his parents Mark and Laura, as well as their family and friends.

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, especially **Barbara Watson** who died at Richmond Village on Thursday 23rd August, aged 87 years. Her funeral service will be held at St Marys, on Friday 14th September at 2pm

## A conversation with Saint Francis

Greetings in the name of the Lord. I am a member of the Third Order of Saint Francis (TSSF), living in the Stroud area. As you may know, TSSF is a religious community of men and women, lay and ordained, spread across the world. We meet in local groups, aiming to live simply according to a rule of life, in faithful obedience to Jesus Christ and in the spirit of Saints Francis & Clare.

At 7.30pm on the eve of Saint Francis Day (3<sup>rd</sup> October 2018), we are inviting everyone who is interested to share in some stories about Francis and the first Franciscans, and to enter a conversation about the legacy of Francis for the Church and the world today. John & Elizabeth Cowen invite us to meet at their home, next to Bisley Church: Over Court, Bisley GL6 8BE. For further information, contact Fr. John, [jsansell@hotmail.com](mailto:jsansell@hotmail.com); 07974 432 562; 01453 350 138.

## **Collect**

Lord God,  
defend your Church from all false teaching  
and give to your people knowledge of your truth,  
that we may enjoy eternal life  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Post Communion**

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy;  
and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall,  
keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,  
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Readings:** *Isaiah 35.4-7a or James 2.1-10, 14-17, Mark 7.24-end*

## **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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