

Beacon



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Sunday 23rd September

**A warm welcome to the Beacon Family of Churches
on the 17th Sunday after Trinity**

What's on in the coming week

Sunday 23rd September – 17th Sunday after Trinity



Edge Harvest Festival



9.30am	Painswick	Painswick Praise
9.30am	Pitchcombe	Holy Communion <i>(BCP)</i>
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

Thursday 27th September *Vincent de Paul*

9.30am	Sheepscombe	Mid-week Worship
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Friday 28th September *Ember Day*

9.00am	Painswick	PSALMS Prayer Group
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Sunday 30th September
St. Michael and All Angels

10.00am
St. James the Great, Cranham
Holy Communion
for the
Beacon Family of Churches

Notices

Next Sunday, **30th September**, is the 5th Sunday of the month, and we shall meet to worship as a family of churches at **St. James's, Cranham at 10am**. Do come to share in this service of Holy Communion and discover this beautiful church if you do not already know it. This will be the only service in our parishes that day.

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**Community Lunches** start again at Ashwell on **Monday 9th October** and on Mondays weekly thereafter. St Mary's Church will get the ball rolling on 9th October. Offers of homemade soup and help on that day are needed. If you can help, please ring Lindsay Gardiner 814282.

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St Mary's Harvest Festival will take place on October 14th at **11.00am** followed by a **Harvest lunch** for all. Anyone who is willing to provide soup or a fruit crumble please let Sue or Margaret know. Look forward to seeing you all there.

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## 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.

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Stroud Hospitals Annual Service at 6.30pm on Sunday, 14 October at Holy Trinity Church (next to the hospital) – Preacher Revd David Hughes - Lead Chaplain of 2together NHS Trust .

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The **Third Order of Saint Francis** (TSSF) is a religious community 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. On **Saint Francis Eve (3<sup>rd</sup> October 2018) 7.30pm** we invite everyone to join us at Over Court, Bisley GL6 8BE- next to Bisley Church. For further information, contact Fr.John, [jsansell@hotmail.com](mailto:jsansell@hotmail.com); 07974 432 562; 01453 350 138.

## Beacon People



A very happy birthday to Painswick's Churchwarden Sue Welbourn celebrating her 70<sup>th</sup> birthday very soon!!!

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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.

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**HELP!** Oli Porter has just joined PSALMS as an intern this year and his car has failed it's MOT. If anyone has a car with a maximum price of £2000, could you contact [Oli.Porter@psalms.uk.net](mailto:Oli.Porter@psalms.uk.net) or myself [fiona.gill@psalms.uk.net](mailto:fiona.gill@psalms.uk.net) 0777 151 3382 Thank you Fiona Gill.

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St Mary's Choir- Still Recruiting new voices – Fridays from 5.30 – 6.30 pm



DASH



.....wishes to thank all those who faithfully collect their small change for the benefit of the homeless and vulnerable in Stroud who are helped by **Marah**, the charity we work through. Please keep it coming – any bags, can be handed to Alison Robinson (812286) or Frances Watson(812071) who can come and collect them if that is easier. The 1ps, 2ps and 5ps soon add up and help Marah provide food, support and advice to their clients. Marah is particularly in need of UHT milk and instant coffee. Empty 500g margarine pots are used to distribute any surplus food remaining after the lunches provided 3 times a week. These items can be placed in the boxes at the back of Painswick and Cranham churches or in Murrays Estate Agency. Donations for Stroud Foodbank can also be left in our other churches.

LAST CALL FOR SAMARA'S AID- if anyone would still like to contribute toiletries or money to the charity please can you **contact Frances Watson (812071)** by the end of the month? She can collect items if needed. The containers will be packed and shipped in October. Many thanks for all contributions!

Collect

Gracious God,
you call us to fullness of life:
deliver us from unbelief
and banish our anxieties
with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Post Communion

Lord, we pray that your grace
may always precede and follow us,
and make us continually to be given to all good works;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Collect for Harvest

Creator God,
you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea
and the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for the harvest,
may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings: *Wisdom 1.16-2.1,12-22 or James 3.13-4.3,7-8a, Mark 9.30-37*

Harvest Readings: *Joel 2.21-27 or 1 Timothy 2.1-7, Matthew 6.25-33*

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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