

# Beacon



# Light

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**A warm welcome to the Beacon Family of Churches  
on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September  
Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Painswick Feast – Patronal Festival**

## **What's on in the coming week**

### **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September - Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary Clypping Sunday – Painswick 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**

### **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September** *Theodore*

5.00pm	Painswick	Evening Prayer
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### **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September** *John Coleridge Patteson*

9.30am	Sheepscombe	Morning Prayer
2.00pm	Brookthorpe Hall	Holy Communion

### **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September - 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity Edge Harvest Festival**

9.30am	Painswick	Painswick Praise
9.30am	Pitchcombe	Holy Communion (BCP)
11.00am	Edge	Harvest Festival <i>with blessing of new lock</i>
11.00am	Harescombe	Morning Prayer
11.00am	Sheepscombe	Parish Communion
6.30pm	Cranham	Evening Worship

## Notices

Today is Clypping Sunday at Painswick. 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 afterwards. Tea and cakes will be served to complete the celebrations. We look forward to seeing as many people as possible from all our parishes joining in this lovely tradition.



**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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The **Third Order of Saint Francis** (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.

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**Westminster Abbey:** There is a £22 charge to visit Westminster Abbey (attending services are free). The Benefice Office now holds a church pass which entitles up to four members of our congregations at a time to visit free of charge. The pass may be used six times in a year. Please contact the Lychgate Office if you are interested in using it.

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

## **News From Churches Together Around Painswick**

### **Week of Prayer for World Peace**

**Monday 9th to Saturday 14th October.**

Prayers for peace will be held each day  
between 9.30am and 10am  
in the Church of Our Lady & St Therese, Friday Street,  
Painswick.

All welcome of any or no faith.

Praying for world peace has never been more important.

### *The International Prayer for Peace*

Lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth.

Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust.

Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace,

Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe. Amen.

**Collect**

Almighty God,  
who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
and chose her to be the mother of your only Son:  
grant that we who are redeemed by his blood  
may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion**

God most high,  
whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh:  
we thank you that in this sacrament of our redemption  
you visit us with your Holy Spirit  
and overshadow us by your power;  
strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience  
and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Readings:** *Micah 5.1-4 or Acts 1. 12-14. Luke 1. 26-38*

**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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