

Beacon



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Sunday 30th September

**A warm welcome to the Beacon Family of Churches
on the Feast of
St Michael and All Angels**

What's on in the coming week

Sunday 30th September

10.00am

St. James the Great, Cranham

Holy Communion

for the Beacon Family of Churches

This will be the only service in our parishes today

Monday 1st October *Remigius*

9.30am	Edge	Prayer in Edge
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Wednesday 3rd October *George Bell*

11.00am	Richmond	Holy Communion
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Thursday 4th October *Francis of Assisi*

9.30am	Sheepscombe	Morning Prayer
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7th October - 19th Sunday after Trinity



Harvest Festival at Cranham & Sheepscombe

9.30am	Edge	3 Parish Communion
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9.30am	Painswick	Parish Communion
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11.00am	Cranham	Family Communion for Harvest
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11.00am	Sheepscombe	Harvest Thanksgiving
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Notices

 **Community Lunches** start again at Ashwell on **Monday 8th October** and on Mondays weekly thereafter. St Mary's Church will get the ball rolling on 8th 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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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Are you planning a visit to London? 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.

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**Bishop Rachel at Cheltenham Literature Festival** - Come along and support Bishop Rachel on Wednesday 10 October, 12.30 to 1.30pm. In the centenary of the Representation of the People Act 1918 and the great struggle for change that preceded it, the first female diocesan bishop reflects on her own story, and on the divisions which exist between people in this country. How can we live out who we truly are, for good, and embrace the difference around us? Please do come along and support Bishop Rachel in this event.

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Sundays in October— a series of talks on Science and religion by the Revd Canon Dr Mike Parsons St Mary's, Charlton Kings, 7pm:-
14 October, Cosmology, human significance and life on other planets
21 October, Adam and the ape: evolution and creation
28 October, Why this is something and not nothing.

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**Celebration of 170th anniversary of Cheltenham Hospital**—  
Cheltenham says thank you Monday 15 October, 7.30pm at St Luke's Cheltenham. Contributions from hospital staff, the Caring Chorus choir and **Bishop Rachel** as speaker. All are welcome.

## Beacon People

Next Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> October, Edge will welcome **Canon Sue Rose** to preside at the 9.30am 3 Parish Communion. Sue is the daughter of Joyce Ryan and grew up in Edge, so we offer her a warm "Welcome Home!"

Harvest Festivals continue across our Parishes with Cranham and Sheepscombe celebrating today, Pitchcombe on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>, Painswick on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> and Harescombe on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>.

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 8th 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.**

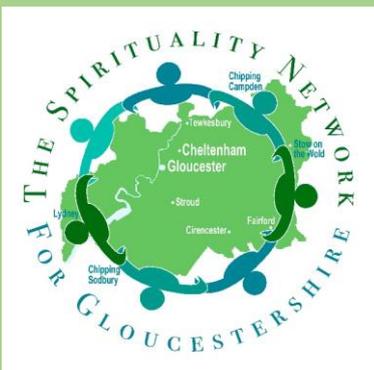
*The International Prayer for Peace*

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.



*Fools for Christ in a Challenging World: A Day of Prayer and Reflection led by*

**Angela Ashwin**

**Author and speaker on spirituality**

**Saturday, 13 October 2018 10.00am –**

**3.00pm at Christchurch, Abbeydale,**

**Gloucester GL4 5EQ**

## **Collect**

Everlasting God,  
you have ordained and constituted  
the ministries of angels and mortals in a wonderful order:  
grant that as your holy angels always serve you in heaven,  
so, at your command, they may help and defend us on earth;  
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**

Lord of heaven,  
in this eucharist you have brought us near  
to an innumerable company of angels  
and to the spirits of the saints made perfect:  
as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage  
we have shared their fellowship,  
so may we come to share their joy in heaven;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Readings:** *Genesis 28.10-17, Revelation 12.7-12, John 1. 47-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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